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**MINUTES
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
KENNETH F. WAGGONER SERVICES CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ST. GEORGE
MAY 22, 2017
6:30 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. 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. Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council

ABSENT: Mr. David Chinnis

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 Davis.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME - MR. JASON WARD

2ND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND DORCHESTER COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE NUMBER 90-13, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED

1. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Chellis, County Council voted five in favor, with one abstention (Bailey), and one absent (Chinnis), to give 2nd Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Dorchester County Business License Ordinance Number 90-13, as Previously Amended, With Respect to Section 2: "Definition," - to Define the Term Charitable Organization and to Delete the Interstate Commerce Exemption

Within the Definition of Gross Revenue; With Respect to Section 6: "Deductions and Exemptions," - to Amend the Title of the Section to "Deductions, Exemptions, and Charitable Organizations"; With Respect to Section 6: "Deductions and Exemptions," Subsections 6(A)(1),(4), and (5) - to Delete Each of the Aforementioned Sections as they Reference Specific Exemptions Already Granted Under State Statute and/or Federal Law; With Respect to Section 6: "Deductions and Exemptions," Subsection 6(A)(3) - to Delete and Replace in Order to Better Define Exemptions to Include Federal Law; With Respect to Section 6: "Deductions and Exemptions," - to Add a New Subsection Which Provides Guidance with Regards to Charitable Organizations; With Respect To Section 6: "Deductions and Exemptions," Subsection 6(B) - to Delete the Words "Standard Industrial Classification" and Replace with "North American Industry Classification System"; With Respect to Section 20: "Nightclubs, Cabarets, Taverns, or Other Similar Establishments," Subsection 20(A) - to Delete the Words "Rate Class 7-5813" and Replace with "NAICS Sector 72 -- Drinking Places (Alcoholic Beverages)"; With Respect to Section 22: "Classification," - To Amend the Title of the Section to "Rate & Classification"; With Respect to Section 22: "Classification," - to Delete References to "SIC" and Replace with "NAICS"; and to Provide for the Inclusion of a New Rate Structure as Contained Therein.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRMAN CHINNIS – BUDGET, FINANCE, AND PURCHASING COMMITTEE

Chairman Byars passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Bailey. He reported that the Committee held a meeting at 5:00p.m. to receive budget presentations by Dorchester School District Four, Dorchester County Library, Dorchester County Career & Technology Center, Dorchester County Fire Rescue, and Ashley Ridge Fire Department. The Committee did not receive a budget presentation from Old Fort Fire Department, although one was requested. The Committee received the budget reports for information only and took no action.

Chairman Byars also reported that the Committee held a public hearing and no one spoke. Vice Chairman Bailey returned the gavel to Chairman Byars.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The County Attorney requested Council's consideration to enter into Executive Session at 6:39 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Confidential Economic Development Projects

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:26 p.m., Mr. Frampton reported that Council discussed the previously announced items, but no action was taken.

FAITH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Vice Chairman Bailey spoke about a request from Faith Assembly of God to increase parking at their facility on Appian Way. Vice Chairman Bailey said that under the current Ordinance, the existing parking lot would not be grandfathered requiring the existing parking lot to be landscaped under the new standards. This means they would lose 16 parking spaces. The request was to add 50 parking spaces to eliminate parking on the street.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Chellis, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Chinnis), to adjourn at approximately 7:28 p.m.


Tracy L. Langley, Clerk to Council