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**MINUTES
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
KENNETH F. WAGGONER SERVICES CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ST. GEORGE
FEBRUARY 16, 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. 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
ABSENT: Mr. C. David Chinnis, Chairman

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

CHAIRMAN'S TIME

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: There were no requests.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to adopt the minutes from the February 1, 2016, County Council Meeting.

DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD

County Council recognized Mrs. Jessica Shuler, Dorchester County Budget Officer, and Mr. Ward, County Administrator, for efforts resulting in the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015. The budget award is from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. For the 10th year in a row, Dorchester County has received this award, known as the highest recognition for governmental budgeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Ward said Dorchester County received news from the Army Corps of Engineers that we did not receive funding in their work plan for the current year; however, that is something we are not giving up on. We are working with our Congressional delegation to see if we can get our modification approved. We continue to remain hopeful in that regard, said Mr. Ward.

GUEST: MRS TAMMIE SULLIVAN, DORCHESTER COUNTY CONTROLLER

Mrs. Sullivan presented the January 2016 budget report. She answered questions from Council.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

2. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to approve a Communications Policy, giving authority to the Communications Support Division of the Emergency Management Department to oversee all county radio purchases, replacements, programming and repairs.

ONE-TIME AWARD

3. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted unanimously to approve a one-time award to the Controller, Deputy Controller and Budget Officer for performing additional duties related to the budget and audit in the absence of a Deputy Administrator/CFO.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRWOMAN DUNCAN – PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & BUILDING COMMITTEE

Chairwoman Duncan reported that the Committee met at 6:15 p.m. to discuss requests by the Dorchester County Archives and History Center for more space and an extended lease.

4. On the recommendation of the Committee, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to approve additional space through March 30, 2017, for the display of the travelling Smithsonian exhibit, “The Way We Worked” and to deny the request for a lease extension.

VICE CHAIRMAN BAILEY – WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Vice Chairman Bailey passed the gavel to Councilman Hearn (Immediate Past Chairman) before giving his Committee report.

Vice Chairman Bailey reported that the Committee met at 6:45 p.m. and held a public hearing regarding an ordinance that would allow staff approval for water and sewer requests of 10 Equivalent Residential Units (ERU) or less.

5. On the recommendation of the Committee, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to approve 2nd Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances, Dorchester County, South Carolina, to Amend Chapter 2, Article I, Sec. 2-104 (a) (6) to Add a New Subsection (d)., to Amend Chapter 44, Article 1, Sec. 44-76 (1) (d) to Add a New Subsection 2., and to Amend Chapter 44, Article 1, Sec. 44-186 (1)(b) to Add an Additional Sentence so as to Authorize the Water and Sewer Department to Approve New Water and Sewer Service in Certain Situations.

Councilman Hearn passed the gavel back to Vice Chairman Bailey.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

6. On the motion of Councilman Hargett, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to recommend Mrs. Maureen Phlegar for appointment by the Governor to the Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center Board of Directors.

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
 - Harbor Entrepreneur Center
 - Sonoco Contract and Recycling
 - Water System Appraisal
 - Personnel Matter – Polygraph Operator
7. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to enter into Executive Session at approximately 7:27 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.

8. On the motion of Councilwoman Duncan, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to authorize a wage increase of five percent for the current polygraph examiner in the Sheriff's office effective for the next payroll period.
9. On the motion of Councilman Byars, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to proceed with the appraisal of a portion of the water infrastructure financed with the EDA.

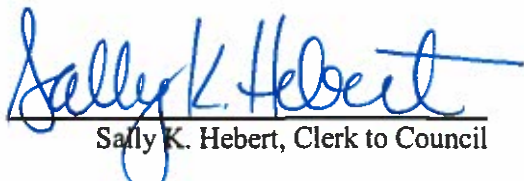
Councilman Bailey made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hargett, to pay to the City of North Charleston a sum of \$10,000 to be used to continue recycling for the residents that reside in North Charleston and Dorchester County for one year. The sum is to be paid from the Solid Waste Fund.

10. On the motion of Councilman Byars, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted five in favor, with one opposed, to table the motion above. Councilman Hargett opposed the motion.

Councilman Byars asked that this item be included in the upcoming budget discussion for consideration regarding solid waste.

ADJOURNMENT

11. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to adjourn at approximately 8:55 p.m.


Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to Council