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**MINUTES
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
DORCHESTER COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE
JUNE 08, 2017
5:00 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. Con Chellis
Mr. David Chinnis
Mr. Willie R. Davis
Mr. Larry S. Hargett
Mr. William R. Hearn, Jr.
Mr. Charlie Potts, Deputy Administrator/Community Services
Mr. Daniel Prentice, Deputy Administrator/CFO
Mr. John Frampton, County Attorney
Mrs. Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council

ABSENT: Mr. George H. Bailey, Vice Chairman
Mr. Jason L. Ward, County Administrator

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET ORDINANCE:

1. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Bailey), to amend the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018. The amendments include the following:
 - 3.6 mil increase for DD2. This increase will apply to all personal property taxes (cars, boats) and real property assessed at the 6% rate (businesses and rental properties). The increase will not apply to owner/occupied homes assessed at the 4% rate.
 - Net of State Revenue increase for DD4 in the amount of \$45K. This does not include a tax increase.
 - The total expenditures for the General Fund decreased from \$52,292,955 to \$52,225,227.

Adjustments to the General Fund include the following:

Decrease the Intergovernmental revenues from \$6,059,328 to \$5,419,328 to reflect the actual amount of Local Government funding approved for Dorchester County.

Increase the Intergovernmental revenues by \$265,000 to reflect that the county will receive revenue from the State of South Carolina for 1% of the employer's retirement contribution.

Increase Property Tax revenues by \$8,899 to reflect the actual amount for Fee-in-Lieu-of Taxes based on YTD collections.

Increase the Licenses/Permits revenues from \$1,873,000 to \$1,975,590 to reflect the actual amount for Business License revenues based on YTD collections as well as projections for the business license conversion.

Increase Property Tax revenues by \$70,000 to reflect that the county will receive revenue from auditing legal residence properties to cover the cost of the Legal Residence Audit Coordinator.

Increase the Charges for Services revenues from \$4,400,000 to \$4,525,783 to reflect the actual amount for EMS revenues based on YTD collections.

Decrease various personnel line items in the Sheriff's Office for a total of \$62,044 due to the Department's vacancy rate and the current year's budget for personnel.

Decrease various personnel line items in the ITS department for a total of \$12,167 due to turnover in personnel in the department.

Decrease various personnel line items in the Purchasing department for a total of \$8,517 due to turnover in personnel in the department.

The total expenditures for the General Fund decreased from \$52,292,955 to \$52,225,227.

Adjustments to the Capital Fund include the following:

Increase the transfer line item from the Capital Fund to the Capital Projects Fund by \$15,000 to

reflect the change in funding from the Weapons Training Facility to the Courthouse Column Replacements.

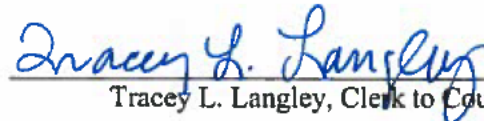
Funding was also shifted from the Sheriff's Office Weapons Training Facility project to the Courthouse column replacement project in the amount of \$85,000.

The total expenditures for the Capital Fund remain at \$4,302,855.

2. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, Council voted five in favor, with one opposed (Hargett) and one absent (Bailey), to give 3rd Reading of the Dorchester County Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 as amended.

ADJOURNMENT

3. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Bailey), to adjourn at approximately 5:58 p.m.


Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council