



**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021 – 1:00 P.M.
CITY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
324 WEST EVANS STREET
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Teresa Myers Ervin, Mayor Pro Tempore George Jebaily, Councilwoman Pat Gibson-Hye Moore, Councilwoman Lethonia Barnes, Councilman Chaquez T. McCall, Councilman Bryan A. Braddock and Councilman C. William Schofield.

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Randall S. Osterman, City Manager; Mr. James W. Peterson, Jr., City Attorney; Mrs. Casey Moore, Municipal Clerk; Mr. Scotty Davis, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Clint Moore, Assistant City Manager of Development; Mr. Kevin Yokim, Assistant City Manager of Administration/Finance; Chief Allen Heidler, Florence Police Department; Chief Shannon Tanner, Florence Fire Department; Mr. Jerry Dudley, Director of Planning; Mrs. Jennifer Krawiec, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Michael Hemingway, Director of Utilities; Mrs. Amanda Pope, Director of Marketing/Communications and Municipal Services; and Mr. Chuck Pope, Director of Public Works.

MEDIA PRESENT

Mr. Matthew Christian of the Florence Morning News, Mr. Cameron Crowe of WMBF News and Ms. Lacey Lee of WBTW News 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 October 11, 2021 regular meeting of Florence City Council to order at 1:03 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mayor Ervin gave the invocation for the meeting. The pledge of allegiance to the American Flag followed the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting and Pro tem Jebaily seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously adopted.

Councilman Schofield made a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 21, 2021 Special Meeting and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously adopted.



PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to receive input regarding the adoption of a Development Agreement between the City of Florence and the developer of “The Bluffs at Mill Creek” and zone RG-3, Residential General-3, pending annexation, 106 acres located at Redbud Lane and Howe Springs Road, identified as Florence County Tax Map Parcel 00152-01-021.

Mayor Ervin opened the public hearing at 1:05 p.m.

Mr. Clint Moore, Assistant City Manager of Development, said this is the second of two required public hearings on this matter. The first public hearing was held at the September Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Ryan Harvey, civil engineer for the site, gave an overview of the proposed Development. There will be approximately 230 homes built with access to two Department of Transportation roads. They are currently in the process of completing a traffic study at this location due to the close proximity of schools. They will annex into the city and turn over the streets and utilities to the city.

Councilwoman Barnes asked what the price of the homes will be. Mr. Harvey said they will likely be approximately \$200,000 - \$250,000 with homes ranging from 1,700 – 2,200 square feet.

Councilman Braddock asked about the timeline. Mr. Harvey said it will be built out in three phases and will take approximately five years.

There being no one else present to speak, Mayor Ervin closed the public hearing at 1:08 p.m.

APPEARANCE BEFORE COUNCIL

Mayor Ervin asked the individuals appearing to hold their comments to 5-10 minutes.

Ms. Clamentine Elmore, Executive Director of the Housing Authority

Ms. Elmore appeared before Council to provide an update on the Housing Authority. Ms. Elmore said there are over 1000 public housing units the Housing Authority owns and manages. She said they have outgrown their current administrative building and they were provided the opportunity to purchase the old Bi-Lo building. They will transition to the new administrative building in two weeks, which will leave their current building on Pine Street vacant. Ms. Elmore said the building on Pine Street cannot be disposed of or redeveloped unless they have a letter of support from Mayor Ervin. She said there were concerns on them relocating outside the city, but they will continue serving their residents. By partnering with the PDRTA, a bus stop has been added at their new location and additional bus passes have been distributed to those with no transportation. They have also updated their website so residents can pay rent online or call without having to come to the office.

They have submitted a Request for Proposals and selected a developer to evaluate the Pine Street property as well as two other properties. The plan is to create affordable housing units on the property or sell it to a non-profit organization. If the property is unable to be sold to a non-profit organization or develop affordable housing, the second option is to sell the property at Fair Market Rate. She said they can't move forward with either option without the letter of support.



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Councilman McCall asked if the letter of support can come from Council or if it must come from the Mayor. Ms. Elmore responded HUD regulations require that the letter come from the Mayor. She further elaborated that the Mayor requested a plan be put in place for the property before she signed the letter, and that plan has been presented to Council today. However, without the letter of support the developer cannot provide more details.

Councilwoman Moore asked if they have a tentative buyer for the property and Ms. Elmore replied no. She said approximately a year and a half ago they had a potential buyer, but they have not reached out to another potential buyer since because they don't have the letter of support. Councilwoman Moore further asked if it would not be easier to get the letter of support if they had a tentative buyer. Ms. Elmore said it shouldn't matter who purchases the property.

Councilman Braddock thanked Ms. Elmore and the Housing Authority for all the work they do to provide affordable housing. He asked if they planned on annexing their new property into the city, to which Ms. Elmore replied they do and they already have the application. She said they like the partnership they have with the city and annexing into the city is the first thing on their agenda once they have received the letter of support.

Mayor Ervin inquired on the potential buyer Ms. Elmore mentioned from a year and a half ago and asked if she met with former Mayor Wukela at that time. Ms. Elmore said it wasn't a potential buyer, it was an individual that expressed interest in the property. She said she did meet with the former Mayor and City Manager in January 2019 and explained to them the Housing Authority's plan to relocate. When it came time for Mayor Wukela to sign the letter of support, he also refused. Mayor Ervin questioned why Mayor Wukela refused to sign the letter and Ms. Elmore replied she was not clear on the reason. Mr. Scotty Davis, Deputy City Manager, approached the podium and explained that he initiated the meeting because he learned of the move and thought staff should be made aware. At that time, both the Mayor and the City Manager were not in favor of the move, but the move took place anyway. Mayor Wukela then refused to sign the letter because he did not support the move. Ms. Elmore said they did not need approval to move locations, they needed a letter of support for the disposition of the Pine Street property.

Mayor Ervin said the city does not need a vacant property while they are in the middle of redeveloping that catalytic area. She recommended they all meet again and asked Ms. Elmore to come prepared with a concrete plan. Ms. Elmore responded that she cannot provide a concrete plan until she has a letter of support due to HUD regulations. Mayor Ervin said Mr. Randy Osterman, City Manager, was in the meeting and she asked him if anything she has stated has been incorrect, to which he replied no. He said Ms. Elmore spoke of the Housing Authority doing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to determine potential uses for this property as well as other properties. He said the information obtained from the RFP will be key on formulating a long-term plan for that facility. Ms. Elmore said they can't move forward with the RFP for that property until they obtain the letter of support; currently, the RFP is for three properties, including the Pine Street property, but they will only be able to complete the other two without the letter of support. Mayor Ervin said there will not be resolution today and asked Ms. Elmore to schedule a time to meet to discuss this matter further.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION

Bill No. 2021-30 – Second Reading

An Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a lease purchase agreement in the amount not exceeding \$3,000,000 for lighting equipment at the athletic complex and other matters related thereto.



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Councilwoman Moore made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2021-30 on second reading and Pro tem Jebaily seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to adopt Bill No. 2021-30.

Bill No. 2021-31 – Second Reading

An Ordinance to rezone three parcels located at 900 Oakland Avenue and 607 Maxwell Street, specifically identified as Florence County Tax Map Parcels 90114-13-001, 90114-13-002, and 90114-13-013.

Councilman Schofield made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2021-31 on second reading and Councilman Braddock seconded the motion.

Mr. Jerry Dudley, Planning Director, provided an update on this request. The applicants have proposed restrictive covenants for the three parcels which state there shall be no private clubs on the premises, the property owner is prohibited from selling alcohol for onsite consumption, and the City of Florence shall have the right to enforce the covenants. They have also added an additional restrictive covenant that there will be no tobacco or vape shop on the premises.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to adopt Bill No. 2021-31.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Bill No. 2021-12 – First Reading

An Ordinance to annex and zone a portion of Lake Oakdale and the Lake Oakdale dam, identified as a portion of Florence County Tax Map Parcel 00751-01-049.

Mayor Ervin said the applicants have requested that this item be deferred. Without objection, this item was deferred.

Bill No. 2021-33 – First Reading

An Ordinance to enter into a Development Agreement between the City of Florence and the developer of “The Bluffs at Mill Creek” and zone RG-3, Residential General-3, pending annexation, 106 acres located at Redbud Lane and Howe Springs Road, identified as Florence County Tax Map Parcel 00152-01-021, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents associated therewith.

Councilman Schofield made a motion to pass Bill No. 2021-33 on first reading and Councilwoman Moore seconded the motion.

Mr. Moore reported this request is for the development agreement for the proposed development of 236 residential lots to be located off of Redbud Lane and Howe Springs Road. A Development Agreement locks in the development standards for the developer at the current time. Once the Development Agreement is approved, it will establish the zoning and development standards; if any of the city’s regulations change in the future it will not affect this development. Annexation will be requested prior to development.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Bill No. 2021-33.



Bill No. 2021-34 – First Reading

An Ordinance to rezone 257 North Coit Street from UR Urban Residential to DS Destination/Select Use; identified as Florence County Tax Map Parcel 90073-05-005.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to pass Bill No. 2021-34 and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Mr. Dudley reported the property is currently developed with a commercial building which was most recently occupied by Missy's Café and Jack's Seafood. In the transition from the old zoning code to the Unified Development Ordinance, this property became zoned Urban Residential despite its development character. Staff believes this zoning was a mistake and it should have been grouped with the Destination/Select Use zoning. The previous zoning of the site prior to the adoption of the Unified Development Ordinance was B-3, General Commercial. Mr. Dudley added the building will be seeing some renovations, pending the adoption of the rezoning request, and the plan will go before the Design Review Board. Planning Commission unanimously recommended the rezoning request.

Councilwoman Moore asked Mr. Dudley what the planned use of the property is. Mr. Dudley replied they have not received an official application because the property is not zoned properly, but the applicant indicated they desire to operate a tobacco store there.

Councilman McCall asked what can be constructed there if the current building is demolished, and Mr. Dudley replied housing in its current zoning. Councilman McCall said the zoning of Urban Residential was an oversight with the adoption of the Unified Development Code. Mr. Dudley explained that the previous use of a restaurant was an existing non-conforming use; however, the business ceased operations for over 6 months, so they have lost their grandfathered rights to continue that use.

Councilwoman Moore questioned why tobacco/vape, ABC type stores, et cetera are continuously being proposed in the minority neighborhoods and expressed her displeasure with this proposal.

Councilman Braddock referenced the surrounding properties and said he has a problem saying this a residential area with a variety of industrial plants along Darlington Street and hub cap store across the street.

Councilman McCall said he agrees with Councilwoman Moore, he is also tired of seeing these types of stores coming into the neighborhoods; however, the city made an error in this rezoning with the adoption of the Unified Development Code. He said no developer is going to put a house there and the property will just sit vacant and become dilapidated.

Councilwoman Moore asked about the possibility of the city using this property as affordable housing. Mr. Osterman approached the podium and reminded Council that staff is just presenting information that has been requested by an applicant. He said the city is not developing or redeveloping the property and the city does not own this property.

Pro tem Jebaily said the proposed property has historically been a commercial property, it has never been a residential property. The current building is uninhabitable and to not comply with the rezoning request would render the property useless as it would not be able to be utilized as a residential or commercial property and would essentially mandate that the property become vacant.

Councilwoman Barnes said everyone can agree they want what's best in their communities. She said on one hand we want partnerships to come into the community and give support, but on the other hand we



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want to cherry pick it. She said the building is already commercial and the only other option is for it to be an eyesore.

Councilwoman Moore said she isn't against the property being commercial, but she is against the property becoming something that is detrimental to the community.

Pro tem Jebaily asked if this parcel is part of the downtown overlay district and Mr. Dudley replied it is, it is part of the D-1 Redevelopment Overlay District. Pro tem Jebaily reiterated that this area is largely commercial and is not located in a neighborhood. It is not City Council's job to tell any business owner what they can or cannot do within permitted uses of a property.

Mayor Ervin summarized the proposal and requested that staff begin to look over the zoning maps and attempt to identify other properties that were incorrectly zoned with the adoption of the Unified Development Ordinance.

Bill No. 2021-34 passed on first reading with a vote of 6-1. Voting in favor of the motion were Councilman Schofield, Councilman McCall, Pro tem Jebaily, Mayor Ervin, Councilwoman Barnes and Councilman Braddock, with Councilwoman Moore voting against.

Bill No. 2021-35 – First Reading

An Ordinance to rezone 802 Cherokee Road, 806 Cherokee Road, 812 Cherokee Road, and 810 Congaree Road from NC-6.1 to NC-6.3; identified as Florence County Tax Map Parcels 90064-11-006, 90064-11-007, 90064-11-013, and 90064-11-012.

Councilwoman Moore made a motion to pass Bill No. 2021-35 and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Mr. Dudley reported all these properties contain various multi-family structures and were zoned R-5, a multi-family zoning district, under the previous zoning code. Upon the adoption of the Unified Development Ordinance, these properties were zoned Neighborhood Conservation-6.1, which permits single family detached housing only. The proposed zoning of Neighborhood Conservation-6.3 permits single family as well as multi-family structures, which is more reflective of the historic zoning and existing uses of these properties.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Bill No. 2021-35.

Bill No. 2021-36 – First Reading

An Ordinance utilizing authority found in §23-31-220 and §23-31-520 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, to prohibit open carry of "Firearms" at all events permitted by the City of Florence and to expand the current prohibition of concealable weapons on properties owned or operated by the City of Florence to include both concealed and open carry of "concealable weapons" by amending Sections 14-20, 19-52, 19-53, 19-54, and 19-57 and by adding Article V to Chapter 2 of the City Code of Ordinances.

Councilman Schofield moved to have this item discussed in Executive Session in order to receive legal advice and Councilman McCall seconded the motion. By unanimous consent, this item will be discussed in Executive Session.



INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2021-35

A Resolution expressing Council’s willingness to grant a request by the Town of Pamplico to release a portion of the City’s designated water and sewer service area to allow Pamplico to serve residents of the area.

Councilwoman Moore moved to have this item discussed in Executive Session. Without objection, this item will be discussed in Executive Session.

Resolution No. 2021-36

A Resolution by the City of Florence proclaiming October as Bullying Prevention Month.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-36 and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Councilman McCall read the Resolution and presented it to Isaac Wilson, owner of the Isaac Wilson project.

Council thanked Mr. Wilson for all he does for the community.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to adopt Resolution No. 2021-36.

Resolution No. 2021-37

A Resolution by the City of Florence recognizing the second Saturday of July as “The Pee Dee Youth Day.”

Councilman McCall made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-37 and Pro tem Jebaily seconded the motion.

Mayor Ervin read the Resolution and presented it to Reverend Marvin Hemingway. Reverend Hemingway said he has been doing Marion County Youth Day for 15 years and wanted to expand to the Florence area to help empower and educate the children in the area.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to adopt Resolution No. 2021-37.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Mr. Scotty Davis, Deputy City Manager, presented the packet of appointments to Boards and Commissions to Council.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Councilman McCall deferred his nomination to the Board.

Construction & Maintenance Board of Adjustments and Appeals

Being no applicants, Mayor Ervin deferred her two nominations to the Board.



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Aesthetics Advisory Committee

Councilwoman Barnes made a motion to appoint James Hicks for an initial term of two years to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Being no additional applicants, the remaining appointments were deferred.

Resilience and Sustainability Advisory Committee

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to appoint Mindy Taylor to seat 9 with an initial appointment of three years with a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2024. Mayor Ervin asked for clarity from Mr. Jim Peterson, City Attorney. According to the rotation calendar, Pro tem Jebaily is assigned two appointments to this committee with one having an initial term of one year (seat 2) and the other having an initial term of 3 years (seat 9). Mr. Peterson said they don't have to go in order as long as the seat is still assigned to a Councilmember. The motion to appoint Mindy Taylor to seat 9 carried unanimously. Ms. Taylor was appointed as a representative from a local energy company.

Councilwoman Barnes deferred her nomination to the Board.

Councilman McCall deferred his nomination to the Board.

Mayor Ervin deferred her nomination to the Board.

Councilman Schofield made a motion to appoint Lauren Piner to an initial term of two years to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2023. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Piner was appointed as a representative of District 1.

Being no additional applicants, the remaining appointments were deferred.

Public Safety Citizen's Review Board

Mayor Ervin made a motion to appoint Howard Simons to an initial term of four years to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

Appropriation of Accommodations Tax Funds for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Mr. Kevin Yokim, Assistant City Manager of Finance/Administration, reported by state law all hotels in South Carolina are required to collect a 2% accommodations tax. This money is received by the state and returned to the jurisdiction on a quarterly basis.

Mr. Chad Patterson, Chair, presented on behalf of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee and provided the recommendation of the Committee for distribution of Accommodations Tax funds for FY 2021-22. The Committee is tasked with the responsibility of recommending the expenditure of the 65% of the Accommodations Tax funds that are received by the state. This year, the funds are estimated to be \$622,000 and are available to be distributed for tourism promotion. Based on state laws and city guidelines, the Committee reviewed proposals from 24 organizations and events. The Committee was able to fund approximately 67% of the \$926,900 in requests and the Committee is confident that the allocations recommended are going to be fantastic to the community and will bring tourism to the area.



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Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to approve the recommendation and Councilman Braddock seconded the motion.

Councilman Schofield asked if Council has the ability to adjust the dollar amounts of the recommendations. Mr. Peterson came forward and said Council does have the authority to make suggestive changes if it stays within the state's requirements of tourism activities.

Councilman Schofield made a motion to amend the principal motion to defer the recommendations to allow Council more time to review the numbers and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Pro tem Jebaily asked Councilman Schofield for an explanation on the motion to defer. He said the committee works really hard and receives presentations from the various groups. While Council has the authority to make changes, Council has historically had confidence in the suggestions from the Committee and approved them.

Councilman Schofield withdrew his motion to defer and the principal motion is on the table.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the recommendation as presented from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

*The list of recommendations is attached and made part of these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Development Committee, Chaired by Pro tem Jebaily

Pro tem Jebaily reported the Business Development Committee met and had conversations on Business Development in the city. The city is currently conducting an update on property inventory and they are hoping to get the final report by March 2022. They received an update on what's happening with several properties downtown and there is currently an RFP going out for a property in the 100 block of Evans Street. They also received an update on the old Winn Dixie building and various other properties. There was a discussion of the corridors and they were informed the corridors would be part of the Comprehensive Plan that is currently in the works. Staff will be contacting Duke Energy about the possibility of placing banners on their poles along Cherokee to identify the Downtown District.

Community Development Committee, Chaired by Councilwoman Barnes

Councilwoman Barnes reported the Committee took a trip to Greenville to meet with Homes of Hope for a discussion on their program. They are continuing work on the development of the CDC with establishing bylaws. The "listening tours" will continue with the faith-based community and leaders for ways to improve the community.

Marketing and Public Relations Committee, Chaired by Councilman McCall

Councilman McCall said they are continuing work on the vaccination campaign with a goal of 70% vaccination rate. McLeod, MUSC and HopeHealth have all agreed to partner with the city on this campaign to help raise awareness. They also discussed a communications plan on ways to market the campaign throughout the city.

EXECUTIVE SESSION



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Mayor Ervin said Council will be entering into Executive Session to receive legal advice related to open carry and to receive legal advice related to a request by the Town of Pamlico. Councilwoman Moore made a motion to enter into Executive Session and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion. Council entered into Executive Session at 3:07 p.m.

Council reconvened open session at 4:00 p.m. and took action on the following items:

Bill No. 2021-36 – First Reading

An Ordinance utilizing authority found in §23-31-220 and §23-31-520 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, to prohibit open carry of “Firearms” at all events permitted by the City of Florence and to expand the current prohibition of concealable weapons on properties owned or operated by the City of Florence to include both concealed and open carry of “concealable weapons” by amending Sections 14-20, 19-52, 19-53, 19-54, and 19-57 and by adding Article V to Chapter 2 of the City Code of Ordinances.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Bill No. 2021-36 on first reading and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Pro tem Jebaily said the basis for this Ordinance is in response to the legislature allowing open carry. The state statute allows cities to carve out exceptions to open carry at permitted events; however, the law did not affect concealed carry.

Mr. Peterson said a number of the city’s ordinances throughout code will need to be changed in order to comply with the state statute. The state statute basically allows cities and towns to do two things. First, cities can limit concealed carry and open carry of concealable weapons in the city’s buildings or while using machinery or vehicles owned or operated by the city. Mr. Peterson clarified that the city has historically prohibited the carrying of concealable weapons on properties owned or operated by the city, but this ordinance will also prohibit the open carry of concealable weapons on properties owned or operated by the city. Second, cities can limit open carry of firearms at events permitted by the city. Following discussion and legal questions that were asked of him in Executive Session, Mr. Peterson said the current ordinance includes two sections that may have unintended consequences the way they are currently worded. As a result, Mr. Peterson has put together language that amends these sections to make it clear that the prohibition of concealed weapons only applies in buildings, on machinery or equipment, and in vehicles owned or operated by the city.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to amend paragraph (a) to section 2-300 and section 14-20 to make it clear that the prohibition of concealed weapons is only in buildings, machinery, vehicles, and equipment owned and operated by the city. In addition, the open carry of concealable weapons will be prohibited on all properties owned and operated by the city with the exception of streets, roads and public rights of way. He said he makes this motion to eliminate the unintended consequences of the language in the current ordinance before Council. Councilwoman Moore seconded the motion to amend. Council voted unanimously (7-0) on the amendment.

Council voted unanimously to pass Bill No. 2021-36, as amended.

Mayor Ervin said this Ordinance will require two separate readings and Council is tentatively looking at November 1st to hold a Special Meeting for second reading.

Resolution No. 2021-35



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A Resolution expressing Council's willingness to grant a request by the Town of Pamplico to release a portion of the City's designated water and sewer service area to allow Pamplico to serve residents of the area.

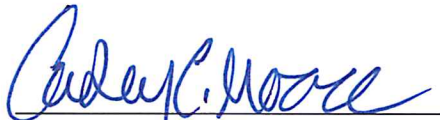
Councilman Schofield made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-35 and Councilman Braddock seconded the motion.


Council voted unanimously (7-0) to adopt Resolution No. 2021-35.

ADJOURN

Without objection, the October 11, 2021 Regular meeting of City Council was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Dated this 8th day of November 2021.


Casey C. Moore, Municipal Clerk


Teresa Myers Erwin, Mayor

**CITY OF FLORENCE, SC
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX REQUESTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2021-22**

	ORGANIZATION	Appropriated 2020-21	Requested 2021-22	Committee Recommended ¹	Appropriated 2021-22
A. 30% Funds for Tourism Promotion					
1.	Florence Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$263,000	\$273,000	\$273,000	
B. 65% Funds					
1.	Florence Regional Arts Alliance & Pee Dee Arts	\$13,400	\$18,800	\$11,300	
2.	The Masterworks Choir, Inc.	\$4,300	\$7,700	\$3,600	
3.	Florence Little Theatre	\$16,600	\$20,000	\$12,100	
4.	Florence Symphony Orchestra	\$5,800	\$8,000	\$4,100	
5.	Arts International Festival	\$19,200	\$15,000	\$10,900	
6.	Sankofa Festival	\$4,300	\$25,000	\$4,000	
7.	SC Dance Theatre	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$5,400	
8.	Lucky Shamrock Festival	\$700	\$2,500	\$600	
9.	Kickin' Chicken Wing and Chili Cookoff	\$2,400	\$3,000	\$1,900	
10.	Florence Museum	\$30,600	\$45,000	\$27,800	
11.	Carolina Classic Basketball Tournament	\$6,400	\$15,400	\$7,200	
12.	Freedom Florence, FTC, Soccer Complex & Gym	\$56,200	\$65,000	\$58,500	
13.	Florence Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$189,000	\$250,000	\$191,500	
14.	Florence Tennis Association	\$8,400	\$20,000	\$16,200	
15.	South Carolina Pecan Festival	\$25,800	\$30,000	\$21,800	
16.	Florence Center	\$102,000	\$150,000	\$117,600	
17.	Florence International Basketball Tournament	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$12,000	
18.	Car Haulers Parade	\$0	\$10,000	\$7,100	
19.	Florence Area Sports Council	\$18,000	\$25,000	\$19,500	
20.	Pee Dee Tourism Commission	\$18,200	\$20,000	\$16,900	
21.	SC Senior Sports Classic	\$3,600	\$4,000	\$3,400	
22.	Hwy 52 Frontage Road Beautification	\$14,000	\$30,000	\$14,000	

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FISCAL YEAR 2021-22**

ORGANIZATION	Appropriated 2020-21	Requested 2021-22	Committee Recommended ¹	Appropriated 2021-22
23. Wilson High Alumni Assn Homecoming Event	\$26,600	\$110,000	\$51,100	
24. Eastern South Carolina Mustang Club	\$3,600	\$5,000	\$3,500	
25. South Florence High School Softball Tournament		\$7,500	\$0	
Total - 65% Funds	\$587,100	\$7,500	\$622,000	\$0

Note 1: Including carryover funds from FY 2019-20, it is anticipated that the amount available for distribution to the requesting agencies of "65% funds" will be approximately \$622,000. The "30% funds" for tourism promotion is estimated to be approximately \$273,000.

Note 2: The "30% funds" appropriation to the Florence Convention & Visitors Bureau includes \$15,000 designated specifically to the Florence Center for tourism marketing and promotion expenses, and an additional \$9,000 for a Business Development Fund to help promote the Florence Center for educational, religious, and other conferences.