

# SPECIAL MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023 – 4:00PM 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. Randall S. Osterman, City Manager; Mr. Scotty Davis, Deputy City Manager; Mrs. Casey C. Moore, Municipal Clerk; Mr. Benjamin T. Zeigler, City Attorney; and Mrs. Amanda Pope, Director of Marketing, Communications and Municipal Services

## **MEDIA PRESENT**

Mr. Seth Taylor with the Post and Courier was 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 27, 2023 special meeting of Florence City Council to order at 4:00 p.m.

#### INVOCATION

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

# SELECTION OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN THE PFAS LITIGATION

Mayor Ervin said Council will be entering into Executive Session in order to receive legal advice on this item. Without objection, this item will be discussed in Executive Session.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to enter Executive Session in order to receive legal advice and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Council entered into Executive Session at 4:01 p.m.

Council returned to open session at 4:30 p.m. and took action on the following item:

# SELECTION OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN THE PFAS LITIGATION



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Councilman Braddock made a motion to select the collaboration of John B. White Jr. P.A. and Cory Watson P.C. and the Law Office of Wallace Jordan, Whetstone Perkins and Fulda to represent the City in PFAS litigation subject to negotiations by the City Manager and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

# **ADJOURN**

Without objection, the November 27, 2023 special meeting of City Council was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Tulsa Myers Erym, Mayor

Dated this 11th day of December 2023.

Casey C. Moore, Municipal Clerk

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