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**MINUTES
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
DORCHESTER COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE
FEBRUARY 1, 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 Bailey, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHAIRMAN'S TIME

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

- Mr. Linda Haynes Whetsell, 108 Atlantic Street, Summerville, asked Council for an improved process for reassessments, including the notification of homeowners of the time of assessment and an opportunity to speak with the assessor during the assessment. She asked that loud noises, dust and chemical smells from nearby industry be factored into her reassessment value.

- Mr. Tim Sweet, 204 Pete Ewers Drive, Summerville, asked council for assistance in getting the water meter moved closer to his house. He also asked council for assistance in getting the sewer line moved 10 feet across the street to avoid trucks hitting and breaking the pipe.
- Tom Beauchemin, 328 Chessington Circle, Briarwood Subdivision, Summerville, stated concerns about a property in the neighborhood being in disarray in excess of six years. He asked County Council to enforce cleanup.
- Peggy Bangle, 114 Ravenwood Court, Summerville, spoke about absentee voting, recycling, advanced installment program for paying taxes to Dorchester County, roads, unintended consequences and the Local Government Fund.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted unanimously to adopt the minutes from the January 19, 2016, County Council Meeting.

CHECK PRESENTATION TO DORCHESTER COUNTY EMS

Ms. Kelly Hazel and organizers of the Sweet Tea Half Marathon presented Mr. Doug Warren, Dorchester County EMS Director, and County Council with a \$10,000 check, which will be used to purchase training equipment, including a high-fidelity training manikin.

CORRESPONDENCE: Staff sent items of correspondence to County Council upon receipt.

GUEST: MRS PHYLLIS HUGHES, DORCHESTER COUNTY ARCHIVES & HISTORY CENTER

Mrs. Hughes introduced Board members in attendance, including Mr. Bill Blakely, Ms. Mildred Heatley, Mr. Robby Robbins and Mr. Rudd Smith. She announced the award of the traveling Smithsonian Exhibit titled, "The Way We Worked," which will be on display in St. George from January 28 through March 12, 2017.

2. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to approve Dorchester County to serve as a Fiscal Agent for the Dorchester County Archives and History Center for grants.

Chairman Chinnis referred the request for additional space to Council's Planning Development and Building Committee for review.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

REZONING REQUEST #716

3. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted unanimously to give 3rd Reading and final approval of Rezoning Request #716 for Anchor Consulting Engineers, LLC, to rezone 74.99 acres at 1005 Beech Hill Road from Mixed-Use Commercial (MUC) to Single Family Residential District (R-2), TMS #159-00-00-007, #159-00-00-017, #159-00-00-018, #159-00-00-019.

TEMPORARY STAFF: SUMMERVILLE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

4. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to hire a temporary Administrative Clerk to provide coverage in the Summerville Office and handle the volume of walk-up customers.

ALLOCATION OF 2010 BOND PROCEEDS: ROSEBROCK PARK

5. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted unanimously to approve the allocation of up to \$25,000 in 2010 bond proceeds as the required local match for a recreational trails program grant request for Rosebrock Park trailhead improvements, as recommended by the Dorchester County Parks and Recreation Director and the Dorchester County Parks and Recreation Commission.

ALLOCATION OF 2010 BOND PROCEEDS: ASHLEY RIVER PARK

6. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted unanimously to approve the allocation of up to \$250,000 in 2010 bond proceeds for planning and design of the Ashley River Park and for Ashley River access at Bacons Bridge Road and Swan Drive, as recommended by the Dorchester County Parks and Recreation Director and the Dorchester County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Councilman Hargett asked for the balance amount of bond proceeds after these new obligations. Mr. Ward said the balance would be \$965,000.

REZONING REQUEST #718

7. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted unanimously to approve 1st Reading and referral to the Planning, Development and Building Committee of Rezoning Request #718 for Penny McNeil to rezone 14.58 acres between 196 and 214 Clark Lane from Multi-Family Residential District (R-4) to Transitional Residential District (TRM), TMS #143-00-00-004 and TMS #143-00-00-107.

REZONING REQUEST #719

8. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Byars, Council voted unanimously to approve 1st Reading and referral to the Planning, Development and Building Committee of Rezoning Request #719 for John and Charlotte Phelan to rezone 1.65 acres at 1511 West 5th North Street near Summerville from Multi-Family Residential District (R-4) to Commercial/Light Industrial District-2 (CLI-2), TMS #129-12-04-013.

COMMITTEE REPORT

CHAIRMAN CHINNIS – AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chairman Chinnis reported that the Committee met at 6:30 p.m. and received, for information only, the audit report from Elliott Davis Decosimo for fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. No action was taken.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

9. On the motion of Councilman Byars, seconded by Councilman Bailey, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. Robert McKinnon, Mr. Howard Bridgman and Dr. William “Mac” Baughman and to newly appoint Mr. Josh Raglin, Mr. Bart Sabine and Mr. Derrick Phinney to serve four-year terms on the Dorchester County Conservation Commission from the date of appointment.

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Contractual Matters
 - HG Reynolds Detention Center Contract
 - Easement Request from Palmetto Rural Telephone Co-op for a Fiber Optic Distribution Cabinet at the Current Detention Center Site
 - Amendments, Additions and Extension of the Current Lease with Summerville Soccer Club
 - Economic Development Fund Request, Harbor Entrepreneur Center in Dorchester County
 - Sonoco Contract and Recycling

10. On the motion of Councilwoman Duncan, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at approximately 7:49 p.m. to discuss the previously stated matter.

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

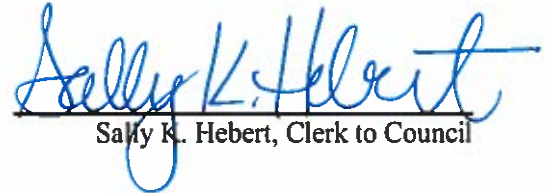
At approximately 8:53 p.m., Mr. Frampton reported that Council discussed the previously announced items, but no action was taken.

11. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted unanimously to authorize the County Administrator to execute the easement requested by Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative on the existing detention facility property.
12. On the motion of Councilman Byars, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to authorize the County Administrator to execute the amendment, modification and extension to the land usage agreement with the Summerville Soccer Club.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Davis thanked everyone for supporting the 16th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., parade held Sunday, January 17, in St. George.

13. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 8:54 p.m.


Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to Council