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## COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY

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**MINUTES**  
**DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**KENNETH F. WAGGONER SERVICES CENTER**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ST. GEORGE**  
**MAY 21, 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. Larry S. Hargett  
Mr. William R. Hearn, Jr.  
Mr. Jason L. Ward, County Administrator  
Mr. Daniel Prentice, Deputy Administrator/CFO  
Ms. Rebecca Vance, Deputy Administrator/Community Services  
Mr. John Frampton, County Attorney  
Ms. Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council

**ABSENT:** Mr. Willie R. Davis

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 Bailey.

### **CHAIRMAN'S TIME**

Chairman Byars asked that everyone continue to pray for Councilman Davis and his wife Joyce. Councilman Davis is still in the hospital at MUSC. Chairman Byars said we need his leadership, we love and miss him and look forward to having him back with us soon.

**REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

- Ms. Stephanie Thorpe, 126 Kristen Lane, Reevesville, she created a recreation coalition in upper Dorchester County and represents a large group of people. She wants to make sure their voices are heard. She supports the vote as it sat for libraries and parks. She said the parks and recreation referendum should move forward as it was voted on by the people. She doesn't believe it should be a separate vote. She would like for the vote to move forward for her children, other children and families.
- Ms. Amanda Horton, 186 Taylor Pond Road, Dorchester, she is frustrated that the referendum is held up by a lawsuit. She believes the lawsuit is causing children to miss out on something they could benefit from. She said the facilities they have now are overcrowded. She said there are 400 children signed up between baseball and softball. She said if there were more parks and fields they could get their children home at a decent hour. She requested that County Council pass a Resolution requesting the Plaintiff's immediately drop their appeal to the South Carolina Supreme Court so the children of Dorchester County can have access to the opportunities they deserve.

**MINUTES**

1. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Davis), to adopt the minutes from the May 7, 2018, County Council Meeting and May 14, 2018, Special Called County Council Meeting.

**APPROVAL TO TRANSFER FUNDS FOR (13) IPAD PROS TO INTERFACE WITH EXPANSION OF GRANICUS PEAK AGENDA PLATFORM**

2. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Davis), to approve the transfer of \$8,500 from County Council contingency to allow for the purchase of thirteen (13) iPad Pros that will enable Council, Administration, and the County Attorney to interface with an expansion of the Granicus Peak Agenda platform that was deployed in 2017. This product will allow County Council to view the council packages electronically, to cast their votes on agenda items electronically and streamline the process for recording meeting minutes.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #18-16 SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION TRUST'S DEDUCTIBLE PLAN**

3. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Davis), to adopt Resolution #18-16, a Resolution to Participate in the South Carolina Counties Workers' Compensation Trust's Deductible Plan and to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement for that Purpose.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #18-17 INTERNAL SERVICE FUND**

4. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Davis), to adopt Resolution #18-17, a Resolution to Establish an Internal Service Fund for the Purpose of Accounting for Workers' Compensation Insurance.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** No correspondence received.

**GUEST**

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

Mr. Prentice gave a summary of revenues and expenditures for the County's major funds through April 30, 2018. 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**

**APPROVAL TO DONATE FIRE TRUCK TO THE DORCHESTER COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

5. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Davis), to approve donation of a 1996 Spartan Pumper to the Dorchester County Career and Technology Center to be used to train students as a part of the Firefighter Curriculum. DCFR received the truck as a part of the merger with Old Fort Fire Department. The truck is 22 years old and it has a broken transfer case. The school will repair the truck at their cost.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CHAIRMAN BYARS – BUDGET, FINANCE AND PURCHASING COMMITTEE**

Chairman Byars reported that the Committee held a 5:00 p.m. meeting to receive budget presentations by Dorchester School District Four, Dorchester County Library, Dorchester County Career and Technology Center, and Ashley River Fire Department.

The Committee received these budget presentations for information only. No action was taken

6. On the recommendation of the Committee, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Davis), to give 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Dorchester County Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, an Ordinance to Make Appropriations for County Government, Educational, and Fire Protection Purposes for Dorchester County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2018, and Ending June 30, 2019; to Levy Taxes for the Payment Thereof; and to Provide for the Expenditure of Said Taxes and Other Revenues Coming into the County.

**CHAIRMAN BYARS – WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE**

Chairman Byars reported that the Committee met at 6:50 p.m. to discuss the following item:

7. On the recommendation of the Committee, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Davis), to approve the use of an additional \$467,375 of Water Impact Fees for the construction of the Stratton Capers Project.

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

Chairman Chinnis reported that the Committee met at 6:55 p.m. to discuss the following items:

8. On the recommendation of the Committee, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Davis), to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Rezoning Request #762 by O'Reilly Automotive Stores, Inc. to rezone 1.34 acres located at Central Avenue near Summerville from Multi-Family Residential District (R-4) to General Commercial District (CG), TMS #135-12-00-070.
9. On the recommendation of the Committee, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Davis), to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Rezoning Request #763 by Richard Clapp, Jr. to rezone .46 acre located at 1550 Bacons Bridge Road near Summerville from Single-Family Residential District (R-1) to Office and Institutional District (OI), TMS #145-13-03-006.

**CHAIRMAN BAILEY – PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Chairman Bailey reported that the Committee met at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the following item:

10. On the recommendation of the Committee, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Davis), to give 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Require Locking Caps on the Fire Department Connections of All Water-Based Fire Protection Systems (Fire Sprinkler Systems).

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

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

**3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #18-07, COASTAL CORRUGATED, INC.**

The County Attorney requested Council's consideration to open the public hearing so County Council can receive public comments regarding an Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended, the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, by and Between Dorchester County, South Carolina and Coastal Corrugated, Inc., as Sponsor; to Amend an Existing Amended and Restated Agreement for Development of Joint County Industrial Park; and Other Related Matters.

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.

11. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Davis) to give 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #18-07, an Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended, the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, by and Between Dorchester County, South Carolina and Coastal Corrugated, Inc., as Sponsor; to Amend an Existing Amended and Restated Agreement for Development of Joint County Industrial Park; and Other Related Matters.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF AN ORDINANCE, PROJECT SHORE**

12. On the motion of Councilman Chellis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Davis), to give 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended, the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, By and Between Dorchester County, South Carolina and Project Shore, as Sponsor; to Amend an Existing Amended and Restated Agreement for Development of Joint County Industrial Park; and Other Related Matters.

**COUNCIL MEMBER'S TIME – MR. GEORGE BAILEY**

Councilman Bailey thanked Stephanie Thorpe and Amanda Thorton for speaking up. He said he has worked as hard as he could to get the land for the Courthouse Park and Ashley River Park. He said he has done everything he can to move the lawsuit.

Chairman Byars said the Courthouse Park is fully designed, permitted and ready to go once the lawsuit is resolved. He said they are working on a USDA Grant to build a pavilion at the Courthouse Park.


Mr. Jason Ward said we received a grant of \$125,000 for the Courthouse Park. Mr. Ward said there was 3 acres of wetlands when the property was originally purchased and the plans have since changed because of wetlands. Mr. Ward said we are looking forward to moving forward.

**COUNCIL MEMBER'S TIME – MR. DAVID CHINNIS**

Councilman Chinnis said Attorney General Alan Wilson was at Summerville Coffee Roasters for the Summerville Republican Women's Club Meeting and said to everyone there that what he wrote was an opinion and only an opinion and would require adjudication. He said from his standpoint he believes it was adjudicated not once but twice. Councilman Chinnis said his opinion is the suit should be dropped. He said 30 days after the suit is dropped the bonds can be sold.

**ADJOURNMENT**

13. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Davis), to adjourn at approximately 7:34 p.m.

  
Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council