



**SPECIAL MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021 – 4:00 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 (via telephone), 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 and Mrs. Tonya Brown of WPDE NewsChannel 15 were present for the meeting.

Notices of this special 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 November 1, 2021 special meeting of Florence City Council to order at 4:02 p.m.

INVOCATION

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

ORDINANCES IN POSITION

Bill No. 2021-36 – Second 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



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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 adopt Bill No. 2021-36 on second reading and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Mr. Jim Peterson, City Attorney, reported the proposed ordinance incorporates the changes made on first reading to eliminate any unintended consequences that were discussed. The changes make it clear that the concealed and open carry of concealable weapons is prohibited on all properties owned or operated by the city with the exception of streets, roads and public rights of way.

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

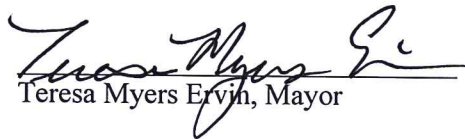
Councilwoman Moore and Pro tem Jebaily spoke of the upcoming Pecan Music and Food Festival and invited everyone to attend. The Festival is Saturday, November 6, 2021.

ADJOURN

Without objection, the November 1, 2021 Special meeting of City Council was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Dated this 8th day of November 2021.


Casey C. Moore, Municipal Clerk


Teresa Myers Ervin, Mayor