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## COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY

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**MINUTES**  
**DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**DORCHESTER COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE**  
**SEPTEMBER 18, 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. Daniel Prentice, Deputy Administrator/CFO  
Mr. John Frampton, County Attorney  
Ms. Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council

**ABSENT:** Mr. Charlie Potts, Deputy Administrator/Community Services

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 Hargett.

### CHAIRMAN'S TIME

#### REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Mr. Thomas Feagin, 111 Ponderosa Road, Summerville, requested County Council revisit firearms Ordinance to limit shooting within neighborhoods.

- Mr. Leonard Bennett, 207 Pelican Street, Summerville, requested ditch behind his home be cleaned and dug deeper.
- Ms. Peggy Bangle, 114 Ravenwood Court, Summerville, she spoke about recycling and requested updated listing of items. She also asked questions about the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

### **MINUTES**

1. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted unanimously to adopt the minutes from the September 5, 2017, County Council Meeting and September 8, 2017, Emergency County Council Meeting.

### **EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**

Chairman Byars announced that Dorchester County is eligible for a grant of \$25,560 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. He said the Sheriff plans to use the grant to purchase the following:

- a. Audio/Visual Robot (\$16,900)
- b. Ballistic Shield (\$3,690)
- c. Ballistic Blanket (\$2,340)
- d. Breaching Kit (\$1,730)
- e. Communication Headset/Adapter (\$900)

The public hearing is a requirement of the grant, and no vote of County Council is required.

Chairman Byars struck the gavel, opening the public hearing. In the absence of any requests to speak, Chairman Hearn struck the gavel again, closing the public hearing.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN FIRE TRUCKS AND PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO EQUIPMENT**

2. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, Council voted unanimously to adopt a an Ordinance to Authorize the Execution and Delivery of a Lease Agreement in Order to Provide for the Acquisition of Certain Fire Trucks and Public Safety Radio Equipment; to Authorize the Execution and Delivery of Various Documents in Connection Therewith; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** No correspondence received.

### **GUESTS**

#### **MR. DANIEL PRENTICE, DORCHESTER COUNTY DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR/CFO**

Mr. Prentice gave a summary of revenues and expenditures for the County's major funds through August 31, 2017. He also included a summary of cash on hand in the major funds and status updates on major Water and Sewer, and Stormwater projects.

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD**

#### **REZONING REQUEST #751**

3. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### **AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT WITH NORTH CHARLESTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

4. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Bailey, County Council voted unanimously to approve an Automatic Aid Agreement between Dorchester County Fire Rescue and North Charleston Fire

Department. The purpose of this agreement is to improve public safety for all residents by having the closest appropriate emergency unit dispatched to respond to each emergency call for service.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **CHAIRMAN CHINNIS – PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Chairman Chinnis reported that the Committee met at 6:30 p.m. for a staff update and presentation on the Eagle/ Chandler Creeks watershed. Jason Carraher, Public Works Director, provided the Committee with information on Eagle Creek and Chandler Creek. He also provided information on the flood plain and mitigation efforts. Rebecca Brown, Flood Plain Manager, provided the Committee with information about the properties that have been impacted by the Great Flood of 2015, Hurricane Matthew in 2016, and Hurricane Irma in 2017.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** There were no appointments.

## **COUNTY ATTORNEY'S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON**

### **ORDINANCE SPORTSMAN BOATS MANUFACTURING, INC.**

The County Attorney requested Council's consideration to open the Public Hearing so County Council can receive public comments, for 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.

Chairman Byars struck the gavel, opening the public hearing. He then invited the public to come forward to speak on this issue. In the absence of additional requests to speak, Chairman Byars struck the gavel, closing the public hearing.

5. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Council Hargett, County Council voted unanimously to give 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading to 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.

### **RESOLUTION PALMETTO PLAINS SOLAR PROJECT, LLC**

6. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Council Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to approve a Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Amended and Restated Agreement for Development of Joint County Industrial Park ("Restated Agreement") By and Between Dorchester County, South Carolina and Orangeburg County, South Carolina, in Order to Expand the Boundaries of the Park to Include Certain Property Located in Orangeburg County and Other Matters Related Thereto (Palmetto Plains Solar Project, LLC).

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

- Contractual Matter

- Lease Agreement with the Town of St. George for Space in the Former Dorchester County Detention Center.

**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.

7. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Davis, County Council voted unanimously to authorize the County Administrator to execute an amendment to the lease with the Town of St. George to reduce the monthly rental from \$1,416.66 to \$700.00 for a total of \$1,100.00 per month.

**ADJOURNMENT**

8. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 8:37 p.m.

  
Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council