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**MINUTES  
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL  
DORCHESTER COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE  
APRIL 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 Hargett, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **CHAIRMAN'S TIME**

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

- Ms. Peggy Bangle, 114 Ravenwood Court, Summerville, stated concerns about the Local Government Fund and called it double taxation by the General Assembly. She also stated concerns about upcoming changes regarding countywide fire and recycling. She spoke against additional millage for parks and recreation funding, noting that some new neighborhoods have planned parks.

- Dr. Ed West, 710 W. Richardson, Summerville, spoke on behalf of the Summerville Dorchester Museum, giving an update on operations and programming. He requested \$5,000 in funding from Dorchester County Council.
- Ms. Sandy Senn, 3 Wesley Drive, Charleston, introduced herself as a West Ashley-based attorney running for Senate District 41, a seat currently held by Senator Paul Thurmond, who is stepping down. She said the district includes a portion of Dorchester County. She said she has spent the past three days campaigning in Dorchester County on a platform that addresses traffic and education. She said she is a strong supporter of law enforcement, fire fighters and EMTs. She encouraged everyone to vote in the June 14 primary.

### **MINUTES**

1. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted unanimously to adopt the minutes from the March 21, 2016, County Council Meeting.

### **PROCLAMATION #16-01, PROCLAIMING APRIL 2016 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

2. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted unanimously to adopt Proclamation #16-01, Proclaiming April 2016 Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Dr. Kay Phillips, Executive Director of the Dorchester Children's Center, received the proclamation on behalf of the Children's Center. She thanked Council and the citizens of Dorchester County for being so proactive. Every child deserves a happy childhood, said Dr. Phillips, but not every child gets it. In this county, they are able to receive the services they need, she said.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Chairman Chinnis read a letter from Senator Sean Bennett to Mr. Vincent Graham, Chairman of the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank, asking the SCTIB to reconsider the decision not to include Delemar Highway funding on the agenda of the next board meeting. Chairman Chinnis said a letter from Councilman Byars and a petition, requesting additional funding for Delemar Highway, also went to Chairman Graham.

### **GUEST: MRS. DEBORAH BLALOCK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHARLESTON DORCHESTER MENTAL HEALTH CENTER**

Mrs. Blalock started by recognizing Mr. Wilson Inabinet, a board member appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of County Council to represent Dorchester County. She also recognized Mr. Brian Musolf, director of the Mental Health Center's Dorchester County Clinic. She then praised Dr. Phillips, calling her a fabulous partner who runs one of the best child advocacy centers in the state.

Mrs. Blalock requested financial support from Dorchester County Council in the amount of \$10,000 annually to reopen a Crisis Stabilization Unit. The 15-bed unit would serve people in the tri-county area who currently are treated through the emergency room, but do not require an emergency room visit or a hospital stay, yet are too sick to go home. It would be co-located with the Charleston Center, a substance abuse center.

She said this unit previously operated for 10 years until a change in DHEC regulations forced its closure in 2009. In July 2015, DHEC agreed to issue a waiver, allowing for the reopening of the unit, which would have an annual budget of \$1.2 million. MUSC, Roper and Trident have all pledged monies for annual operating expenses. Charleston County will provide in-kind services valued at \$217,000. And Berkeley County will provide \$20,000 annually, said Mrs. Blalock.

During the course of a year, the Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center serves approximately 10,000 people with 25 percent from Dorchester County.

### **GUEST: MR. ERIC DAVIS, DORCHESTER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR**

Mr. Davis gave an update regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and presented recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Commission, including proposals to fund a parks system. He then answered questions from County Council.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S TIME – MR. JASON WARD**

**REZONING REQUEST #718**

3. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted unanimously to give 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading and final approval 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**

4. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to give 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading and final approval 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.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

5. On the motion of Councilwoman Duncan, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted unanimously to give 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, by title only, and refer to the Planning Commission and the Planning Development and Building Committee for recommendations back to County Council an ordinance to amend Sections 19.3, 18.2.1, 18.2.2, and 18.2.3 of the Dorchester County Zoning and Land Development Standards Ordinance, Ordinance Number 04-13, as previously amended.

Mr. Ward said the purpose of this amendment is to modernize submittal and documentation requirements for Final Plats, so as to improve and accelerate the agency review process.

**SLIPLINING OF STORMWATER PIPES**

6. On the motion of Councilman Hargett, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted unanimously to authorize the expenditure of \$160,000 from the Stormwater Fund Balance to be used for completing six stormwater projects.

**PART-TIME DISPATCHER POSITION**

7. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to approve a temporary part-time dispatcher position, as requested by Sheriff Knight.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Chairwoman Duncan reported that the Committee met at 6 p.m. to hold a public hearing on Rezoning Request #720 and recommend 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

8. On the recommendation of the Committee, Council voted unanimously to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading for Rezoning Request #720 for Locklair Consulting to rezone 118.55 acres at SC Hwy 27 in Ridgeville from Absence of Control (AC) to Industrial (I) and General Commercial (CG), TMS #087-00-00-050.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

9. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to recommend to the Governor the reappointment of Mr. Jack Harrison to the Trident Technical College Area Commission, representing Dorchester County.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- Contractual Matters
  - School Resource Officer Agreements
  - Water Line from Summers Road to Pine Hill Commerce Park

10. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at approximately 8 p.m. to discuss the previously stated matters.

**RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 9:04 p.m., Mr. Frampton reported that Council discussed the previously announced items, but no action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

11. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 9:04 p.m.

  
Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to Council