REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL



COUNCIL CHAMBERS 324 W. EVANS STREET FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

MONDAY APRIL 8, 2024 1:00 P.M.



REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024 – 1:00PM CITY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS 324 WEST EVANS STREET FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 18, 2024 – Regular Meeting

IV. HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

SERVICE RECOGNITIONS

Matthew Hampton – 10 years – Fire Department

V. APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL

Note: Each person who gives notice to speak may be limited to a five (5) minute presentation at the discretion of the presiding officer, City of Florence Code of Ordinances, Section 2-24(h).

a. My Brother's Keeper

To provide an update to Council.

b. Ms. Elaine Chandler

To speak on concerns with the homeless in the community.

VI. ORDINANCES IN POSITION

a. Bill No. 2024-04 - Second Reading

An Ordinance to amend the budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

b. Bill No. 2024-05 - Second Reading

An Ordinance to annex and zone RG-3 3701 Bannockburn Road, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 00152-01-025.

c. Bill No. 2024-06 - Second Reading

An Ordinance to annex and zone NC-15 2506 Parsons Gate, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 01221-01-285.

d. Bill No. 2024-07 - Second Reading

An Ordinance to rezone 709 and 711 West Darlington Street from NC-6.2 to NC-6.3, identified as Florence County Tax Map Numbers 90060-11-002 and 90060-11-017.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

a. Bill No. 2024-08 – First Reading

An Ordinance to rezone a portion of 186 Dunbarton Drive from CG to IL, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 00099-01-020.

b. Bill No. 2024-09 – First Reading

An Ordinance to annex and zone NC-6.1 four lots along Rosemount Drive, identified as Florence County Tax Map Numbers 00152-01-146, 00152-01-147, 00152-01-148, and 00152-01-149.

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution No. 2024-12

A Resolution to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Florence.

b. Resolution No. 2024-13

A Resolution of Recognition for the contributions of Dorothy Hines in the community.

c. Resolution No. 2024-14

A Resolution to proclaim April 22, 2024 as Earth Day in the City of Florence.

d. Resolution No. 2024-15

A Resolution of Recognition for the Florence 8U All Star Boys Basketball team for winning the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association State SCAP Championship.

e. Resolution No. 2024-16

A Resolution to proclaim April 2024 as Organ Donation Awareness Month in the City of Florence.

f. Resolution No. 2024-17

A Resolution to proclaim May 2024 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month in the City of Florence.

g. Resolution No. 2024-18

A Resolution to honor the contributions of The Leaf Lounge to the efforts to revitalize Downtown Florence.

IX. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

- a. Appointments to Boards and Commissions
- X. MAYORAL REPORT

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Business Development Committee
- b. Community Development Committee
- c. Marketing and Public Relations Committee
- d. Finance, Audit and Budget Committee

(Note: Action may be taken during Committee Reports.)

XII. ADJOURN



REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024 – 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 Lethonia Barnes, Councilman Chaquez T. McCall, Councilman Bryan A. Braddock, Councilwoman LaShonda NeSmith-Jackson and Councilman J. Lawrence Smith, II

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Scotty Davis, Interim City Manager; Mr. Benjamin T. Zeigler, City Attorney; 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; Mr. Adam Swindler, Director of Public Works; Mr. Kevin Rawlinson, Chief Financial Officer and Ms. Patrice Rankin, Administrative Coordinator

MEDIA PRESENT

Mr. Naeem McFadden with the Florence Morning News, Ms. Shawnia Butler with WPDE News 15 and Mr. Seth Taylor 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 March 18, 2024 regular meeting of Florence City Council to order at 1:01 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 Barnes made a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 12, 2024 Regular Meeting and the January 25-26, 2024 Work Session. Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously adopted.



SERVICE RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Shannon Tanner, Fire Chief, presented Daniel Stone with a certificate of recognition for 10 years of service with the Florence Fire Department.

Mr. Allen Heidler, Police Chief, presented Stephen Starling with a certificate of recognition for 15 years of service with the Florence Police Department.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION

Bill No. 2024-03 - Second Reading

An Ordinance to amend the City of Florence Code of Ordinances Chapter 1.7 and add a new subsection providing that a person who violates any section of the City's Code of Ordinances with the intent to intimidate another person or persons in whole or in part because of the action or perceived race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental disability or national origin is guilty of the separate offense of hate intimidation.

Councilman McCall made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2024-03 on second reading and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2024-03 was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Bill No. 2024-04 - First Reading

An Ordinance to amend the budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Bill No. 2024-04 on first reading and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Mr. Kevin Rawlinson, Chief Financial Officer, reported the city has a policy that 30% of expenses be maintained in the unassigned fund balance. Mr. Rawlinson said this year there is about 34% of fund balance with \$6.5 million available for spending. The funds are used to fund capital projects and one-time projects that were removed from the initial budget. Mr. Rawlinson reported there is a \$300,000 transfer that will be used to purchase residential sanitation trucks. Mr. Rawlinson said the capital projects expenses include: \$40,000 for the expansion of the City Center Farmers Market parking lot; \$300,000 for the purchase of five police vehicles; \$60,000 to refurbish two fire engines; \$2 million for one ladder truck; \$1 million for one engine; \$90,000 for two command staff vehicles; \$1.1 million for two commercial sanitation trucks; \$200,000 for two dog parks; \$250,000 for an amphitheater at Dr. Iola Jones Park; and \$1.3 million to replace the lighting at Freedom Florence. The one-time non-capital project expenses include \$75,000 for recodification of city code of ordinances, \$200,000 for an Affordable Housing Study and \$200,000 for a Neighborhood Redevelopment Study.

Mr. Davis said that this information was shared at the January 25-26, 2024 budget retreat work session and was recommended by the Finance, Audit and Budget Committee.

Pro tem Jebaily congratulated Mr. Davis and city staff for working together on the budget and identifying available funds. Pro tem Jebaily said capital purchases are very expensive and difficult to accommodate in



the budget due to constraints. He expressed his support of this ordinance and said every item included is not a want but an ongoing need.

Councilman McCall concurred with Pro tem Jebaily and commended Mr. Davis for allowing Council to see the departmental needs at the forefront at the budget retreat. He thanked City staff for their hard work and for preparing the information for Council so the City can continue to move forward.

Mayor Ervin also thanked Mr. Davis and City staff for creating a budget that reflects the needs of the City. Mayor Ervin congratulated Mr. Davis on the completion of his first budget as City Manager, and also thanked Council for working with staff at the budget retreat so that the needs of the City were addressed. Mayor Ervin said it was very important to approve the fire department's purchases due to the 3-year period it takes to receive a ladder track. Mayor Ervin said that the City of Florence has an excellent City Manager and excellent City staff leading the City.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2024-04 was passed on first reading.

Bill No. 2024-05- First Reading

An Ordinance to annex and zone RG-3 3701 Bannockburn Road, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 00152-01-025.

Councilman Smith made a motion to pass Bill No. 2024-05 on first reading and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Mr. Clint Moore, Assistant City Manager of Development, said that this is a request to annex and zone RG-3 approximately 137 acres located on the corner of Bannockburn Road and Green Acres Road. Mr. Moore said water is currently available; however, a sewer extension would be required to provide sewer to the property. Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter and voted unanimously to recommend the zoning requests. Mr. Moore said a sketch plan will be going before Planning Commission at their next meeting.

Paul Mishoe Jr., developer, and Chad Rast, engineer, each spoke in favor of the request.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson inquired on the number of lots and Mr. Mishoe stated that there will be around 365 lots on the property that are between 5,000 and 10,000 square feet to allow some flexibility for different pricing. Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson asked if there was a plan for this property and Mr. Mishoe responded the plan is to have single family residential detached homes. Mr. Mishoe also stated that they have been working closely with the City's engineer regarding the sewer line.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson asked what property is adjacent to the Bannockburn property to allow for annexation. Mr. Moore stated the property is adjacent to the South Brook subdivision and other single family residential properties that are in the City limits.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2024-05 was passed on first reading.

Bill No. 2024-06- First Reading

An Ordinance to annex and zone NC-15 2506 Parsons Gate, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 01221-01-285.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Bill No. 2024-06 on first reading and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.



Mr. Moore reported the property is located within the Windsor Forest subdivision and is an infield lot. There are currently no structures on the property. Mr. Moore said the applicant intends to construct a residential home on the lot.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2024-06 was passed on first reading.

Bill No. 2024-07- First Reading

An Ordinance to rezone 709 and 711 West Darlington Street from NC-6.2 to NC-6.3, identified as Florence County Tax Map Numbers 90060-11-002 and 90060-11-017.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson made a motion to pass Bill No. 2024-07 on first reading and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Mr. Moore reported these properties are currently vacant and face Darlington Street. NC-6.2 zoning only permits single family detached, patio homes, and duplexes. NC-6.3 will allow the applicant to construct the requested multiplex, which will appear as a large single-family home from a street view. Access to each unit will be interior to the multiplex. The conditions within the zoning ordinance would require certain criteria that will a high density project to occur.

Lorenzo Edwards, applicant, spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Edwards said he would like to build a small multi-unit consisting of four one-bedroom units. He is a native of Florence and said that 100 years ago, his grandfather built on this same land. Mr. Edwards he would like to improve and restore an area that has gone into decline but was once a proud area of Florence.

Councilman Smith asked Mr. Moore if there are any other multi-family units in this area and Mr. Moore there are, along with a multitude of other zoning designations.

Councilman McCall asked for the recommendation from Planning Commission. Mr. Moore said Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the zoning request.

Councilwoman Barnes thanked Mr. Edwards for coming to give back to the community.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson thanked Mr. Edwards and said that she is familiar with the property since it is located in her district. She thanked Mr. Edwards for coming back to invest in the community and said she cannot wait to see the finished project.

Mayor Ervin thanked Mr. Edwards for respecting the design of the community, bringing new homes, but honoring the history of the community and bridging it to the future.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2024-07 was passed on first reading.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2024-10

A Resolution to adopt the Municipal Association 2024 Advocacy Initiatives.

Councilman McCall made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2024-10 and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Resolution No. 2024-10. Resolution No. 2024-10 was passed.



Resolution No. 2024-11

A Resolution of Appreciation for Chief Administrative Judge Debbie Jackson.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2024-11 and Pro tem Jebaily seconded the motion.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to amend the Resolution to place a portrait of Judge Jackson in the Municipal Courtroom and Councilman Braddock seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the amendment.

Councilwoman Barnes made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2024-11, as amended and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Mayor Ervin acknowledged that a reception was held this morning to honor Judge Jackson, and thanked Judge Jackson for her years of service with the City of Florence.

Pro tem Jebaily presented Judge Jackson with the Resolution and thanked her for her dedicated years of service. Pro tem Jebaily said he has had the privilege to work with Judge Jackson throughout the years and that she is a lawyer and judge of excellence and integrity.

Mr. Hood Temple, SC Bar member, commended Council for allowing Judge Jackson's portrait to be placed in the City's Municipal Courtroom. Mr. Temple said that members of the Bar came together to acquire a picture of Judge Jackson when they learned of her retirement. Mr. Temple said that Judge Jackson has built bridges and enable people who are following in her footsteps to do as she has done.

Pro tem Jebaily said that Mr. Temple spearheaded the effort to have Judge Jackson's portrait commissioned and gifted to the City of Florence.

Judge Jackson thanked Council, Clerk of Court Hazle Wilson and City staff and said she looks forward to retirement.

Councilman Braddock said Judge Jackson helped start Homeless Court and a House of Hope resident was one of the first to go through the process and have their record expunged.

Councilman McCall thanked Judge Jackson for her service and said that she is a well-respected judge. Councilman McCall said that while he's in court he hears that a lot of cities want to emulate Florence's court system and thanked Judge Jackson for what she has put in place in Florence.

Councilwoman Barnes, Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson, and Councilman Smith also thanked Judge Jackson for her service.

Mayor Ervin thanked Council and Judge Jackson. Mayor Ervin said that Judge Jackson has set a precedence and asked City staff to look at ways to honor judges once they retire.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Resolution No. 2024-11, as amended. Resolution No. 2024-11 was passed, as amended.



Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Mr. Davis presented the packet of appointments to Boards and Commissions to Council.

Housing Authority

Councilman Braddock made a motion to appoint Wanda Vereen to the Housing Authority Board and the motion carried unanimously. Wanda Vereen was appointed to the Housing Authority Board for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2025.

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Ervin said a lot of positive things are in the media regarding federal funding for the City of Florence. She invited the public to attend the 2nd Annual Pee Dee Youth Day Initiative on July 13th and the Harbor Freight Fellowship on March 20th-21st at Barnes Street Activity Center. Mayor Ervin also shared that the Florence Faith Based Initiative will be meeting on Friday, March 22nd at The Assembly. She recognized city staff and council who visited Washington recently to represent the City of Florence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Development Committee, Chaired by Pro tem Jebaily

Pro tem Jebaily said that Don Strickland and Will Johnson of PDRTA presented a very informative update to the committee regarding PDRTA. PDRTA is working to locate a site for an inter-mobile center to include Amtrak and other forms of transportation. Pro tem Jebaily said that Councilman Braddock and Congressman Fry have been working to secure federal funding to assist with the cost of the mobile center. Pro tem Jebaily expressed his support for an inter-mobile center for this area and said this could be something of significance. The Committee also received an update regarding the water system, penny sales tax funding, and Carolina Theater. Pro tem Jebaily asked Mr. Moore if the developer has started work on the Nofal Building, to which Mr. Moore replied no.

Community Development Committee, Chaired by Councilwoman Barnes

Councilwoman Barnes expressed her excitement regarding the Dr. Iola Jones Park Amphitheater being included in the budget recommendations and thanked city staff and council for moving forward with the project. Councilwoman Barnes said to address crime in the community, we must find ways to instill pride in the community.

Marketing and Public Relations Committee, Chaired by Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson encouraged residents to apply for City University. Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson recognized the Wilson High School Mock Trial Team as regional champs and also recognized participants with Leadership Florence who were in attendance for today's Council meeting. Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson also shared that her son, DreShaun Jackson will be appearing on the Jennifer Hudson Show.



Finance, Audit and Budget Committee, Chaired by Councilman McCall

Councilman McCall reported the committee reviewed the 30% recommendations and the monthly financial reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Ervin said Council will be entering into Executive Session for a discussion of matters related to a for a discussion of matters relating to an Economic Development Project and for a personnel matter.

Councilwoman Barmes made a motion to enter into Executive Session and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously (7-0) to enter into Executive Session at 2:03 p.m.

Council resumed open session at 3:21 p.m. and took action on the following items:

Personnel Matter

Councilman McCall, Chair of the Judicial Review Committee, said the Committee has recommended the reappointment of Judge Rangely Bailey as Associate Judge, Edgar Wilcox as Associate Judge, Nicholas Lewis as Municipal Judge, and Alesha Lewis as Municipal Judge, and to appoint Marsh Julian as the new Municipal Judge. The Committee also recommended the appointment of Marcus Woodson as the new Administrative Chief Judge, subject to contract negotiations with the City Manager's Office.

Councilman McCall made a motion to appoint the judges as recommended by the Judicial Review Committee and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Pro tem Jebaily recused himself from the vote for the appointment of judges due to Judge Rangeley Bailey being his law partner.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion, with Pro tem Jebaily having recused himself. (The recusal statement is attached to and made part of the minutes.)

ADJOURN

Without objection, the March 18, 2024 Regular	meeting of City Council was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.
Dated this 8 th day of April 2024.	
Casey C. Moore, Municipal Clerk	Teresa Myers Ervin, Mayor

RECUSAL STATEMENT

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FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

VI. a.
Bill No. 2024-04
Second Reading

DATE: March 18, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: An ordinance amending the FY 2023-24 budget

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Finance

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION

For City Council consideration is an ordinance to amend the FY 2023-24 City of Florence Budget.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN

No previous action has been taken on this ordinance.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER

- 1. The objective of the proposed ordinance is to make one-time capital purchases from funds available from Unassigned Fund Balance of the General Fund. City Council has determined that it wishes to maintain an Unassigned Fund Balance calculated at 30% of total expenditures. For fiscal year 2023, the amount available over 30% is \$6,513,050.
- 2. Funds are being appropriated from fund balance to provide funding needed capital items. As these capital items are one-time expenditures, it is the best use of excess fund balance using the budget savings and better than expected revenues to fund these much needed one-time purchases.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve and adopt the proposed ordinance.

V. ATTACHMENTS

A copy of the proposed ordinance is attached.

Kevin D. Rawlinson

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Chief Financial Officer

Scotty Davis
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Florence, South Carolina, in a meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof that the budget for the City of Florence, South Carolina, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1.	That the category of revenues of the General Fund in said budget is hereby amended
	by the additional appropriations as follows:

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	100375-435010	From Unappropriated Reserve is increased in the amount of \$6,515,000 from Assigned Fund Balance to appropriate monies for the acquisition of one-time capital expenditures from the General Fund's Unassigned Fund Balance that exceeds 30% of the General Fund's Expenditures.	
	100390-435100	From Roll Cart & Equipment Replacement Fund is increased in the amount of \$300,000 to fund the purchase of an additional residential sanitation truck.	
Section 2.	2. That the category of expenditures of the General Fund in said budget is he amended by the additional appropriations as follows:		
	10041000-531000	Professional Services (City Council) is increased in the amount of \$75,000 to recodify the City's Code of Ordinances.	
	10041300-58050	Facility Improvements (City Manager) is funded in the amount of \$40,000 to improve/expand the parking for the City Center Farmers' Market.	
	10042100-580040	Auto Equipment (Police) is increased by \$300,000 to purchase 5 police vehicles.	
	10042200-537000	Vehicle Repair & Maintenance (Fire) is increased in the amount of \$60,000 to refurbish 2 Fire Engines.	
	10042200-580040	Auto Equipment (Fire) is funded in the amount of \$3,090,000 to purchase 1 Ladder Truck (\$2,000,000), 1 Fire Engine (\$1,000,000), and 2 Command Staff Vehicles (\$90,000).	
	10043022-580040	Auto Equipment (Sanitation) is increased in the amount of \$1,100,000 to purchase 2 commercial sanitation trucks (\$800,000) and 1 residential Sanitation Truck (\$300,000).	
	10043024-580050	Facility Improvements (Parks & Recreation) is funded in the amount of \$450,000 to build two dog parks (\$200,000) and to construct an amphitheater at Dr. Iola Jones Park (\$250,000).	
	10043025-580050	Facility Improvements (Athletics) is increased by \$1,300,000 to	

lighting.

replace the aged lighting at Freedom Florence with new LED

FY 2023-2024 Budget Amendment Ordinance (continued)

	10046300-531000	Professional Services (Planning) is increased in the amount of \$400,000 to fund a housing study (\$200,000) and a Redevelopment Study (\$200,000).
Section 3.		or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.
This Ordinand of the City of		ive immediately upon its approval and adoption by the City Council
ADOPTED TI	HIS DAY OF	, 2024.
Approved as	to form:	
Benjamin T. Z City Attorney		Teresa Myers Ervin Mayor
		Attest:
		Casey C. Moore Municipal Clerk

VI. b. Bill No. 2024-05 Second Reading

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: March 18, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance to Annex and Zone 3701 Bannockburn Road, TMN

00152-01-025.

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

A request to annex Tax Map Number 00152-01-025 into the City of Florence and assign it the zoning designation of RG-3 (Residential General-3). The request is being made by the property owner.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

On February 13, 2024, the Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding the annexation of this 137 acre parcel and voted unanimously, 7-0, to recommend the zoning designation of RG-3.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- (1) The property is intended to be developed as a single-family residential subdivision.
- (2) City water service is currently available. Sewer service is not currently available. The developer is required to extend sewer service to the property for development.
- (3) A Public Hearing for zoning was held at the February 13, 2024 Planning Commission meeting.
- (4) City staff recommends annexation and concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation to zone the property Residential General 3 (RG-3).

IV. PERSONAL NOTES:

V. ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Ordinance
- (2) Vicinity Map
- (3) Annexation Petitions

Clint Moore Assistant City Manager

Scotty Davis City Manager

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE RG-3 THE PARCEL LOCATED AT 3701 BANNOCKBURN ROAD, TMN 00152-01-025.

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers February 13, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission, and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, application by John L. Bruce Jr. and Elizabeth Bruce Box, owners of TMN 00152-01-025, was presented requesting an amendment to the City of Florence **Zoning Atlas** that the aforesaid properties be incorporated into the City limits of the City of Florence under the provisions of **Section 5-3-150(3) of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina** and given the zoning district classification of **RG-3**:

The property requesting annexation is shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 00152, block 01, parcel 025 (137.518557 acres).

Any portions of public rights-of-way abutting the above described property will be also included in the annexation.

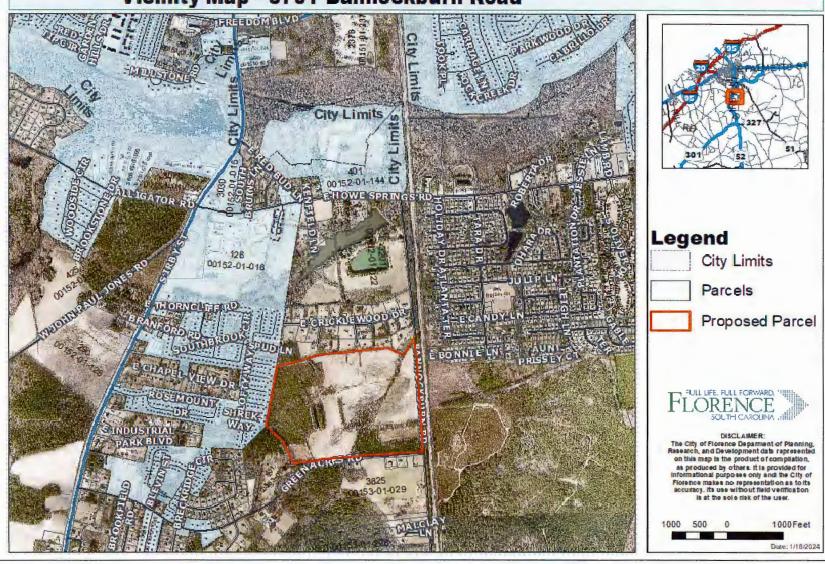
WHEREAS. Florence City Council concurs in the aforesaid application, findings and recommendations:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF:

- 1. That an Ordinance is hereby adopted annexing into the City Limits of the City of Florence the aforesaid property and amending the **Zoning Atlas** to the aforesaid zoning classifications.
- 2. That this Ordinance shall become effective seven days upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence and posting of this amendment in the official Zoning Atlas.

Ordinance No. 2024 Page 2			
ADOPTED THIS	DAY OF		, 2024
Approved as to form:			
Benjamin T. Zeigler, City Attorney		Teresa Myers Ervin Mayor	1,
		Attest:	
		Casey C. Moore, Municipal Clerk	

PC 2024-02 Vicinity Map - 3701 Bannockburn Road



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

PETITION FOR ANNEXATION

COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

Petition requesting Florence City Council to enact an Ordinance annexing the area described below, that area being the same property as shown by the map prepared by the City of Florence Planning. Research, and Development Department, attached and incorporated by reference herein:

The undersigned freeholder property owner(s) hereby respectfully certifies, petitions, and requests of the City Council of Florence as follows:

- 1. The petitioners are the sole owner(s) of real estate in the County of Florence, State of South Carolina which property lies adjacent and contiguous to the corporate limits of the City of Florence.
- That the petitioner(s) desires to annex the property more particularly described below: 3701 Bannockburn Rd, Florence. SC 29505
 Florence County Tax Map Number: 00152-01-025
- 3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes:

Single Family Detatched Residential Development

4. That the petitioner(s) request that the City Council of Florence annex the above described property in accordance with subsection 31 of 5-3-150(3) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina for 1976, such section allowing the annexation of an area without the necessity of an election and referendum.

<u>To the Petitioner</u>: The following information needs to be completed for submittal to the City of Florence and other government agencies for records prior to and after annexation.

Total Residents Total 18 and Over	Race Total Registered	to Vote	
APPLICANT (S) (Please print or type):			
Name(s): John L. Bruce, Jr.			
Address: 1201 Madison Ave., Florence,	SC 29501		
Telephone Numbers: 843-992-4736	[work]		[home]
Email Address: jobruce2@earthlink.net			
Signature John & Bunda	Date	1/25/24	
Certification as to ownership on the date of pe	tition:	FOR OFFICAL	USE ONLY

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- 1. The petitioners are the sole owner(s) of real estate in the County of Florence, State of South Carolina which property lies adjacent and contiguous to the corporate limits of the City of Florence.
- That the petitioner(s) desires to annex the property more particularly described below: 3701 Bannockburn Rd, Florence, SC 29505

Florence County Tax Map Number: 00152-01-025

3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes:

Single Family Detatched Residential Development

4. That the petitioner(s) request that the City Council of Florence annex the above described property in accordance with subsection 31 of 5-3-150(3) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina for 1976, such section allowing the annexation of an area without the necessity of an election and referendum.

<u>To the Petitioner</u>: The following information needs to be completed for submittal to the City of Florence and other government agencies for records prior to and after annexation.

Total 18 and Over	Race Total Registered to Vote	
APPLICANT (S) (Please print or type):		
Name(s): Elizabeth Bruce Box		
Address: 5 Country Club Court, Columb	ia, SC 29206	
Telephone Numbers:	[work]	[home]
Email Address:		
Signature Elizabet Bruaz	Date_ 1 - 8	15-204
Certification as to ownership on the date of pe	tition: F	OR OFFICAL USE ONLY

VI. c. Bill No. 2024-06 Second Reading

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: March 18, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: An Ordinance to annex and zone Neighborhood Conservation – 15 (NC-15) 2506

Parsons Gate, TMN 01221-01-285.

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request to annex property located at 2506 Parsons Gate, Tax Map Number 01221-01-285, into the City of Florence and assign it the zoning designation of Neighborhood Conservation – 15 (NC-15). The request is being made by the property owner.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

On February 13, 2024, the City of Florence Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter, and voted unanimously, 6-0, to recommend the zoning request of NC-15, Neighborhood Conservation-15.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- (1) City water and sewer services are currently available; there is no cost to extend utilities.
- (2) A Public Hearing for zoning was held at the February 13, 2024 Planning Commission meeting.
- (3) City staff recommends annexation and concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation to zone the property NC-15, Neighborhood Conservation-15.

IV. PERSONAL NOTES:

V. ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Ordinance
- (2) Vicinity Map
- (3) Annexation Petition

Clint Moore

Assistant City Manager

Scotty Davis
City Manager

ORDIN	ANCE	NO.	2024 -	

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION – 15 (NC-15) 2506 PARSONS GATE, TMN 01221-01-285.

- **WHEREAS,** a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers on February 13, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission, and notice of said hearing was duly given;
- WHEREAS, application by Alpeshkumar Patel, owner of TMN 01221-01-285, was presented requesting an amendment to the City of Florence Zoning Atlas that the aforesaid property be incorporated into the City limits of the City of Florence under the provisions of Section 5-3-150(3) of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina and given the zoning district classification of NC-15:

The property requesting annexation is shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 01221, block 01, parcel 285 (0.523395 acre).

Any portions of public rights-of-way abutting the property described above will be included in the annexation.

WHEREAS, Florence City Council concurs in the aforesaid application, findings, and recommendations:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF:

- 1. That an Ordinance is hereby adopted annexing into the City Limits of the City of Florence the aforesaid property and amending the **Zoning Atlas** to the aforesaid zoning classifications.
- 2. That this Ordinance shall become effective in seven days upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence and posting of this amendment in the official Zoning Atlas.

ADOPTED THIS	DAY OF	, 2024	
Approved as to form:			
Benjamin T. Zeigler,		Teresa Myers Ervin,	_
City Attorney		Mayor	
		Attest:	
		Casey C. Moore,	
		Municipal Clerk	

PC 2024-03 Vicinity Map - 2506 Parsons Gate



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

PETITION FOR ANNEXATION

COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

Petition requesting Florence City Council to enact an Ordinance annexing the area described below, that area being the same property as shown by the map prepared by the City of Florence Planning, Research, and Development Department, attached and incorporated by reference herein:

The undersigned freeholder property owner(s) hereby respectfully certifies, petitions, and requests of the City Council of Florence as follows:

- 1. The petitioners are the sole owner(s) of real estate in the County of Florence, State of South Carolina which property lies adjacent and contiguous to the corporate limits of the City of Florence.
- 2. That the petitioner(s) desires to annex the property more particularly described below:

Florence County Tax Map 01221-01-285

- 3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes: for city Services.
- 4. That the petitioner(s) request that the City Council of Florence annex the above described property in accordance with subsection 31 of 5-3-150(3) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina for 1976, such section allowing the annexation of an area without the necessity of an election and referendum.

To the Petitioner: The following information needs to be completed for submittal to the City of Florence and other government agencies for records prior to and after annexation.

Total Residents
Race
Total 18 and Over
Total Registered to Vote

* Date 01 19 2024	X Petitioner Patel
Date	Petitioner

Certification as to ownership on the date of petition:	FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY
Date 1/19/24_	93

VI. d. Bill No. 2024-07 Second Reading

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: March 18, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance to Rezone from NC-6.2 to NC-6.3 the two parcels

located at 709 and 711 West Darlington Street, TMNs 90060-11-

002 and 90060-11-017.

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

A request to rezone from Neighborhood Conservation-6.2 (NC-6.2) to Neighborhood Conservation-6.3 (NC-6.3) the two parcels located at 709 and 711 West Darlington Street, said properties being specifically designated in the Florence County Tax Records as Tax Map Numbers 90060-11-002 and 90060-11-017. The request is being made by the owner, Lorenzo Edwards.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

On February 13, 2024, the City of Florence Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding the rezoning of these two parcels and voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the rezoning request.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- (1) City water and sewer are available to the parcels.
- (2) The property is currently zoned Neighborhood Conservation-6.2 (NC-6.2). This zoning designation permits single-family detached, patio home, and duplex uses.
- (3) The owner requests the zoning designation of NC-6.3, Neighborhood Conservation-6.3 District. This zoning designation permits all uses within NC-6.2 as well as townhomes, multiplex, and multifamily with conditions.
- (4) The owner intends to combine the two lots for the development of one four-unit multiplex.
- (5) Section 6-21.7.12 of the *Unified Development Ordinance* requires within 14 days, City Council shall:
 - a. Approve the zone change by ordinance;
 - b. Approve the zone change by ordinance with modifications;
 - c. Deny the zone change; or
 - d. Refer the zone change back to the Planning Commission, the Director, to a committee of Council, or an ad hoc committee for further consideration.

IV. PERSONAL NOTES:

V. ATTACHMENTS:

- A) Ordinance
- B) Vicinity Map
- C) Zoning Map
- D) Future Land Use Map

Clint Moore

Assistant City Manager

Scotty Davis

City Manager

ORDINANCE	NO	2024-
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AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS 709 AND 711 WEST DARLINGTON STREET, TAX MAP NUMBERS 90060-11-002 AND 90060-11-017 FROM NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION-6.2 ZONING DISTRICT TO NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION-6.3 ZONING DISTRICT:

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in City Council Chambers on February 13, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

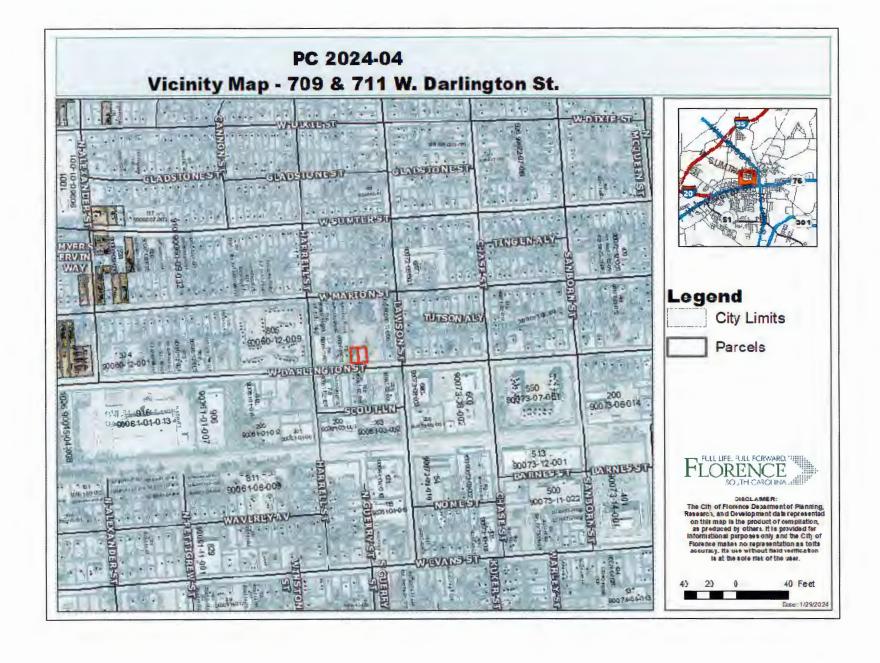
WHEREAS, Lorenzo Edwards made application to rezone from Neighborhood Conservation-6.2 to Neighborhood Conservation-6.3 Zoning District;

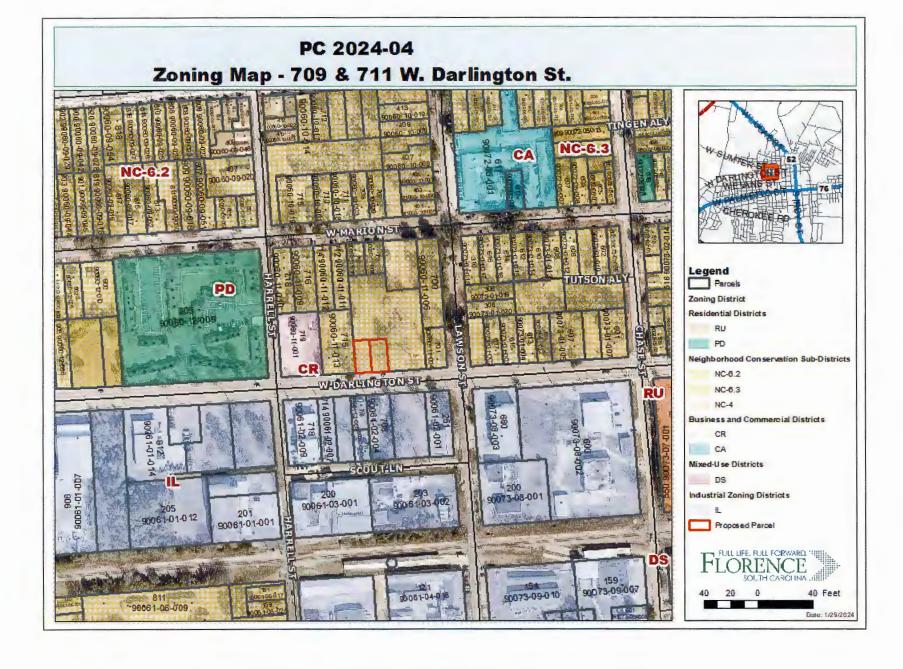
WHEREAS, Florence City Council concurs in the aforesaid application, findings and recommendations:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF:

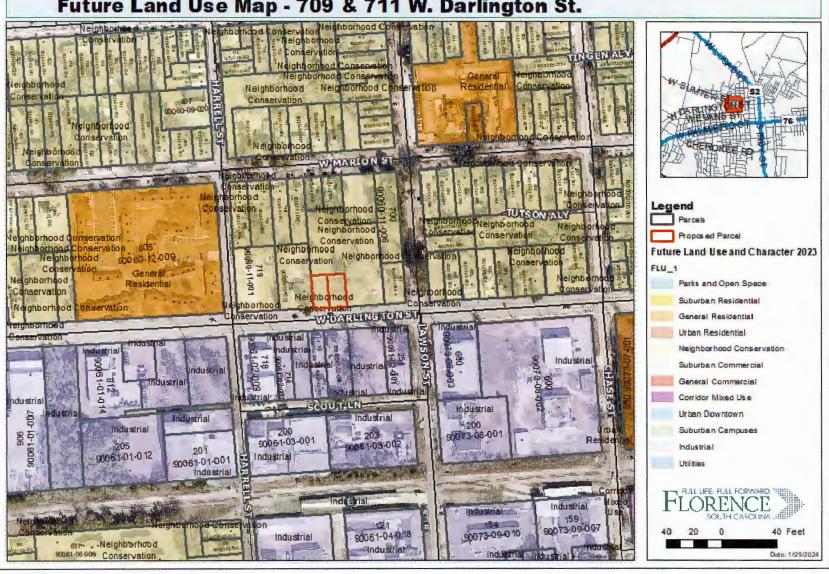
- 1. That an Ordinance is hereby adopted by amending the **Zoning Atlas** of the City of Florence for the aforesaid properties to Neighborhood Conservation-6.3;
- 2. That this Ordinance shall become effective seven days upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence and posting of this amendment in the official Zoning Atlas.

ADOPTED THIS	DAY OF		, 2024
Approved as to form:			
Benjamin T. Zeigler,		Teresa Myers Ervin,	
City Attorney		Mayor	
		Attest:	
		Casey C. Moore,	
		Municipal Clerk	





PC 2024-04 Future Land Use Map - 709 & 711 W. Darlington St.



FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

VII. a.
Bill No. 2024-08
First Reading

DATE: April 8, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance to Rezone from CG to IL a portion of the parcel located

at 186 Dunbarton Drive, TMN 00099-01-020.

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

A request to rezone from Commercial General (CG) to Light Industrial (IL) a portion of the parcel located at 186 Dunbarton Drive, said property being specifically designated in the Florence County Tax Records as Tax Map Number 00099-01-020. The request is being made by the property owner, RAZ Development.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

On February 13, 2024, the City of Florence Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding the original request to rezone a portion of the lot to Heavy Industrial (IH) and voted unanimously (7-0) to defer the rezoning request to enable staff to work with the applicant.

On March 12, 2024, the City of Florence Planning Commission voted unanimously (8-0) to approve the zoning designation of Light Industrial for the rear portion of the parcel while retaining the Commercial General zoning designation for the front portion of the parcel fronting on Dunbarton Drive.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- (1) City water and sewer are available to the parcel.
- (2) The property is currently zoned Commercial General (CG). This zoning designation permits most commercial uses.
- (3) The owner requests the zoning designation of Light Industrial. This zoning designation provides for light industrial and personal storage uses but no manufacturing.
- (4) The owner intends to maintain the office at the front of the lot and is proposing a storage and truck parking facility on the rear of the lot.
- (5) Section 6-21.7.12 of the *Unified Development Ordinance* requires that within 14 days, City Council shall:
 - a. Approve the zone change by ordinance;
 - b. Approve the zone change by ordinance with modifications;
 - c. Deny the zone change; or
 - d. Refer the zone change back to the Planning Commission, the Director, to a committee of Council, or an ad hoc committee for further consideration.

IV. PERSONAL NOTES:

V. ATTACHMENTS:

- A) Ordinance
- B) Vicinity Map
- C) Zoning Map
- D) Future Land Use Map
- E) Proposed Zoning Map

Clint Moore Assistant City Manager

Scotty Davis City Manager

ORDINANC	E NO.	2024-	

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS 186 DUNBARTON DRIVE, TAX MAP NUMBER 00099-01-020 FROM COMMERCIAL GENERAL ZONING DISTRICT TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT:

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in City Council Chambers on February 13, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

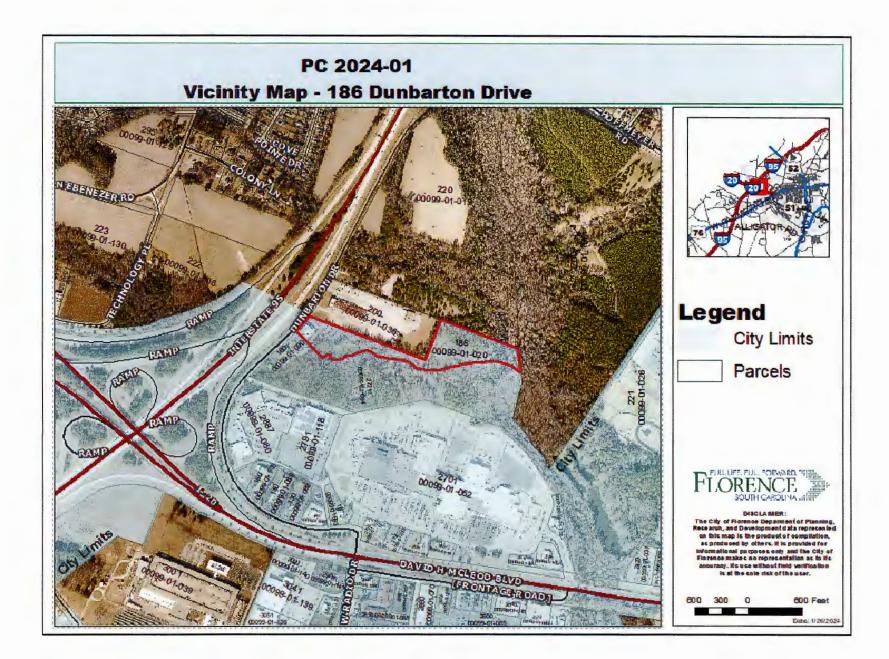
WHEREAS, RAZ Development made application to rezone the rear portion of the lot from Commercial General to Light Industrial Zoning District;

WHEREAS, Florence City Council concurs in the aforesaid application, findings and recommendations:

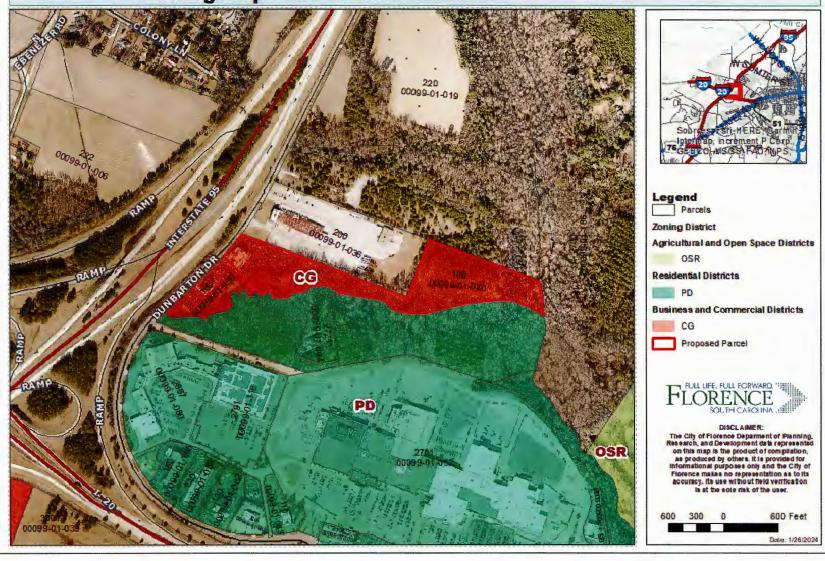
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF:

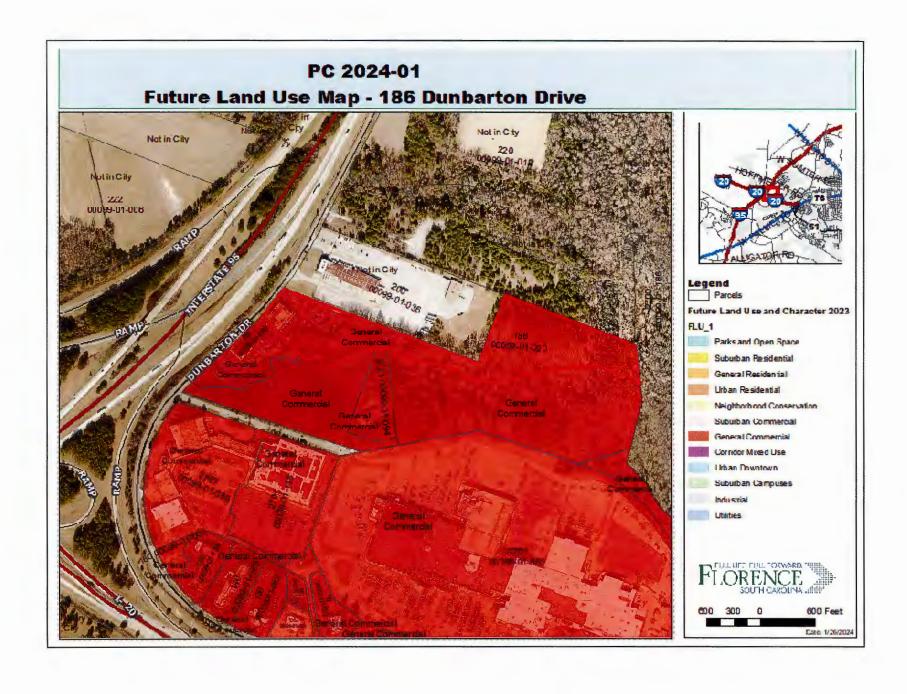
- 1. That an Ordinance is hereby adopted by amending the **Zoning Atlas** of the City of Florence for the aforesaid property to Light Industrial;
- 2. That this Ordinance shall become effective seven days upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence and posting of this amendment in the official Zoning Atlas.

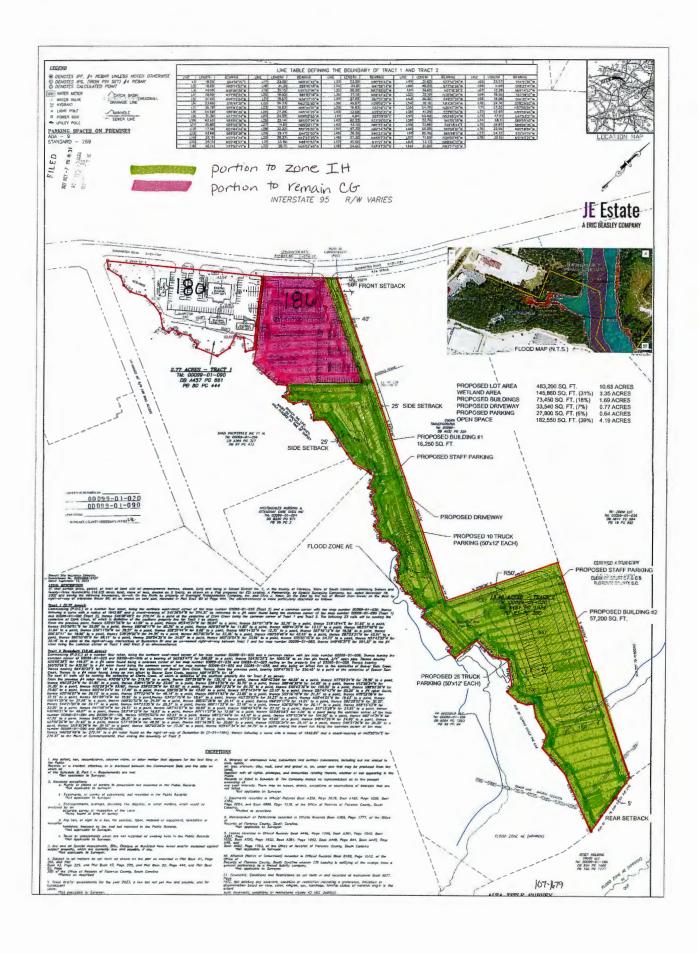
ADOPTED THIS	DAY OF		, 2024
Approved as to form:			
Benjamin T. Zeigler, City Attorney		Teresa Myers Ervin, Mayor	
		Attest:	
		Casey C. Moore, Municipal Clerk	



PC 2024-01 Zoning Map - 186 Dunbarton Drive







VII. b. Bill No. 2024-09 First Reading

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: April 8, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance to Annex and Zone NC-6.1 four lots along Rosemount

Drive, TMNs 00152-01-146, 00152-01-147, 00152-01-148, and

00152-01-149.

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

A request to annex Tax Map Numbers 00152-01-146, 00152-01-147, 00152-01-148, and 00152-01-149 into the City of Florence and assign them the zoning designation of NC-6.1 (Neighborhood Conservation-6.1). The request is being made by the property owner.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

On March 12, 2024, the Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding the annexation of these four parcels and voted unanimously, 8-0, to recommend the zoning designation of NC-6.1.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- (1) The lots are intended to be developed as part of an existing single-family residential subdivision.
- (2) A Public Hearing for zoning was held at the March 12, 2024 Planning Commission meeting.
- (3) City water services are currently available to all four lots. City sewer services are available at the edge of lot 4 (TMN 00152-01-149). Extension of the sewer utility to lots 1 through 3 will be provided by the developer.
- (4) City staff recommends annexation and concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation to zone the property NC-6.1 (Neighborhood Conservation-6.1).

IV. PERSONAL NOTES:

V. ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Ordinance
- (2) Vicinity Map
- (3) Annexation Petition

Jerry B. Dudley Planning Director

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AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE NC-6.1 FOUR PARCELS LOCATED ON ROSEMOUNT DRIVE, TMNs 00152-01-146, 00152-01-147, 00152-01-148, and 00152-01-149.

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers March 12, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission, and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, application by South Florence Developers LLC, owner of TMNs 00152-01-146, 00152-01-147, 00152-01-148, and 00152-01-149, was presented requesting an amendment to the City of Florence Zoning Atlas that the aforesaid properties be incorporated into the City limits of the City of Florence under the provisions of Section 5-3-150(3) of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina and given the zoning district classification of NC-6.1:

The properties requesting annexation are shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 00152, block 01, parcel 146 (0.194 acre), Tax Map 00152, block 01, parcel 147 (0.177 acre), Tax Map 00152, block 01, parcel 148 (0.173 acre), and Tax Map 00152, block 01, parcel 149 (0.182 acre).

Any portions of public rights-of-way abutting the above described property will be also included in the annexation.

WHEREAS, Florence City Council concurs in the aforesaid application, findings and recommendations:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF:

- 1. That an Ordinance is hereby adopted annexing into the City Limits of the City of Florence the aforesaid property and amending the **Zoning Atlas** to the aforesaid zoning classifications.
- 2. That this Ordinance shall become effective seven days upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence and posting of this amendment in the official Zoning Atlas.

Ordinance No. 2024Page 2			
ADOPTED THIS	DAY OF		, 2024
Approved as to form:			
Benjamin T. Zeigler, City Attorney		Teresa Myers Ervin, Mayor	
		Attest:	
		Casey C. Moore, Municipal Clerk	



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

PETITION FOR ANNEXATION

COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

Petition requesting Florence City Council to enact an Ordinance annexing the area described below, that area being the same property as shown by the map prepared by the City of Florence Planning, Research, and Development Department, attached and incorporated by reference herein:

The undersigned freeholder property owner(s) hereby respectfully certifies, petitions, and requests of the City Council of Florence as follows:

1.	The petitioners are the sole owner(s) of real estate in the County of Florence, State of South Carolina which property lies adjacent and contiguous to the corporate limits of the City of Florence.
2.	That the petitioner(s) desires to annex the property more particularly described below:
	Florence County Tax Map 552-01-146,147,148 1149
3.	Annexation is being sought for the following purposes: Acquire (1) 5000.000 to construit residential hones
4.	That the petitioner(s) request that the City Council of Florence annex the above described property in accordance with subsection 31 of 5-3-150(3) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina for 1976, such section allowing the annexation of an area without the necessity of an election and referendum.
To and	the Petitioner: The following information needs to be completed for submittal to the City of Florence d other government agencies for records prior to and after annexation.
	Total Residents Race Total 18 and Over Total Registered to Vote
Da	Petitioner GARY Z. FINKER
Da	Petitioner Petitioner
Cert	tification as to ownership on the date of petition: FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY

VIII. a. Resolution No. 2024-12

DATE: April 8, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Community Services

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

A Resolution to proclaim the month of April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Florence.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

1. The Fair Housing Act was enacted as Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, and codified at 42 U.S.C. 3601-3619, with penalties for violation at 42 U.S.C. 3631. It is enforced by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- 1. The Fair Housing Act is intended to protect the buyer or renter of a dwelling from seller or landlord discrimination. Its primary prohibition makes it unlawful to refuse to sell, rent to, or negotiate with any person because of that person's inclusion in a protected class. The goal is a unitary housing market in which a person's background as opposed to financial resources does not arbitrarily restrict access.
- 2. The legislation was the culmination of a civil rights campaign against housing discrimination in the United States and was approved by President Lyndon B. Johnson.
- 3. The Fair Housing Act has been strengthened since its adoption in 1968, but enforcement continues to be a concern among housing advocates.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Resolution

Jerry/Dudley
Planning Director

City Manager

(STATE	OF SO)UTH	CAROL	INA)
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RESOLUTION 2024-12

A RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH.

- WHEREAS, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, prohibits discrimination in housing and declares it a national policy to provide for fair housing in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, The principle of Fair Housing is not only national law and national policy, but a fundamental human concept and right for all Americans; and
- WHEREAS, National Fair Housing Law, during the month of April, provides an opportunity for all Americans to recognize that the issue of fair housing continues to be a problem for many families of all races and that complete success can only be accomplished with the help and cooperation of all Americans; and
- WHEREAS, The City of Florence in its commitment to Fair Housing, proclaim the Month of April as Fair Housing Month, and urge all of our citizens to join in this effort to reaffirm our individual commitment to support the practice and the spirit of the Fair Housing Law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Florence, South Carolina does hereby proclaim the month of April as

"Fair Housing Month"

RESOLVED THIS 8TH DAY OF APRIL 2024.

Approved as to form:	
BENJAMIN T. ZEIGLER	TERESA MYERS ERVIN
CITY ATTORNEY	MAYOR
ATTEST:	
CASEY C. MOORE	
MUNICIPAL CLERK	

VIII. b. Resolution No. 2024-13

DATE:

April 8, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:

City Council

Sponsored by Councilman Chaquez McCall

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

A Resolution of Recognition for the contributions of Dorothy Hines in the community.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- 1. Dorothy Hines is a longtime City of Florence resident. She has lived in the Williams Heights community for nearly 50 years and is credited with working to make positive changes and improvements in her neighborhood.
- 2. In 2013, the City of Florence held a dedication for the Dorothy Hines Nature Trail in the Williams Heights community in honor of Dorothy Hines.

III. ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Resolution

(STATE	OF SOU	TH CAROLINA)
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CITY	OF	FLORENCE)

A RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DOROTHY HINES IN THE COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, Dorothy George Hines is widely known and respected in Florence, South Carolina and is a 1964 graduate of Wilson High School; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Hines began her career in nursing and was in the first integrated class of the Florence Program of Practical Nursing. She became a registered nurse upon completion of her Associate of Arts degree in Nursing from Hartford Community College in 1974; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Dorothy Hines has exhibited a passion for caring for others, having a positive impact on the lives of individuals and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Hines has selflessly volunteered her time and expertise to support numerous community initiatives that have enriched the lives of our residents and enhanced the vibrancy of our city. As a longtime resident, she is renowned for making positive changes and improvements to the Williams Heights community. In 2013, the City of Florence held a dedication for the Dorothy Hines Nature Trail in honor of Dorothy Hines; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Hines has demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, and service in various capacities in the community. She is a past President of the Pee Dee Nurses Association, past Vice President of the Florence County NAACP, past Vice President and state delegate of the Florence County Democratic Party, former member of the City of Florence Planning Commission, former board member of the Health Facilities Credit Union, board member of the Florence County Habitat for Humanity, member of the Azalea Home and Garden Club and the Rose Garden Club, member of the Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority, member of the SC Nurses Association, and President of the Williams Heights Neighborhood Crime Watch; and

WHEREAS, the City of Florence acknowledges the invaluable contributions of Dorothy Hines to the betterment of the community and her positive influence will continue to resonate for many years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Florence, hereby recognizes Dorothy Hines for her exceptional contributions to the community and thanks for her exemplary service and dedication.

RESOLVED THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL 2024.

Approved as to form:	
BENJAMIN T. ZEIGLER CITY ATTORNEY	TERESA MYERS ERVIN MAYOR
ATTEST:	
CASEY C. MOORE MUNICIPAL CLERK	

VIII. c. Resolution No. 2024-14

DATE: April 8, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: City Council

Sponsored by the Resilience and Sustainability Advisory Committee

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

A Resolution to proclaim April 22, 2024 as Earth Day in the City of Florence.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- The Resilience and Sustainability Advisory Committee seeks to address the environmental inequities in our community by promoting responsible practices to include programs and initiatives, education, and development.
- 2. The Resilience and Sustainability Advisory Committee is partnering with Keep Florence Beautiful on an Earth Day cleanup event scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2024 starting at 9:00 at Naturally Outdoors.
- 3. Earth Day is celebrated on April 22nd annually as a global event to raise awareness about environmental issues and promote actions that protect our environment.

III. ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Resolution

A RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM APRIL 22, 2024 AS EARTH DAY IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE.

- **WHEREAS**, Earth Day is celebrated annually on April 22nd as a global event to raise awareness about environmental issues and promote actions to protect our environment; and
- WHEREAS, Earth Day serves as a reminder of the collective responsibility of individuals, communities, organizations and governments to address challenges such as climate change, pollution, habitat destruction, and biodiversity loss; and
- WHEREAS, Earth Day provides an opportunity for all to come together in support of environmental initiatives, volunteer efforts, and educational activities aimed at making a positive impact on our environment; and
- **WHEREAS**, the City of Florence recognizes the importance of environmental conservation and sustainable practices in preserving our planet for present and future generations; and
- WHEREAS, in 2021, the City of Florence established the Resilience and Sustainability Advisory Committee to research, recommend, and support a culture of stewardship, striving to preserve and enhance our natural resources and landscape, societal opportunities, and economic needs; and
- whereas, the City of Florence, through its Resilience and Sustainability Advisory Committee, strives to offer and support a sustainable quality of life that includes conservation of air, water, energy and land resources, effective minimization and management of waste, good neighborhood planning, and a comprehensive multi-modal transportation network for improved livability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Florence, South Carolina, hereby proclaims April 22, 2024 as Earth Day in the City of Florence and encourages all residents to promote awareness and participation in Earth Day activities throughout the City of Florence.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED, this 8th day of April 2024.

ADDDOVED AS TO FORM.

ALL ROVED AS TO FORM.	
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BENJAMIN T. ZEIGLER	TERESA MYERS ERVIN
CITY ATTORNEY	MAYOR
ATTEST:	
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CASEY C. MOORE	
MUNICIPAL CLERK	

VIII. d. Resolution No. 2024-15

DATE:

April 8, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:

City Council

Sponsored by Councilman Chaquez McCall

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

A Resolution of Recognition for the Florence 8U All Star Boys Basketball team for winning the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association State SCAP Championship.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- 1. The 8U All Star Boys Basketball team traveled to Pickens, SC to compete in the SC Recreation and Parks Association State SCAP tournament.
- 2. On March 3, 2024 the 8U team defeated their competition, winning the state championship title.

III. ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR THE FLORENCE 8U ALL STAR BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION STATE SCAP CHAMPIONSHIP.

- WHEREAS, the City of Florence 8U All Star Boys Basketball team competed in the state tournament, winning the SC Recreation and Parks Association SCAP crown; and
- WHEREAS, led by coaches Brince Knox, James Charles, and Derrell Gaskins, the team emerged victorious against Sumter at Pearl Moore Basketball Center to clinch the Eastern District title and earn their spot in the state Championship; and
- **WHEREAS,** the team traveled to the Cheri Anthony Recreation Center in Pickens, SC to face their opponents in the tournament; and
- WHEREAS, the 8U All Star Boys team out shot their competition, defeating both Bluffton and East Columbia on Saturday, March 2, 2024 to advance to the championship game; and
- WHEREAS, the 8U boys team faced Bluffton for a second time in the tournament on March 3, 2024, ultimately defeating them to win the state championship title; and
- WHEREAS, through hard work and determination, these athletes have proven themselves State Champions and are role models for area youth.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, the City Council of the City of Florence, South Carolina commends this athletic accomplishment and congratulates the 8U All Star Boys Basketball Team for winning the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association State SCAP Championship.

RESOLVED THIS 8TH DAY OF APRIL 2024.

Approved as to form:	
BENJAMIN T. ZEIGLER	TERESA MYERS ERVIN
CITY ATTORNEY	MAYOR
ATTEST:	
CASEY C. MOORE	
MUNICIPAL CLERK	

VIII. e. Resolution No. 2024-16

DATE: April 8, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: City Council

Sponsored by Mayor Teresa Myers Ervin

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

A Resolution to proclaim April 2024 as Organ Donation Awareness Month in the City of Florence.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- 1. More than 100,000 men, women and children are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants.
- 2. People of all ages and medical histories can consider themselves potential donors.
- 3. A national system matches available organs from the donor with people on the waiting list based on blood type, body size, how sick they are, donor distance, tissue type and time on the list. Sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, race, income, celebrity and social status are never considered.
- 4. South Carolina residents can support this life saving effort by learning more about organ, eye and tissue donation, making their families aware of their wishes and registering online at www.DonateLifeSC.org, or when they receive or renew their South Carolina driver's license.

III. ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Resolution

A RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM APRIL 2024 AS ORGAN DONATION AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE.

WHEREAS, organ donation is a selfless act of generosity that saves and improves the lives of countless individuals suffering from organ failure, providing them with a

second chance at life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Florence recognizes the critical need to raise awareness about

organ donation and transplantation to inspire more individuals to register as

organ donors and make their wishes known to their families; and

WHEREAS, April is nationally recognized as Organ Donation Awareness Month,

providing an opportunity for communities across the country to come together and educate the public about the importance of organ donation, dispel myths and misconceptions, and celebrate the gift of life through organ

transplantation; and

WHEREAS, by promoting organ donation awareness, we honor the generous donors and

their families who have made the compassionate decision to give the gift of life, as well as the transplant recipients whose lives have been transformed by

their generosity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Florence, hereby proclaims April 2024 as Organ Donation Awareness Month in the City of Florence and encourages all residents to learn about organ donation, register as organ donors, and discuss their wishes with their families.

RESOLVED THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL 2024.

Approved as to form:	
BENJAMIN T. ZEIGLER CITY ATTORNEY	TERESA MYERS ERVIN MAYOR
ATTEST:	
CASEY C. MOORE MUNICIPAL CLERK	

VIII. f. Resolution No. 2024-17

DATE: April 8, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: City Council

Sponsored by Mayor Teresa Myers Ervin

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

A Resolution to proclaim May 2024 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month in the City of Florence.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- 1. In the United States, Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month takes place in May every year. The event aims to raise awareness of cystic fibrosis.
- 2. Cystic Fibrosis is a genetic condition that affects the lungs and digestive system. Raising awareness of cystic fibrosis can help people to become more aware of which symptoms to look out for, as well as supporting people with cystic fibrosis.

III. ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Resolution

A RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM MAY 2024 AS CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE.

WHEREAS, cystic fibrosis is a genetic disease that affects the respiratory and digestive systems, leading to life-threatening complications; and

WHEREAS, cystic fibrosis is a chronic and progressive condition that impacts the lives of thousands of individuals and families worldwide, requiring lifelong medical care, treatments, and support; and

WHEREAS, the City of Florence recognizes the importance of raising awareness about cystic fibrosis to promote understanding, compassion, and support for individuals living with cystic fibrosis and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, May is nationally recognized as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month, providing an opportunity for communities to come together to increase awareness, raise funds for research, and support individuals and families affected by cystic fibrosis.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Florence, hereby proclaims May 2024 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month in the City of Florence and encourages all residents to join in raising awareness about cystic fibrosis and supporting efforts to improve the lives of those affected by this disease.

RESOLVED THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL 2024.

Approved as to form:	
BENJAMIN T. ZEIGLER CITY ATTORNEY	TERESA MYERS ERVIN MAYOR
ATTEST:	
CASEY C. MOORE MUNICIPAL CLERK	

VIII. g. Resolution No. 2024-18

DATE:

April 8, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:

City Council

Sponsored by Mayor Teresa Myers Ervin

and Councilman Chaquez McCall

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

A Resolution honoring The Leaf Lounge for contributions to the efforts to revitalize downtown Florence.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- 1. The investment by The Leaf Lounge in Florence is playing a role in the continued development of Florence's Downtown Business District.
- Upon recommendation from the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce, Florence City Council recognizes businesses that have made contributions to the development of downtown.

III. ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Resolution

(STATE	OF	SOUTH	CAROLINA)
()
(CITY		OF	FLORENCE)

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LEAF LOUNGE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EFFORTS TO REVITALIZE DOWNTOWN FLORENCE

- WHEREAS, the owners of The Leaf Lounge have established a unique dining establishment in Downtown Florence and are small business owners who partner with several local civic organizations; and
- WHEREAS, the investment by The Leaf Lounge is welcomed and is playing a role in the continued development of Florence's Downtown Business District, and
- WHEREAS, the owners are contributors to the community's growth through their diverse and inclusive atmosphere, unique themed establishment, and exemplary customer service; and
- **WHEREAS,** the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce has requested that the City recognize the business efforts of The Leaf Lounge and its contributions to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, upon the petition of the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce and in recognition of The Leaf Lounge's contributions to the continued efforts to revitalize downtown Florence, the City Council of the City of Florence hereby declares the months of April through June, the Leaf Lounge Quarter.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED, this 8th day of April, 2024.

TERESA MYERS ERVIN, MAYOR	GEORGE D. JEBAILY, MAYOR PRO TEM				
LASHONDA NESMITH-JACKSON, DISTRICT I	J. LAWRENCE SMITH, II., DISTRICT 2				
BRYAN A. BRADDOCK, DISTRICT 3	ATTEST:				
LETHONIA BARNES, AT-LARGE	CASEY C. MOORE, MUNICIPAL CLERK				
CHAQUEZ T. MCCALL, AT-LARGE	APPROVED AS TO FORM:				
	BENJAMIN T. ZEIGLER CITY ATTORNEY				

IX. a.
Appointments to
Boards and Commissions

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE:

April 8, 2024

AGENDA ITEM:

Report to Council

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:

City Council

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Council will consider nominations for City Boards and/or Commissions.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

1. There is one (1) Board or Commission that has either a vacancy and/or expired term.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- 1. Each member of a City of Florence Board or Commission shall be either a resident of the city, a representative of a business or other organization located or operating within the city, or a non-resident having professional qualifications which are required for a position, and, in the council's opinion, there are no acceptable and qualified residents to fill the vacancy.
- 2. Members of the boards and commissions shall be appointed in consideration of their professional expertise, knowledge of the community, and concern for the future welfare of the total community and its citizens.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Spreadsheet of Council Nominations to Boards and Commissions.
- 2. Nomination Packet.

SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - APRIL 2024									
	District 1	District 2	District 3	At-Large 1	At-Large 2	At-Large-3	Mayor		
	Jackson	Smith	Braddock	Jebaily	Barnes	McCall	Ervin		
PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION				Х					

PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

I. NOMINATIONS:

There is one (1) vacancy* on the Parks and Beautification Commission.

*Nikki Player has resigned from her position on the Parks and Beautification Commission. The unexpired term of Ms. Player will expire on June 30, 2024.

II. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

All commission members are required to be residents of the city.

III. COUNCILMEMBER(S) TO MAKE NOMINATION:

• Pro tem Jebaily

IV. NEW APPLICANT(S):

- Christopher Filyaw
- Paula Lintz
- John McLeod

V. ATTACHMENTS:

- Letter of resignation
- Applications received

Casey Moore

From:

Casey Moore

Sent:

Monday, March 25, 2024 2:39 PM

To:

Casey Moore

Subject:

FW: Resignation Nikki

---- Forwarded Message ----

From: "Nikki Player" < nikkiplayer37@gmail.com >

To: "Walter Sallenger" < www.sall@aol.com >, "Thomasina Foster" < tefoster72@aol.com >, "Sanovia Arceneaux"

<sanovia31@yahoo.com>, "Barry WINGARD" < Bfwingardjr@aol.com>,

"josiellia_williams@commbroadcasters.com" <josiellia_williams@commbroadcasters.com>

Cc:

Sent: Fri, Dec 29, 2023 at 5:06 PM

Subject: Resignation

Walter

I will be resign from the Park and Beautification committe.

I asked Sanovia to chair Arbor Day. To my understanding she accept.

Josiellia will be an awesome person to chair Program Delvelopment committe.

May God continue to bless the work the committee does for the community.

Nikki

Dr. Nikki Player

City of Florence Boards and Commissions Application

Form Status Notes:

Board or Commission for which you are applying: **Council District County** Parks and Beautification Commission District 1 Florence

Your Name **Email Address** John McLeod Jomcl3@morgan.edu

Residential Address **Mailing Address**

873 Congaree Dr., Florence, South Carolina 29501 873 Congaree Dr., Florence, South Carolina 29501

Business Phone Cell Phone Your Occupation - Title Retired Environmentalist (443) 690-2608

Employer Name Employer Address City State

South Carolina

General Qualifications

Are you a resident of the City? If so, how Long?

Yes

Why would you like to serve?

I have been a member of the City of Florence for 18 months. I utilize parks and facilities regularly including the Pearl Moore Basketball Center and Timrod Park. I would like to be included in the decision process to make facilities better.

Do you presently serve on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/ If so, please list:

County/ State?

No

Have you formerly served on any Commissions/ Boards of the

City/ County/ State?

Yes

If so, please list: I served on the Combined Charity Campaign for the Mayor of

Baltimore City.

Are you currently in a position of responsibility with an organization or board Yes/No that has received or is seeking funding from the City of Florence?

If so, list the position and date:

Are you involved in any Community If so, pleae list:

Activities? I am a member of the Florence Pickleball Club and I regularly Yes meet and play tennis at the Florence Tennis Center.

What are your goals and objectives if appointed to the Commission/Board?

Parks and recreational activities should be enjoyed by almost everyone. I would like more people to come and use the facilities especially our younger generation.

City of Florence Boards and Commissions Application

Form Status Notes:

Board or Commission for which you are applying: Council District County
Parks and Beautification Commission District 1 Florence

Your Name
Paula Joan Lintz

Email Address
Lintzpj@gmail.com

Residential Address Mailing Address

1129 Took Place, Florence, South Carolina 29505 1129 Took Place, Florence, South Carolina 29505

Your Occupation - Title Business Phone Cell Phone
Retired (614) 207-9708

Employer Name Employer Address City State

South Carolina

General Qualifications

Are you a resident of the City? If so, how Long?

Yes 1

Why would you like to serve?

Parks and our trail system are an important part of what attracts new people and retirees to live in Florence. I would like very much to be a part of this process.

Do you presently serve on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/ If so, please list: County/ State?

No

Have you formerly served on any Commissions/ Boards of the If so, please list: City/ County/ State?

No

Are you currently in a position of responsibility with an organization or board that has <u>received</u> or is <u>seeking</u> funding from the City of Florence?

If so, list the position and date:

Are you involved in any Community If so, pleae list:

Activities?

No

What are your goals and objectives if appointed to the Commission/Board?

Selfishly, I want to increase the paved rail trail system. Our running community is huge. We need to give them their space like we have the baseball, soccer and tennis communities. And paved walking/running paths are a great draw for all people.

I also want to work and learn more about our parks. This seems like a great opportunity.

City of Florence Boards and Commissions Application

Form Status Notes:

Board or Commission for which you are applying: Council District County

Parks and Beautification Commission District 1 Florence

Your Name Email Address

Christopher Filyaw chrisrf1973@gmail.com

Residential Address Mailing Address

1840 E Sandhurst Dr, Florence, South Carolina
29505

1840 E Sandhurst Dr, Florence, South Carolina
29505

 Your Occupation - Title
 Business Phone
 Cell Phone

 (843) 601-4003
 (843) 601-4003

Employer Name Employer Address City State

1840 E Sandhurst Dr Florence South Carolina

General Qualifications

Are you a resident of the City? If so, how Long?

Yes 47

Why would you like to serve?

I would like to serve to make the Florence SC community a better place for future generations. I want to put my education to work, and gain experience.

Do you presently serve on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/ If so, please list:

County/ State?

No

Have you formerly served on any Commissions/ Boards of the If so, please list:

City/ County/ State?

No

Are you currently in a position of responsibility with an organization or board Yes/No

that has <u>received</u> or is <u>seeking</u> funding from the City of Florence?

If so, list the position and date:

Are you involved in any Community If so, pleae list:

Activities?

No

What are your goals and objectives if appointed to the Commission/Board?

If appointed, I will urge the city to "green the downtown area" I would like to submit the evidence-based research that shows that roof gardens, (green roofs) are healthy for the environment, and the people, and help to protect and restore pollinators that would otherwise become extinct (Example- honey bees.) I would

also be interested in other areas of improvement with my science education and experience. I hold a BSc in Environmental Science. Focus: Conservation of Natural Resouces. I also have a very good understanding of physics and also social psychology, guide people to move in a certain direction.) I have ideas for the area that would greatly improve the livability and enjoyment of residents and visitors alike.

I certify that the information above is true and correct.

Todays Date 5/11/2023

Information on this form will be considered public.

Sergar

Todays Date 5/11/2023