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MINUTES
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
DORCHESTER COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE
JANUARY 2, 2018
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 Hearn.

CHAIRMAN'S TIME

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Mr. Mike Rose, 409 Central Avenue, Summerville, he spoke about school impact fees and Act 229 that allows a school impact fee for Dorchester District 2 and Dorchester District 4.

- Mr. David Williams, 108 Bailey Drive, Summerville, he spoke about a neighbor who is shooting her firearm in her backyard in a densely populated neighborhood with small children. He would like County Council to consider a firearms ordinance to prevent this.

WINTER STORM GRAYSON

Chairman Byars announced that the Dorchester County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) moved to Operating Condition (OPCON) 4 at 5:00 PM. OPCON 4 means the Emergency Management Department (EMD) is closely monitoring the situation and has opened lines of communication with emergency support agencies and all essential EOC personnel are now on stand-by. In anticipation of the winter weather forecasted on January 3, 2018, all Dorchester County Administrative Offices, Dorchester County Circuit, Family and Magistrate Courts and Dorchester School Districts Two and Four Schools will be closed as well as any Convenience Sites. Dorchester County Public Works, The Town of Summerville Public Works Department (SPW) and the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) are coordinating efforts to respond to down trees and other urgent issues that may arise. The SCDOT will be operating 3 plows and 5 salt spreaders in Dorchester County. The SCDOT will focus on I-26 first, then primary routes (US and SC), then secondary routes as time and resources are available. SPW will be pre-treating the Berlin Myers Parkway with a sand/salt mixture.

MINUTES

1. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to adopt the minutes from the December 4, 2017, County Council Meeting.

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 November 30, 2017. He also included a summary of cash on hand in the major funds and status updates on major Water & Sewer and Stormwater projects.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

REZONING REQUEST #756

2. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted five in favor, with two opposed (Chinnis and Hargett), to approve 1st reading and referral to the Planning, Development, and Building Committee for a public hearing regarding Rezoning Request #756 by Michael Adam Ferrara to rezone 14.55 acres on Orangeburg Road from Single-Family Residential District (R-2) to Multi-Family Residential District (R-4), TMS #152-00-00-039.

APPROVAL TO USE WATER IMPACT FEE FUNDS

3. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to authorize the County Administrator to allocate an additional \$223,000 in Water Impact Fees to the I-95 (Shady Grove) Well Project by moving funding from the \$500,000 carried forward for the Stratton Capers Project in FY 2018.

APPROVAL OF ONE-TIME AWARD FOR EMPLOYEE IN THE RISK MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT

4. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to approve a one-time compensation award of \$1,750 plus associated benefits to the Claims Assistant in the Risk Management and Safety Department for additional duties performed during the vacancy of the Risk Management and Safety Director and Safety Officer positions.

APPROVAL TO USE PERSONNEL SAVINGS TO HIRE A TEMPORARY PART-TIME ADMIN III IN THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE

5. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to approve a part-time Admin III position in the Auditor's Office for up to 22.5 hours per week until June 30, 2018, or until salary savings are depleted.

APPROVAL OF USE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

6. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to approve the expenditure of up to \$40,000 from the Economic Development Fund to be used for Phase 1 of a Higher Education Feasibility Study for Dorchester County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRMAN CHINNIS – PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

Chairman Chinnis reported that the Committee met at 6:30 p.m. to consider a recommendation for the following requests:

7. On the recommendation of the Committee, County Council voted unanimously to approve 2nd reading of Rezoning Request #754 by Ben Coker, Jr. to rezone 2.17 acres located at 3331 W. 5th North Street from Absence of Controls District (AC) to General Commercial District (CG), TMS #110-00-00-016.
8. On the recommendation of the Committee, County Council voted unanimously to approve 2nd reading of Rezoning Request #755 by Kenneth Droze to rezone 3.98 acres located at 849 E Butternut Road near the Town of Summerville from Multi-Family Residential (R-4) to Single-Family Residential Manufactured Housing (R-1M), TMS #128-00-00-070.

CHAIRMAN DAVIS – ADMINISTRATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chairman Davis reported that the Committee met at 6:45 p.m. to consider an amendment to the Dorchester County Human Resources Policy Manual regarding overtime calculations and holiday pay for Dorchester County Fire Rescue:

9. On the recommendation of the Committee, County Council voted unanimously to approve the amendments as follows:

Holiday Pay- As recommended by staff, clarify that Fire Department employees will only receive straight time, in whole or in part, for each holiday worked, unless otherwise required by law. Fire Department employees would still receive 8 hours of straight time, whether they work on the holiday or not, just as all other County employees do.

Overtime Calculation- As recommended by staff, the policy manual will be amended to reflect that overtime will be calculated based upon a schedule of 106 hours in 14 days, instead of the current schedule of 53 hours in 7 days. This amendment will allow for greater flexibility with shift swaps as the overtime impact will be minimized within a 14-day period.

Councilman Davis indicated that staff would be bringing a summary of all changes made since the March 2017 approval of the HR Policy Manual to the Administrative and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee in March 2018.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: There were no appointments.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

RESOLUTION #18-01 SUMMERS CORNER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

10. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to adopt a Resolution of the County Council of Dorchester County, South Carolina, Approving the Assessments as Set Forth in the Assessment Roll of the Summers Corner Improvement District as Adopted by County Council in Ordinance No. 17-05, Pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 35, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended.

ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ORDINANCE #00-17 REGARDING FOIA

11. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, County Council voted unanimously to give 1st Reading, by title only, to an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of Dorchester County to update the County's FOIA Ordinance based on a change in State Law in 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The County Attorney requested Council's consideration to enter into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Legal Advice
 - Transportation Impact Fee Ordinance
 - Certification of a Portion of the Re-established Common Boundary of Dorchester and Berkeley Counties

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

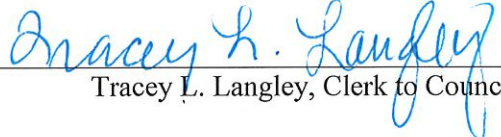
At approximately 8:16 p.m., Mr. Frampton reported that Council discussed the previously announced items, but no action was taken.

ORDINANCE TO REPEAL DORCHESTER COUNTY ORDINANCES #10-23 AND #10-24

12. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to give 1st Reading by title only to an Ordinance repealing Dorchester County Ordinances #10-23 and #10-24 dealing with the Transportation Impact Fee and further to refund any monies collected pursuant to those ordinances since July 1, 2017, until final adoption of the repealing ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

13. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 8:17 p.m.


Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council