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MINUTES DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL DORCHESTER COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE MARCH 18, 2019 6:00 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. George H. Bailey, Chairman
Mr. David Chinnis, Vice Chairman
Mr. Jay Byars
Mr. Eddie Crosby
Mr. Larry S. Hargett
Mr. William R. Hearn, Jr.
Ms. Harriet A. Holman
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 Bailey called to order the meeting of Dorchester County Council. He invited all to stand for the invocation, which was given by Councilman Hargett and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. GEORGE BAILEY

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Dr. Richard Duncan, 5533 Jasons Cove, North Charleston, he asked that the date be changed to 2020 and would like dialogue to take place to come up with a better solution.
- Mr. Jim Atkinson, 6005 Mansfield Boulevard, North Charleston, he said there is misinformation concerning Ashley River Fire Department and requested more time for dialogue.
- Ms. Chris Kindt, 106 Gatewood Street, North Charleston, she said there is misinformation about the financial stability of the fire department and asked Council to work with the community to find a better solution.
- Mr. Lon Hoops, 297 Dorchester Manor Boulevard, North Charleston, he said the figures given to Council were incorrect and asked why it had to be done now. He asked Council to table the item and have dialogue with the department to get the correct information.
- Mr. Jack Furr, 144 Palmetto Bluff Drive, North Charleston, he said he doesn't know what is going on and his neighbors don't mind paying to support their fire department even if it means raising their taxes.
- Mr. David McDoogall, 8620 Linderwood Circle, North Charleston, he spoke about the timeline of the proposal and encouraged Council to have public meetings.
- Mr. Scott Inabinett, 651 Gahagan Road, Summerville, he spoke about response times and said the response times for Ashley River are better. He asked why Council is taking the choice away from the residents to keep the Ashley River Fire District.
- Ms. Hazel Lowe, 42 Peppertree Lane, North Charleston, she said she will pay increased taxes to keep Ashley River Fire Department open.

MINUTES

1. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the March 04, 2019, County Council Meeting.

2ND READING OF AN ORDINANCE, GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2019

2. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Byars, County Council voted unanimously to give 2nd reading of an Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) Dorchester County, South Carolina, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2019; to Prescribe the Purposes for Which the Proceeds Shall be Expended; to Provide for the Payment Thereof; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence received.

GUESTS

MR. ERIC DAVIS, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Davis and Ms. Zanowski shared information on the level of participation in the race and information on the amount of funding raised by the event. They also gave a presentation to County Council regarding the 2019 Ashley River Adventure Race.

Chairman Bailey announced Councilman Byars had a special guest with him and requested he introduce her. Councilman Byars said his daughter Georgia Byars was with him and announced she won state champion in beam and silver medalist in floor and vault in a state gymnastics competition over the weekend.

MR. DANIEL PRENTICE, DORCHESTER COUNTY DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR/CFO

Mr. Prentice gave a summary of revenues and expenditures for the County's major funds through February 28, 2019. 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

3RD READING OF ORDINANCE #19-09, COOKS CROSSROADS DESIGN GUIDELINES

3. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to give 3rd reading of Ordinance #19-09, an Ordinance to Adopt the Cooks Crossroads Design Guidelines "Standing at the Crossroads – Designing a Gateway for the Future."

ROAD MAINTENANCE APPLICATION HICKORY RIDGE PHASES 3 AND 4

4. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Hargett, County Council voted unanimously to approve a request for a Road Maintenance Application for Hickory Ridge Phases 3 and 4; Hickory Ridge Way - 825 Linear Feet from STA 15+50 to STA 23+75 and Roanoke Hill Court - 365 Linear Feet from the intersection with Hickory Ridge to the end of the road, into the county maintenance system and to start the 12-month maintenance warranty period.

RENOVATION OF HARLEYVILLE FIRE/EMS STATION

5. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted unanimously to appropriate \$573,752 in fund balance from the Capital Fund. The completion of this project will provide new quarters for Dorchester County Fire Rescue and allow EMS Medic 4 to relocate from an inadequate facility located at 106 Dotson Street, Harleyville, South Carolina. The current EMS Station is a house without a bay to store the ambulance.

SELL OF 2011 CROWN VICTORIA TO THE TOWN OF HARLEYVILLE

6. On the motion of Councilman Hargett, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted six in favor, with one abstention (Byars), to approve a request to sell a 2011 Crown Victoria, VIN# 2FABP7BV0BX185442, to the Town of Harleyville at a cost of \$2,500. The car has approximately 91,669 miles.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: There were no appointments.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

3RD READING OF ORDINANCE #19-10, EXEL, INC.

The County Attorney requested Council's consideration to open the public hearing so County Council can receive public comments on an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement By and Between Exel Inc. and Dorchester County, South Carolina, Whereby the County Will Enter Into a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement With Exel Inc. Providing for Payment by Exel Inc. of Certain Fees In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes; Providing for the Location of the Property and the Allocation of Fees In Lieu of Taxes Payable Under the Agreement for the Establishment of a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

Chairman Bailey 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 Bailey struck the gavel, closing the public hearing.

7. On the motion of Councilman Byars, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to give 3rd reading of Ordinance #19-10, an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement By and Between Exel Inc. and Dorchester

County, South Carolina, Whereby the County Will Enter Into a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement With Exel Inc. Providing for Payment by Exel Inc. of Certain Fees In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes; Providing for the Location of the Property and the Allocation of Fees In Lieu of Taxes Payable Under the Agreement for the Establishment of a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

TRANSFER OF PHASE 1 PARCELS IN THE PINE HILL BUSINESS CAMPUS

The County Attorney requested Council's consideration to open the public hearing so County Council can receive public comments on the transfer of Phase 1 parcels in the Pine Hill Business Campus to the Dorchester County Development Corporation.

Chairman Bailey 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 Bailey struck the gavel, closing the public hearing.

8. On the motion of Councilman Byars, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to transfer Phase 1 parcels in the Pine Hill Business Campus to the Dorchester County Development Corporation.

1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING AND DISSOLVING THE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT KNOWN AS THE ASHLEY RIVER FIRE DISTRICT

9. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted unanimously to give 1st reading of an Ordinance Abolishing and Dissolving the Special Tax District Known as the Ashley River Fire District and Repealing Ordinance No. 79-09 and Ordinance No. 85-03, Which Established a Special Tax District Known as the Ashley River Fire District and the Resolution Adopted September 17, 1984, Which Added Additional Property to the Original Special Tax District.

RESOLUTION #19-03, ORDERING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON THE PROPOSED ABOLISHMENT AND DISSOLUTION OF THE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT KNOWN AS THE ASHLEY RIVER FIRE DISTRICT

10. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Holman, County Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #19-03, a Resolution Ordering a Public Hearing to be Held on the Question of the Proposed Abolishment and Dissolution of an Area of Dorchester County Which Was Added to the Original Special Tax District Known as the Ashley River Fire District.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The County Attorney requested Council's consideration to enter into Executive Session at 6:53 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Contractual Matters
 - Agreement with Trust for Public Land
 - Intergovernmental Agreement for Berlin Myers Parkway Phase 3 Project in Dorchester County, South Carolina
 - Potential Sale of Property
- Legal Advice
 - Establishment of a Tax Increment Financing District

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 8:20 p.m., Mr. Frampton reported that Council discussed the previously announced items, but no action was taken.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR BERLIN MYERS PARKWAY PHASE 3
PROJECT IN DORCHESTER**

11. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Byars, County Council voted unanimously to authorize the County Administrator to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement with the South Carolina Infrastructure Bank for the Berlin Myers Parkway Phase 3 project.

AGREEMENT WITH TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

12. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman to execute the request for technical advice and assistance from the Trust for Public Land.

ADJOURNMENT

13. On the motion of Councilwoman Holman, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 8:21 p.m.

Tracey L. Langley

Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council