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**MINUTES
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
DORCHESTER COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE
MAY 2, 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 Hearn, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHAIRMAN'S TIME

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

- Mr. Johan Zamosciany, 209 Parish Parc Drive, Summerville, stated concerns about nighttime noise from Sweet 221 Lounge, 10150 Dorchester Road. He said he has spoken with the business owner and filed two noise complaints. He asked for Council action to resolve the noise problem.
- Ms. Arlene Wheeler, 377 Summerset Lane, Summerville, asked Council to keep open the Old Fort Fire Station in Knightsville.

- Ms. Angie Crum, 324 Coburn Town Road, Ridgeville, asked Council to improve sanitary conditions in the poor areas of Dorchester County, including the Coburn Town and Campbell Thicket areas of Ridgeville.
- Mr. Thomas Beauchemin, 328 Chessington Circle, Summerville, asked for active code enforcement in Briarwood subdivision and other areas of Dorchester County.
- Mr. John Nicholas Hayes, 319 Dupont Way, Summerville, requested aerial spraying for mosquitoes and larvae where there is inaccessible standing water.
- Ms. Debbie Lodge, 417 Lakeview Drive, Summerville, introduced herself as the Chair of the Library Advocacy Committee for the Friends of the Summerville Library. She said Committee members and other library supporters in attendance were wearing heart-shaped badges, indicating their passion for public libraries. She said this community deserves a great library. Chairman Chinnis invited those in attendance with Ms. Lodge to stand.
- Ms. Peggy Bangle, 114 Ravenwood Court, Summerville, stated concerns about possible new taxes and bigger government. She also spoke about the Local Government Fund.
- Mr. Paul J. Brouthers, 9613 Scarborough Court, Summerville, announced he has filed as a candidate for Dorchester County Coroner. He gave an overview of his professional background, which includes 18 years with the South Carolina Highway Patrol. He said he currently works for the largest funeral home in South Carolina and is a nationally board certified funeral director and embalmer. If elected, he said he would add diversity and training to the staff of the Coroner's office. Mr. Brouthers said it is important for the Coroner to determine cause, manner and time of death to rule in/out possible suspects when the death occurs as a result of a homicide.

MINUTES

1. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted unanimously to adopt the minutes from the April 18, 2016, County Council Meeting.

ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION #16-02, PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

2. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to adopt Proclamation #16-02, Peace Officers Memorial Day, directing all flags on county buildings be flown at half staff on May 15, 2016, in recognition of Peace Officers Memorial Day and in memory of those officers who made the ultimate sacrifice or became disabled in the service of their community.

Chairman Chinnis presented the proclamation to Sheriff L.C. Knight and asked all officers present in the audience to stand. The audience responded with a standing ovation.

LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAX ORDINANCE

3. On the motion of Councilman Byars, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted five in favor, with two opposed, to give 1st Reading, by title only, for an ordinance imposing a local hospitality tax not to exceed two percent on the sales of prepared meals and beverages as defined and authorized and for the purposes set forth in the S.C. Code Annotated Section 6-1-700, et. seq., as amended. Councilman Hargett and Councilwoman Duncan opposed the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE: Staff forwarded items of correspondence upon receipt.

GUEST: MR. DAVID BALLARD, PLS, SOUTH CAROLINA GEODETIC SURVEY

Mr. Ballard introduced Mr. Dave Branton of Cornerstone Surveying and Engineering. Each gave a presentation of findings regarding work performed in re-establishing the Charleston-Dorchester southern boundary from the Edisto River to the Ashley River.

GUEST: MS. JENNIFER BUNCH, PRESIDENT, FRANCIS R. WILLIS SPCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ms. Bunch gave a presentation regarding efforts to find homes for abandoned dogs and cats in Dorchester County. The shelter has 17 staff members who assisted approximately 3,000 animals in finding permanent or foster homes

last year. Ms. Bunch requested a total of \$25,000 in funding from County Council to purchase medical supplies (\$15,000) and to help fund the cost of a facility needs assessment (\$10,000).

4. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Chairman Chinnis, Council voted unanimously to provide \$10,000 to the Frances R. Willis SPCA from its contingency fund.

Before the vote, the fund had a balance of \$20,431.45.

GUEST: MS. JENNIE REDMOND, DORCHESTER COUNTY LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Ms. Redmond introduced Ms. Jennifer Charzewski of Liollo Architecture and Ms. Laura Isenstein of Providence and Associates. They presented findings of the master plan and the assessment to County Council and asked Council to consider placing a referendum on the November ballot to fund new library facilities in Summerville and North Charleston.

GUESTS: CHIEF TRES ATKINSON AND DEPUTY CHIEF MALCOLM BURNS, DORCHESTER COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

Chief Atkinson and Deputy Chief Malcolm Burns gave a presentation and answered questions regarding the inclusion of Tax District 209 in the countywide fire system beginning January 18, 2017.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

POLL WORKER COSTS FOR JUNE PRIMARY

5. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted unanimously to approve a request to use \$16,000 in personnel savings in the Administrator's Office to fund poll worker costs related to the June primary.

REZONING REQUEST #722

6. On the motion of Councilman Hargett, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted unanimously to give first reading of Rezoning Request #722 for Robert Pratt to rezone 1.7 acres at 8550 Dorchester Road from Multi-Family Residential District (R-4) to Commercial Light Industrial District-Two (CLI-2).

REZONING REQUEST #723

7. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading of Rezoning Request #723 for Bronwen and Walter Manning to rezone 8.33 acres at 1005 W. 5th North Street from General Commercial (CG) to Commercial/Light Industrial (CLI).

BUDGET ORDINANCE

8. On the motion of Councilwoman Duncan, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted unanimously to approve 1st Reading, by title only, of the Dorchester County Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

9. On the motion of Councilman Hargett, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Myron Johnson of 400 Shaftesbury Lane, Summerville, to the Dorchester County Codes Board of Appeals-Contractors Licensing Board, representing District #4.
10. On the motion of Councilman Hargett, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Ms. Wendy Lee to the Dorchester County Employee Grievance Committee.
11. On the motion of Chairman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Bailey, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Keith Timmons of 222 Comiskey Park Circle, Summerville, to the Dorchester County Board of Zoning Appeals, representing Council District 2.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Contractual Matter
 - Courthouse Park Design Services

12. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at approximately 9:12 p.m. to discuss the previously stated matter.


RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 9:37 p.m., Mr. Frampton reported that Council discussed the previously announced items, but no action was taken.

13. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Bailey, Council voted unanimously to authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement with ADC Engineering for design services for the courthouse park in St. George.

ADJOURNMENT

14. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 9:38 p.m.


Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to Council