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**MINUTES
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
KENNETH F. WAGGONER SERVICES CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ST. GEORGE
OCTOBER 17, 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
Mr. Larry S. Hargett
Mr. William R. Hearn, Jr.
Mr. Jason L. Ward, County Administrator
Mr. Charlie Potts, Deputy Administrator/Community Services
Mr. Daniel Prentice, Deputy Administrator/CFO
Mr. John Frampton, County Attorney
Ms. Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to Council

ABSENT: Mrs. Carroll S. Duncan

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:

- Ms. Barbara Taylor, 1558 Highway 61, Givhans, stated her opposition to aerial spraying with Naled.
- Ms. Betty White, 386 White Lemon Road, Harleyville, asked for improvements to her road.

At this time, the Chairman presented the Clerk to Council with a basket of flowers and thanked her for her years of service. He led a round of applause and standing ovation.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

At this time, Council recognized Ms. Theresa McKnight as the Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of the 2017 fiscal year. Ms. McKnight was nominated by Mr. Mario Formisano, Director of the Dorchester County Emergency Management Department. She managed the office for seven weeks while he was on medical leave, which occurred during a time of intense citizen scrutiny following aerial spraying for mosquitoes. Additionally, Ms. McKnight developed a great way of tracking grant project spending and received thanks from the SC EMS Finance sector for her work, which will be used as an example for other emergency departments.

MINUTES

1. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to adopt the minutes from the October 3, 2016, County Council Meeting and the October 7, 2016, Emergency County Council Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Ward thanked everyone for their teamwork related to Hurricane Matthew, including the state team, municipalities, county council and the South Carolina Department of Transportation. In particular, he thanked county staff for all of the hard work and hours spent keeping Dorchester County citizens safe.

Chairman Chinnis then asked everyone who spent time working in the Emergency Operations Center and Call Center to please stand. He led a round of applause in recognition of their efforts.

GUEST: MRS. TAMMIE SULLIVAN, DORCHESTER COUNTY CONTROLLER, BUDGET REPORT

Mrs. Sullivan gave a summary of revenues and expenditures for the county's major funds through September 30. She also included a summary of cash on hand in the major funds and status updates on major Water/Sewer and Stormwater projects.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

REZONING REQUEST #730: 4597 APPIAN WAY

2. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to give third reading and final approval to Rezoning Request #730 by Richfair Holdings, Inc. to rezone 8.68 acres at 4597 Appian Way in North Charleston from Neighborhood Commercial District (CN) to Commercial Light Industrial Two District (CLI-2), TMS #181-00-00-070.

REZONING REQUEST #731: CLARK LANE

3. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to give third reading and final approval to Rezoning Request #731 by Caroline Elizabeth Moore to rezone 1.5 acres on Clark Lane in Summerville from Multi-Family Residential District (R-4) to Transitional Residential District (TRM), TMS #143-00-00-119.

DORCHESTER COUNTY EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Administrator and County Council recognized Ms. Ann Marie Varn of Public Works and Ms. Charm Tollison and Ms. Leonitta Turner of Human Resources for their two years of service to Dorchester County employees via the Events Committee. This Committee has assisted in the coordination and execution of employee events, including the holiday party, wellness fair, benefits vendor fair, employee appreciation lunch, employee recognition programs and roaming produce truck. Other Committee members unable to attend were: Sonia Hill of Water and Sewer, Brenda Nix of the Auditor's Office, Melissa Burns of Probate, Julie Jones of Family Court, Lisa Tucker of the Fire Department and Jan Simpson and Tammy Thompson of Human Resources.

PART-TIME TEMPORARY DISPATCHER POSITION

4. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to extend the part-time temporary dispatcher position (October 4, 2016 - April 4, 2017) as requested by Sheriff Knight, allowing shifts to be covered without overtime while new dispatchers are trained.

ORDINANCE #16-05: MODERNIZING SUBMITTAL AND DOCUMENTATION FOR FINAL PLATS

5. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to amend proposed Ordinance #16-05, which amends the Dorchester County Zoning and Land Development Standards Ordinance Number 04-13, as follows:
Under Section 17.1.2-(a) Paragraph (2) and under Section 18.2.2 under (2) Final Plat Section (c) and any other language within this said Ordinance pertaining to Septic Sewer Service be deleted in its entirety and the following be inserted after a notice shall be placed on the plat.
This lot, tract or parcel is considered non-buildable until SCDHEC certifies an on-site Septic area or until such time Public Sewer is available on the lot, tract or parcel of land.
6. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to amend proposed Ordinance #16-05, which amends the Dorchester County Zoning and Land Development Standards Ordinance Number 04-13, as follows:
 - (1) Section 19.3 (k) be amended to read as follows: "All existing watercourses, wetlands, and critical areas in Major Subdivisions."
 - (2) Section 19.3 (l) be amended to delete the words "metes and bounds descriptions" and replace with the words "bearings and distances."
 - (3) Section 19.3 (p) be amended to read as follows: "All building footprints with dimensions from new property lines must be shown."
7. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to give third reading and final approval, as amended, of Ordinance #16-05, an Ordinance to Amend Sections 18.2.1, 18.2.2, 18.2.3 and 19.3 of the Dorchester County Zoning and Land Development Standards Ordinance #04-13, as amended.

MOAs: FIRST PUSH AGREEMENT & DEBRIS REMOVAL

8. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to approve Memoranda of Agreement between SCDOT and Dorchester County to assist in pushing debris from certain state roads and assist in debris removal and disposal from county roads using SCDOT debris removal contractor and debris monitoring contractor.

REDUCTION IN BUILDING PERMIT FEES

9. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to approve for the next six months any permits required to be issued by our building department for residential and commercial repairs necessitated by Hurricane Matthew in Dorchester County be limited to \$30 for each category of permit sought. Persons seeking to take advantage of this reduction in permit fees must provide evidence or documentation in a form satisfactory to the building department that the repairs were necessitated by hurricane-related damage.

PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT: 1ST READING

10. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to approve first reading and referral to the Planning, Development and Building Committee for a public hearing and recommendation for second reading of an Ordinance to Amend Dorchester County Zoning and Land Development Standards Ordinance Number 04-13, as Previously Amended, with Respect to Article VII, Section 7.11 "Planned Development District" Subsection (d), (e), and (f) to Increase the Amount of Developable Acreage for which a Planned Development District must be submitted in certain zoning districts from 25 to 50 acres. The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that development property without sufficient acreage to achieve a true mixture of uses, as required in PDD, can proceed on moderately sized tracts of land.

COMMITTEE REPORT

CHAIRMAN HARGETT – PUBLIC WORKS, PROPERTY & UTILITIES

Chairman Hargett reported that the Committee met at 6:30 p.m. regarding one agenda item. The Committee conducted a public hearing and then voted unanimously to recommend second reading.

11. On the recommendation of the Committee, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to approve second reading of an Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Code of Ordinances, Dorchester County, South Carolina, by Adding a New Article V, Convenience Sites, Section 34-130, 34-131, 34-132, 34-133 and 34-134 to Chapter 34, Solid Waste.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: There were no appointments.

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 Matter
 - Proposed Agreement with Universal Productions, LLC, for Filming at the Former County Detention Center
 - Legal Advice
 - Library/Park Referendum Question
 - Confidential Economic Development Prospect
 - Project Gateway
12. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to enter into Executive Session at approximately 7:38 p.m. to discuss the previously stated matters.

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION


At approximately 8:30 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 six in favor, with one absent, to authorize the County Administrator to execute the Location Contract between Dorchester County and Universal Cable Productions, LLC, for the temporary use of portions of the old county jail in St. George for the filming of a television program.

Councilman Hearn thanked Ms. Hebert for her service, time and professionalism as Clerk to County Council and wished her and her family all the best. Council echoed those remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

14. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to adjourn at approximately 8:31 p.m.


Minutes prepared by Sally Hebert
and signed by Tracey L. Langley,
Acting Clerk to Council