



**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE FINANCE, AUDIT & BUDGET COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026 - 4:00 PM  
CITY CENTER - PECAN ROOM  
324 WEST EVANS STREET  
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 25, 2026

**III. BUDGET AMENDMENT**

a. Historic Carolina Theatre Renovation Project

**IV. COMMUNITY PROGRAMS DISCUSSION**

**V. BUDGET OVERVIEW DISCUSSION**

**VI. DISCUSSION RELATED TO INTERSTATE AND STREET LIGHTS**

**VII. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT (INFORMATION ONLY)**

**VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL NEEDS AND  
CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE CITY OF FLORENCE**

*(Action to make a recommendation to City Council may take place during the  
Finance, Budget, and Audit Committee Meeting)*

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

a. For discussion on a contractual matter [30-4-70(a)(2)]

**X. ADJOURN**



**MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL  
FINANCE, AUDIT, AND BUDGET COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> – 4:00PM  
CITY CENTER – PECAN ROOM (4<sup>TH</sup> Floor)  
324 WEST EVANS STREET  
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Members Present:**

Chairman Chaquez McCall, Councilman J. Lawrence Smith II via phone, and Councilman Bryan Braddock

**Staff Present:**

Scotty Davis, Glenn Bodenheimer, and Erin Witherspoon

**Media Present:**

Deirdre Weaver-Currin with the Post and Courier was present at this meeting.

**Call to Order:**

Chairman McCall called the March 25, 2026, meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Chairman McCall stated that unless there were any objections, he would declare the minutes of the February 5 and February 25, 2026, meeting approved as included in the agenda packet. There being no objection, the minutes were approved.

**Matters Discussed:**

Glenn Bodenheimer spoke to the committee about an ordinance realigning the business license declining rate schedule. The ordinance is to align our declining rates with our peer cities across the state as well as the Municipal Association while still remaining small business friendly.

Glenn answered questions and received feedback from the committee regarding this ordinance. With no objections, there was a motion to recommend this ordinance to be presented to Council.

Glenn advised the budget amendment ordinance to consist of two line items that needed amending for the General Fund budget for FY 2025-2026. The funds would be appropriate for the installation of above ground fuel tanks on E. Marion Street and for the first payment to

support the construction of an Aquatics Center in the City of Florence. The committee made a motion to recommend to Council the reallocation of budget funds with no objections.

Glenn presented the Opioid Response Commission Ordinance to the committee. This ordinance was to establish an Opioid Response Commission to review applications and make recommendations regarding the distribution of South Carolina opioid settlement funding in a manner consistent with the City's Opioid Settlement Community Action Plan. The committee proposed amending the ordinance to recommend members to the committee, but have the full Council approve those recommendations. The committee made a motion to recommend the Opioid Response Commission Ordinance to Council. With no objection, the motion was approved.

In general discussion, Scotty Davis advised the committee that Glenn Bodenheimer has been formally promoted to the position of Finance Director for the City of Florence.

The committee had no questions about the February 2026 monthly financial reports.

There being no further discussion, Chairman McCall declared the meeting adjourned at 4:34 PM.

**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE:** May 11, 2026  
**AGENDA ITEM:** An ordinance amending the FY 2025-26 budget  
**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Finance

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION**

For City Council consideration is an ordinance to amend the FY 2025-26 City of Florence Budget.

**II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN**

This proposed ordinance was presented to the Finance Committee on May 6, 2026 and recommended for approval.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER**

1. The proposed budget amendment reflects appropriation of State-allocated funds designated for a specific capital project:
  - a. The State of South Carolina, through General Appropriations Act (Section 118 – Department of Archives & History), included a \$2,000,000 earmark for the City of Florence for the Historic Carolina Theatre renovation project.
  - b. These funds are administered through the South Carolina Department of Archives & History and are restricted to eligible project costs associated with the preservation, rehabilitation and construction related improvements of the Carolina Theatre.
  - c. The Carolina Theatre is a historically significant cultural asset in downtown Florence, and the renovation is part of the City’s broader plans to improve economic development, tourism and cultural programming within the downtown district.
  - d. Funds will be utilized in accordance with all applicable State guidelines, procurement requirements and reporting obligations tied to the earmarked appropriations.

**IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Approve and adopt the proposed ordinance.

**V. ATTACHMENTS**

A copy of the proposed ordinance is attached.

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Glenn Bodenheimer  
Finance Director

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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, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Florence, South Carolina, in a meeting duly assembled, that the budget for the City of Florence, South Carolina, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, is hereby amended as follows:

**Section 1.** That the budgeted revenues of the General Fund are hereby amended by the following additional appropriations:

100120-790000            The City of Florence has received State appropriated funding from the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in the amount of \$2,000,000 to assist in construction and renovation costs related to the Historic Carolina Theatre renovation project.

**Section 2.** That the budgeted expenditures of the General Fund are hereby amended by the following additional appropriations:

10049300-850010        Miscellaneous Grant Expenditures (Non-Departmental) is funded in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the costs related to the construction renovation project of the Carolina Theatre.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its approval and adoption of City Council of the City of Florence.

**ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.**

**Approved as to form:**

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**City Attorney**

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**Lethonia Barnes**  
**Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Casey C. Moore**  
**Municipal Clerk**