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## COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY

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**MINUTES  
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL  
DORCHESTER COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE  
JANUARY 4, 2016  
7:00 P.M.**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, a notice was posted on the bulletin board 24 hours before the meeting, and the following media outlets were notified: The Eagle-Record, The Summerville Journal Scene, The Post and Courier, WCBD Channel 2, WCIV Channel 4 and WCSC Channel 5.

PRESENT: Mr. C. David Chinnis, Chairman  
Mr. George H. Bailey, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Jay Byars  
Mr. Willie R. Davis  
Mrs. Carroll S. Duncan  
Mr. Larry S. Hargett  
Mr. William R. Hearn, Jr.  
Mr. Jason L. Ward, County Administrator  
Mr. Charlie Potts, Deputy Administrator  
Mr. John Frampton, County Attorney  
Ms. Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to Council

Chairman Chinnis called to order the meeting of Dorchester County Council. He invited all to stand for the invocation, given by Councilman Byars, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **CHAIRMAN'S TIME**

#### **REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:**

- Mr. Tom Beauchemin, 328 Chessington Circle, Briarwood Subdivision, Summerville, asked County Council to support the revival of a public nuisance properties bill on the books in the State House that failed in 2013. He displayed pictures of neglected residential property in Dorchester County. Passage of the bill would give to counties similar opportunities for codes enforcement already afforded to municipalities.

- Mr. Greg Chesher, 203 Mohican Circle, Summerville, stated concerns and requested information about the transition plan for residents of Old Fort Fire District receiving service from Dorchester County Fire-Rescue, beginning in January 2017. Councilman Hearn stated that conversations regarding this issue date back to August 2014.
- Mr. Andrew Nyser, 5300 Petron Place, Summerville, stated concerns and requested information about the transition plan for residents and employees of Old Fort Fire District receiving service from Dorchester County Fire-Rescue, beginning in January 2017.
- Ms. Susan Peele, 1039 Whitlow Blvd, Myers Mill subdivision, Summerville, stated concerns and requested information about the transition plan for residents and employees of Old Fort Fire District receiving service from Dorchester County Fire-Rescue, beginning in January 2017.
- Mrs. Peggy Bangle, 114 Ravenwood Court, Summerville, spoke about state revenues increasing through Amazon taxes and her request for the Local Government Fund to be fully funded by the state legislature. She spoke about the impact of new neighborhoods on local schools and whether we are collecting the proper fees and taxes to fund the growth.

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted unanimously to adopt the minutes from the December 7, 2015, County Council Meeting.

#### **DORCHESTER COUNTY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

County Council recognized Mr. Kevin Fralix, Upper Waste Water Treatment Plant Manager, as the 2015 Employee of the Year for Dorchester County Government. Mr. Fralix has been a county employee since August 5, 1999. His recent accomplishments include: converting the old pump house into an office building with minimal revenue and assistance, painting structures to be uniform in color and neat in appearance and investigating and mitigating irregularities of incoming flow. Having served as Waste Water Operator, Operator B, Chief Operator and Operator A before becoming Plant Manager, Mr. Fralix has demonstrated his passion and knowledge of the field. As Employee of the Year, he received a gift card, proclamation, pin and one day off with pay.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Mr. Ward said staff forwarded correspondence to Council upon receipt.

#### **GUEST: MRS. TAMMIE SULLIVAN, DORCHESTER COUNTY CONTROLLER**

Mrs. Sullivan presented the November 2015 budget report to County Council.

#### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD**

##### **COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

2. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve adding a Dorchester County Human Resources Generalist II to the Compensation Committee.

##### **HAZARDOUS-DUTY PAY**

3. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve rewarding hazardous-duty pay to select employees who served in life-threatening conditions during the October 2015 rain storm and flood event.

This will provide compensation for 78 employees totaling \$26,527.01. The source of funding will be salary savings because of year-to-date vacancies.

Council members shared anecdotes about employees on the job during the October flood event and offered thanks.

**CARRYOVER REQUEST: RADIOS FOR P25 COMPLIANCE**

4. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted unanimously to approve appropriating \$44,199 in the Capital Fund for the purchase of radios approved for P25 Compliance.

**REORGANIZATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

5. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Byars, Council voted unanimously to approve reorganizing the Public Works Department into three functional areas: Solid Waste, Engineering and Operations.

**TRANSFER REQUEST**

6. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted unanimously to transfer savings from Regular Wages to Training and Travel in the Finance Department.

This transfer will provide funding for the Controller to attend the Government Finance Officers Association Conference.

**BUILDING SERVICES JOB OVERLAP FOR TRAINING PURPOSES**

7. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted unanimously to authorize a two-week overlap in jobs for a retiring permit clerk and a new administrative assistant in Building Services for training purposes.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** There were no appointments.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CHAIRWOMAN DUNCAN – PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Chairwoman Duncan reported that the Committee met at 6 p.m. to hold public hearings and consider three rezoning requests. She said the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Council approval of all three requests.

Because both Rezoning Requests #712 and #713 were from the same applicant for land on the same lane, Council opted to vote on these two requests together.

8. Council voted unanimously to give 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Rezoning Request #712 for Jessie Spell to rezone 1.46 acres at 164 Pine Land Lane from Multi-Family Residential District (R4) to Residential Manufactured Housing District (R1-M) and Rezoning Request #713 for Jessie Spell to rezone 1 acre at 165 Pine Land Lane from Multi-Family Residential District (R4) to Residential Manufactured Housing District (R1-M).
9. Council voted unanimously to give 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Rezoning Request #714 for Linda K. Stone to rezone 3.6 acres adjacent to 106 Monarch Drive from Multi-Family Residential (R-4) to Transitional Residential District (TRM), TMS #143-08-04-016.

**CHAIRMAN CHINNIS – WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE**

Chairman Chinnis passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Bailey.

Chairman Chinnis said the Committee met at 6:45 p.m. this evening to consider three sewer requests and one additional item. He reported the Committee voted to recommend Council approval of all four items.

10. Council voted unanimously to approve the following three requests for new sewer service:
  - Request for new sewer service by Janet Jenkins for 285 Orangeburg Road near the Town of Summerville, TMS #152-03-02-002
  - Request for new sewer service by H&H Constructors, Inc., for 106 Lingos Drive in the Pine Hill Acres Subdivision near the Town of Summerville, TMS #122-13-01-002

- Request for new sewer service by H&H Constructors, Inc., for 100 Chiles Drive in the Pine Hill Acres Subdivision near the Town of Summerville, TMS #122-13-01-006
11. Council voted unanimously to approve the use of up to \$200,000 of sewer impact fee funds to upgrade Pump Station Nine at 4901 Wescott Boulevard.

Vice Chairman Bailey returned the gavel to Chairman Chinnis.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON**

**RESOLUTION #16-01**

- On the motion of Councilman Hargett, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #16-01, A Resolution to Amend the Amended and Restated Agreement for Development of a Joint County Industrial Park Executed on May 17, 2010, by and among Dorchester County, South Carolina, and Orangeburg County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Operated Industrial/Business Park so as to Include Property of the Okonite Company Inc.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The County Attorney requested Council's consideration to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Contractual Matters
    - Request for Approval of the Appraisal of 12-Inch Water Line by a Member Appraisal Institute (MAI) Appraiser and Discussion of a Potential Contractual Agreement between Dorchester County and Dorchester County Water Authority
    - Letter of Intent from Crosland Southeast Regarding 500 North Main Street, Summerville
12. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at approximately 7:43 p.m. to discuss the previously stated matters.

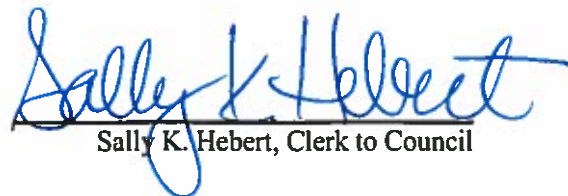
**RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 8:43 p.m., Mr. Frampton reported that Council discussed the previously announced items, but no action was taken.

13. On the motion of Councilman Hargett, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted unanimously to move that County Council reject the offer of Crosland Southeast regarding 500 N. Main Street, Summerville.

**ADJOURNMENT**

14. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 8:43 p.m.

  
Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to Council