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MINUTES
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
KENNETH F. WAGGONER SERVICES CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ST. GEORGE
SEPTEMBER 05, 2017
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. Jay Byars, Chairman
Mr. George H. Bailey, Vice Chairman
Mr. Con Chellis
Mr. David Chinnis
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. John Frampton, County Attorney
Ms. Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council

ABSENT: Mr. Daniel Prentice, Deputy Administrator/CFO

Chairman Byars called the meeting of Dorchester County Council to order. He invited all to stand for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Bailey.

CHAIRMAN'S TIME

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Mr. Edward Gregory, 109 Sweetgum Drive, Summerville, requested help from County Council with proposed development of Legend Oaks – Phase 14.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FEASIBILITY STUDY

8. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to approve the expenditure of \$25,000 from the Economic Development Fund to cover the cost of the feasibility study conducted by Resource Development Group.

TEMPORARY PART-TIME CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS SERVICES DEPARTMENT

9. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to authorize the hiring of a temporary part-time Customer Service Representative to assist with the Business License renewal process.

TEMPORARY PART-TIME CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

10. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to authorize the hiring of a temporary part-time Customer Service Representative as requested by Water and Sewer to assist while two employees are out on Family Medical Leave.

SELL OF DEADLINED FORD SUV, TOWN OF HARLEYVILLE

11. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Bailey, County Council voted unanimously to authorize the sale of a 2010 Ford Explorer to the Town of Harleyville at a cost of \$3,000.

APPROVAL TO USE WATER AND SEWER PROCEEDS FOR THE DORCHESTER REACH PROJECT

12. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to authorize the use of not to exceed \$5,000,000 from the S.C. Local Government Investment Pool, which has a current balance of \$7,871,768. The Army Corps of Engineers must have all funding on hand prior to awarding a contract. A grant from the S.C. Rural Infrastructure Authority will reimburse \$3,000,000 of this amount and Santee Cooper has committed to providing a \$1,100,000 grant to offset the funds.

FULL-TIME DISPATCHER POSITION TO TWO TEMPORARY PART-TIME DISPATCHER POSITIONS

13. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to authorize two temporary part-time dispatcher positions to reduce overtime as requested by the Sheriff and recommended by Human Resources. One full-time dispatcher position will be converted to two 24 hours per week temporary part-time positions until the open positions have been filled and employees have been trained.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRMAN CHINNIS – PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

Chairman Chinnis reported that the Committee met at 6:45 p.m. to hold a public hearing and consider a recommendation for the following:

14. On the recommendation of the committee, County Council voted unanimously to approve 2nd Reading of Rezoning Request #751 by P. Brandt Shelbourne to rezone .37 Acres located at 203 Limehouse Drive from Single-Family Residential Manufactured Housing District (R-1M) to Neighborhood Commercial District (CN), TMS #145-10-01-028.

At this time Mr. Hargett, Mr. Davis and Mr. Hearn acknowledged Mr. Ben Cole who served on County Council from 1991 through 1994. Mr. Cole passed away on Sunday, August 27, 2017.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

15. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Davis, County Council voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. Marion Thompson to the Trident Technical College Area Commission.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

RESOLUTION SUMMERS CORNER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

16. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Council Bailey, County Council voted unanimously to approve a Resolution Approving the Assessment Rolls for Special Assessments A and B for the Summers Corner Improvement District.
17. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Council Davis, County Council voted unanimously to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Allocation of Special Assessment A for the Summers Corner Improvement District.

ORDINANCE SPORTSMAN BOATS MANUFACTURING, INC.

18. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Bailey, County Council voted unanimously to give 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Agreement By and Between Dorchester County and Sportsman Boats Manufacturing, Inc., Whereby Dorchester County Will Enter Into a Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Arrangement With Sportsman Boats Manufacturing, Inc., and Providing for Payment By Sportsman Boats Manufacturing, Inc. of Certain Fees-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes; Providing for Special Source Revenue or Infrastructure Improvement Credits; Providing for the Allocation of Fees-In-Lieu of Taxes Payable Under the Agreement for the Establishment of a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE PROJECT TURTLE

19. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to give 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing Certain Economic Development Incentives for Project Turtle, Including Entering Into a Fee In Lieu of Property Tax Agreement for the Project, and Other Related Matters, Between Dorchester County, South Carolina and Project Turtle, Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as Amended.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The County Attorney requested Council's consideration to enter into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Legal Advice
 - Dorchester County Courthouse Repairs
 - Fireworks Regulation
 - Transportation Impact Fee Litigation
 - Relocation of M59 Armored Personnel Carrier

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 8:36 p.m., Mr. Frampton reported that Council discussed the previously announced items, but no action was taken.

DORCHESTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION LITIGATION

20. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Bailey, County Council voted unanimously based on the recommendation of outside counsel and the concurrence of the County Attorney and Chief Financial Officer, to authorize the institution of litigation against any potentially liable parties regarding the construction issues at the Dorchester County Courthouse.

REFUND OF TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEE FUNDS

21. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously pursuant to Dorchester County Ordinance 10-24 and Section 6-1-1020 of the South Carolina Code of Laws that all transportation impact fee funds collected pursuant to Dorchester County Ordinance 10-24 through June 30, 2017, shall be refunded with interest to the current owners of record within ninety days.

PLACEMENT OF M59 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER AT DORCHESTER ARCHIVES AND HISTORY CETNER, LLC

22. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Davis, County Council voted unanimously to allow the Dorchester County Archives and History Center, LLC to locate the M59 Armored Personnel Carrier it is receiving from the Town of St. George at an appropriate place on the grounds of the Dorchester County Offices Annex in St. George, said location to be determined by Dorchester County; provided that the Dorchester County Archives and History Center, LLC, takes all appropriate steps and bears all costs to restore the vehicle to an appropriate condition for public display as determined by Dorchester County and to insure the safety of the County and the public in the public display of the vehicle.

PLACEMENT EXPENSES FOR M59 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER

23. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to amend the motion to allow the Dorchester County Archives and History Center, LLC to locate the M59 Armored Personnel Carrier it is receiving from the Town of St. George at an appropriate place on the grounds of the Dorchester County Offices Annex in St. George, said location to be determined by Dorchester County; provided that the Dorchester County Archives and History Center, LLC, takes all appropriate steps and bears all costs to restore the vehicle to an appropriate condition for public display as determined by Dorchester County and to insure the safety of the County and the public in the public display of the vehicle. All expenses of movement to be borne by the Dorchester County Archives and History Center, LLC.

ORDINANCE REGULATING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS

24. On the motion of Councilman Hargett, seconded by Councilman Davis, County Council voted unanimously to give 1st Reading by Title Only to an Ordinance regulating the times during which fireworks can be discharged within unincorporated Dorchester County and further requiring the retailers of fireworks to post a notice in a conspicuous place observable to purchasers of fireworks setting forth that the discharge of fireworks is only allowed pursuant to the terms of the Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

25. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 8:42 p.m.


Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council