

**SPECIAL MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024 – 11:30 A.M.  
CITY CENTER – 4<sup>th</sup> FLOOR PECAN ROOM  
324 WEST EVANS STREET  
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Teresa Myers Ervin, Mayor Pro Tempore George Jebaily, Councilwoman Lethonia Barnes, Councilman Chaquez T. McCall, Councilman Bryan A. Braddock, Councilman J. Lawrence Smith, II and Councilwoman LaShonda NeSmith-Jackson

**ALSO PRESENT**

Mr. Scotty Davis, City Manager; Mrs. Casey Moore, Municipal Clerk; Mr. Clint Moore, Assistant City Manager of Development; Chief Allen Heidler, Florence Police Department; Chief Shannon Tanner, Florence Fire Department; Mr. Michael Hemingway, Director of Utility Planning and Economic Development; Mr. Joshua Whittington, Director of Utilities; Mrs. Amanda Pope, Director of Marketing/Communications and Municipal Services; Mrs. Jennifer Krawiec, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Adam Swindler, Director of Public Works; and Mr. Kevin Rawlinson, Chief Financial Officer

**MEDIA PRESENT**

Seth Taylor and Shybleke Gregg with the Post and Courier were present for the meeting.

Notices of this regular meeting of City Council were provided to the media and individuals requesting a copy of the agenda informing them of the date, location and time of the meeting.

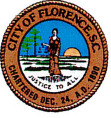
**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ervin called the May 13, 2024 special meeting of Florence City Council to order at 11:35 a.m.

**DISCUSSION ON FY 2024-25 BUDGET – COMMUNITY PROGRAM FUNDING**

Mayor Ervin said an applicant for community program funds has signed up to speak. Dr. Doreen Reid, Executive Director of Unlock What's Inside You said South Carolina is ranked number ten in domestic abuse. Their focus is to provide education, awareness and advocacy for women in the area who may be impacted by psychological incarceration due to domestic abuse as well as incarcerated young men and their children. Domestic abuse is directly related to heart disease, which is the number one cause of death in women worldwide. She said the nonprofit serves a critical need in Florence as well as South Carolina and these funds will help them continue to serve the community.

Mayor Ervin thanked Dr. Reid for her presentation and asked Scotty to present the budget. Mr. Davis said the recommended budget for community programs is \$388,800 with requests being \$899,388. In order to help balance the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget, entities requesting funding were funded at the same



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amount appropriated last fiscal year with the exception of one entity that did not request funding in the amount of \$3,000.

Pro tem Jebaily asked if there is any opportunity to find any extra money at this point. Mr. Davis said the only possibility is to remove funding from an area already funded.

Pro tem Jebaily asked if any action is necessary assuming Council is in agreeance with the recommendation. Mr. Davis said if Council is in agreeance, they simply need to pass first reading of the budget as presented at the regular Council meeting this afternoon.

Councilman McCall asked if the \$388,800 included the \$3,000 for the entity that did not request funding this year. Mr. Davis said the \$3,000 will need to be moved to another entity.

**ADJOURN**

Without objection, the May 13, 2024 special meeting of City Council was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

Casey C. Moore, Municipal Clerk

Teresa Myers Ervin, Mayor