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## COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY

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**MINUTES**  
**DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**DORCHESTER COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE**  
**OCTOBER 01, 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 (Vacant Seat)  
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  
Mr. Bradley Mitchell, Deputy County Attorney  
Ms. Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council

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**

- Ms. Erica Wright, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, 4500 Leeds Avenue, N. Charleston, she discussed growth and housing affordability. Not only is there growth from people relocating to the area but

from within as well. Based on population projections 7,500 new housing units annually will be needed. Most of the homes will need to be priced for households earning less than \$50,000 annually. The Chamber would like to partner with the County moving forward to see what they can do to address housing attainability for everyone.

- Ms. Jennifer Schuchart, Capital Bank, 4500 Leeds Avenue, N. Charleston, she spoke about attainable housing from the standpoint of an employer. She said that attainability of housing continues to impact the growth of businesses that are already here, that want to locate here or that want to expand here. The housing costs are vastly outpacing wage growth and there is a fundamental supply and demand problem. She said from an employer perspective, employees who can't afford to live where they work seek opportunities outside the region. As an employer she asked County Council to expedite and review the permitting process for affordable workforce housing to bring more supply into the market, and review zoning regulations to ensure appropriate density and usage. The Chamber would like County Council to partner with them and work together on solutions to address the crisis.
- Ms. Tiffany Dorris, 2153 Hummingbird Lane, Summerville, she said she represents a group of teachers in Dorchester District 2 that are advocates for themselves and their students. She said a primary obstacle is class sizes and asked how County Council plans to deal with overcrowding issues in Dorchester District 2 schools. As a group of teachers, they would like input from County Council on what they can do to help in that endeavor.
- Mr. Christopher K. Mizzell, 3490 Wire Road, St. George, he said for the past few months he has been trying to obtain permits to build a home. He spoke with multiple builders who turned him down because he lived in Dorchester County. He was told he needed a wetland survey by Dorchester County staff before permits could be issued because there appears to be wetlands on the property. This survey will cost him over \$1,000 on a piece of property where there is currently a mobile home and working well. He asked County Council why every home builder in Dorchester County is not required to have a wetlands survey.
- Ms. Linda Haynes Whetsell, 108 Atlantic Street, Summerville, she spoke about dust, granite particles and exhaust fumes. She said it is harmful to your breathing, cars and buildings. There is trash and flooding in the area where she lives and said something must happen.

### MINUTES

1. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to adopt the minutes from the September 17, 2018, County Council Meeting.

### EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY PROGRAM

Dorchester County Council recognized employees having 20 or more years of continuous service with a reception before the County Council meeting and with the presentation of a certificate, pin and a one-time service award during the County Council meeting.

#### 20 Years of Service

Georgia Goodwin	Sheriff's Office
Amy Suggs	Sheriff's Office
Douglas Warren	EMS
Judy Davis	Magistrates Court
Rosalee Baldwin	Clerk of Court
Kathleen O'Shields	EMS
Renold Steele	Facilities Maintenance

#### 25 Years of Service

David Baxter	Water and Sewer
Kevin Page	Water and Sewer
George Barnhill	Sheriff's Office
Jimmy Brownlee	Facilities Maintenance
Richard Bryant	Road Maintenance
Carrie Chaplin	Magistrates Court

Jerome Jones                      Sheriff's Office

**30 Years of Service**

Susan Hart                      Assessor's Office

**40 Years of Service**

Ruth Nix                      Auditor's Office

Deborah Boyd                      Sheriff's Office

Thomas Limehouse                      Sheriff's Office

**CORRESPONDENCE:** No correspondence received.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD**

**3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #18-18 TO REPLACE THE PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE**

2. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Chellis, County Council voted unanimously to give 3rd Reading of Ordinance #18-18, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances, Dorchester County, South Carolina, to Repeal Chapter 2, Article VI, Divisions 1 Through 10 and Substitute In Lieu Thereof New Divisions 1 Through 10 (The purpose of this ordinance is to repeal and replace the Dorchester County Procurement Ordinance, first adopted in 1983 and last revised in 2015. These changes reflect a modernization of the ordinance, alignment with the State Procurement Ordinance, and adhere to best practices in public procurement.)

**APPROVAL TO CONVERT A PART TIME ADMIN II TO A FULL TIME ADMIN II IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

3. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Hargett, County Council voted unanimously to approve a request to convert a permanent part time Admin II in the Sheriff's Office to a permanent full time Admin II to help digitize records.

**APPROVAL TO USE PERSONNEL SAVINGS TO CONTRACT LAND CLEARING SERVICES**

4. On the motion of Councilman Hargett, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to approve the use of personnel savings in the Facilities Maintenance (\$12,750) and Public Works (\$38,250) Departments to contract Galloway Enterprises to clear a .23 acre area at a price of \$2,200 per acre at the Summerville Airport.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

5. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 7:38 p.m.

  
Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council