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**MINUTES
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
DORCHESTER COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE
OCTOBER 2, 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 Chinnis.

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.

- Ms. Peggy Bangle, 114 Ravenwood Court, Summerville, she thanked EMS for their service to the County. She also spoke about Business License and fees.

MINUTES

1. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Hargett, County Council voted unanimously to adopt the minutes from the September 18, 2017, County Council Meeting.

2ND 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 Hearn, seconded by Councilman Davis, County Council voted unanimously to give 2nd Reading of 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. J.P. JOHNS, P.E. WATER RESOURCE LEADER, WOOLPERT, DORCHESTER COUNTY STORMWATER DESIGN STANDARDS REVIEW PRESENTATION

Mr. Johns gave a presentation of Woolpert's findings and answered County Council's questions. Staff is currently implementing three of the four findings and recommendations identified in the report.

MS. LISA VALENTINE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF SUMMERVILLE MEDICAL CENTER, SUMMERVILLE MEDICAL CENTER EXPANSION

Ms. Valentine, presented information on the expansion and plans for a consolidated Obstetrics/Neonatal Program at Summerville Medical Center.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

REZONING REQUEST #753

3. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to approve 1st Reading and referral to the Planning, Development and Building Committee for a public hearing and recommendation regarding Rezoning Request #753 by Deloris Campbell and Sara Grant to rezone .66 acre at 107 Dubois Road from Multi-Family Residential District (R-4) to Single-Family Residential Manufactured Housing District (R-2M), TMS #135-00-00-082.

ALLOCATION OF ACCOMMODATIONS TAX PROCEEDS TO THE NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR

4. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to approve a request to allocate \$19,458.29 in FY 2016-2017 accommodations tax proceeds to the National Heritage Corridor to continue marketing initiatives through the Villages of Dorchester Campaign.

RECLASSIFICATION OF FIRE CAPTAINS TO BATTALION CHIEFS

5. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Davis, County Council voted unanimously to approve a request to reclassify three Fire Captains to Battalion Chiefs as a result of increased operational responsibilities due to the assumption of Old Fort Fire Department.

TRANSFER OF CAPITAL FUND SAVINGS FOR CRITICAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

6. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Davis, County Council voted unanimously to approve a request to transfer \$95,500 in capital fund savings from the EMS Medic 2 project to fund critical information technology infrastructure upgrades to reduce vulnerabilities.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

7. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Larry Stone to the Aeronautics Board and Mr. Wendell Bailey to the Board of Construction Appeals.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

RESOLUTION THRACE-LINQ, INC.

8. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Council Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to adopt a Resolution Identifying Thrace-Linq, Inc. (also known as Project Turtle) and Expressing the Intent of Dorchester County, South Carolina, to Authorize and Enter Into a Fee In Lieu of Property Tax Agreement for Thrace-Linq, Inc. (also known as Project Turtle), 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, in Order to Induce Thrace-Linq, Inc. (also known as Project Turtle) to Locate a Project in Dorchester County.

ORDINANCE THRACE-LINQ, INC.

The County Attorney requested Council's consideration to open the public hearing so County Council can receive public comments, for an Ordinance Authorizing Certain Economic Development Incentives for Thrace-Linq, Inc. (also known as 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 Thrace-Linq, Inc. (also known as Project Turtle), Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as Amended.

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.

9. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Council Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to give 3rd Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing Certain Economic Development Incentives for Thrace-Linq, Inc. (also known as 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 Thrace-Linq, Inc. (also known as 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 7:57 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Contractual Matter
 - Assignment of Land Use Agreement with Summerville Soccer Club.
- Legal Advice
 - Dorchester County/ Berkeley County Line Dispute.
 - Potential Amendment to Business License Ordinance Number 17-15.

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 10:04 p.m., Mr. Frampton reported that Council discussed the previously announced items, but no action was taken.

10. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Davis, County Council voted unanimously to give 1st Reading by Title Only to an Ordinance to Amend Dorchester County Business License Ordinance Number 17-15, as Previously Amended, With Respect to Section 22: "Rate & Classification," - to Add Five Tiers to the Declining Rate Schedule for Businesses Reporting Gross Income in Excess of \$5,000,000.

ADJOURNMENT

11. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 10:06 p.m.


Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council