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**MINUTES
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
KENNETH F. WAGGONER SERVICES CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ST. GEORGE
APRIL 18, 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: There were no requests to address Council.

MINUTES

1. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to adopt the minutes from the April 4, 2016, County Council Meeting.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION #16-03, CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MRS. ESSIE JOHNSON

Chairman Chinnis invited family and friends of Mrs. Essie Johnson to come forward as he read the resolution, which was previously adopted by Council at the March 21, 2016, meeting. Councilman Davis then presented the framed resolution to the family.

CORRESPONDENCE: Staff forwarded items of correspondence upon receipt.

GUEST: MRS. TAMMY SULLIVAN, DORCHESTER COUNTY CONTROLLER

Mrs. Sullivan presented the March 2016 budget report and answered questions.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

REZONING REQUEST #720

2. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to give 3rd Reading and final approval of 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.

FIRE RECOVERY FUNDS

3. On the motion of Councilwoman Duncan, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted unanimously to recognize fire recovery funds in the amount of \$10,200 and authorize the expenditure of these funds to purchase uniforms and equipment and to make repairs to Dorchester County Fire Rescue Station 8 in Ridgeville.

CARRYOVER FIRE FUNDS

4. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to recognize FY16 Carryover Fire Funds and authorize the expenditure of \$21,211 for 800 MHz radio flash upgrades and equipment for Brush Truck 3.

AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT

5. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted unanimously to approve an Interlocal Agreement for Automatic Aid between Dorchester County Fire Rescue and Summerville Fire Department and authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement. Mr. Ward said this agreement was approved on April 13 by the Town Council of Summerville.

During discussion, Councilman Hargett asked for confirmation that no monies will be passed either way in the event of aid. The Chairman and Administrator confirmed. Councilwoman Duncan asked why it is a one-year contract, although renewable. Mr. Potts said the contract is evergreen.

Chairman Chinnis addressed what he described as a war of fear waged by the board of the Old Fort Fire Department. He said the first casualty has been the truth. They are entitled to their own opinions; they are not entitled to their own facts, he said. Tax District 209 will have the same or better service. He displayed maps showing coverage areas and noted improvements that will occur.

Chairman Chinnis thanked the men and women of the Dorchester County Fire Rescue for creating a department from many disparate parts that residents can be proud to call their own.

There were additional comments of support from Council members.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

6. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mrs. Ann Shields of St. George to the Dorchester Seniors, Inc., Board of Directors, representing District 3. She replaces Mrs. Samella Odom, who resigned after many years of service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Legal Advice
 - Berkeley County/Dorchester County Boundary Line

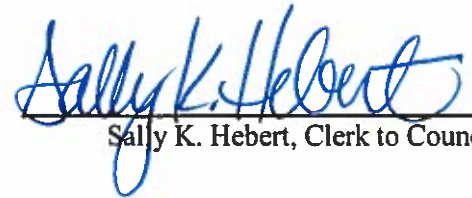
- 7. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at approximately 7:29 p.m. to discuss the previously stated matters.

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

- 8. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 8 p.m.



Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to Council