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MINUTES DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL KENNETH F. WAGGONER SERVICES CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ST. GEORGE APRIL 01, 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. William R. Hearn, Jr.
Ms. Harriet A. Holman
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

ABSENT: Mr. Larry S. Hargett
Mr. Jason L. Ward, County Administrator

Chairman Bailey called to order the meeting of Dorchester County Council. He invited all to stand for the invocation, which was given by Councilman Hearn and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. GEORGE BAILEY

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Mr. Jack Furr, 144 Palmetto Bluff Drive, North Charleston, he said the community has tried to convey to Council that they will pay more taxes to support Ashley River Fire Department.

- Mr. Scott Inabinet, 651 Gahagan Road, Summerville, he said he was contacted by several residents to ask about 2nd Reading of the Ordinance in Summerville opposed to St. George. He said he wished Council would come and meet with the residents. Chief Inabinet said he spoke to two groups of residents.
- Mr. Juan Santiago, Jr., 4613 McCandy Lane, North Charleston, he said he is a retired Air Force veteran. He said he is concerned about the level of service that will be dropped if Ashley River Fire Department is closed. He said a reduction in service has them scared. He asked Council to look at the facts and said he doesn't mind paying the extra money. He said it is important to him, his family and the community.

MINUTES

Councilman Crosby said he had a correction on page three, item number six regarding the request to sell a 2011 Crown Victoria, to the Town of Harleyville at a cost of \$2,500. Councilman Crosby said the item read "seconded by Councilwoman Crosby," and should read "Councilman Crosby."

1. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Hargett), to adopt the minutes from the April 01, 2019, County Council Meeting, as amended with the correction as noted.

3RD READING OF ORDINANCE #19-11, GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2019

Chairman Bailey announced County Council would hold a public hearing for 3rd 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.

He struck the gavel, opening the Public Hearing. He invited the public to come forward to speak on this issue. In the absence of any additional requests to speak, Chairman Bailey struck the gavel again, closing the Public Hearing.

2. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Hargett), to give 3rd reading of Ordinance #19-11, 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

MS. JENNIFER HAIRSTON, GFOA DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD

Ms. Jennifer Hairston, State Representative for Government Finance Officers Association of South Carolina, on behalf of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), presented the GFOA Distinguished Budget Award for the FY 2019 budget document and recognized the Business Services Department. Dorchester County is one of eight counties in the state to receive this recognition.

MR. DOUG WARREN, EMS LARGE SYSTEM AWARD, 25TH ANNIVERSARY AND PARAMEDIC AWARDS

Mr. Doug Warren, Dorchester County Emergency Medical Services Director, EMS Large System Award, 25th Anniversary and Paramedic Awards. Mr. Warren presented information to County Council on the County being selected as the 2018 S.C. Large System of the Year. He recognized our award winning

paramedics, Amanda Reeves and Justin Miles. He asked County Council to celebrate the milestones achieved by EMS during their first 25 years of service. The department was established on April 1, 1994.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE, TRM DISTRICT STANDARDS

3. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Byars, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Hargett), to give 1st reading as amended to invoke the pending Ordinance Doctrine, and referral to the Planning Commission and the Planning, Development, and Building Committee for recommendations and Public Hearings regarding an Ordinance to Amend Dorchester County Zoning and Land Development Standards Ordinance Number 04-13, As Previously Amended, With Respect to Article IX, Zoning and Development Rural District Regulations, to Amend Section 9.1.3.1 and 9.1.3.2, to Eliminate Attached Single-Family and Multi-Family Uses, to Amend Section 9.1.4(a) to Reference TRM District Standards, and to Delete Sections 9.1.5, 9.1.6; also with Respect to Article XXV, to Delete the Definitions for Dwelling, Single-Family Attached (The purpose of this amendment is to limit residential development in the Absence of Controls District to appropriate rural densities.)

1ST READING OF REZONING REQUEST #783

4. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted five in favor, with one abstention (Chinnis), and one absent (Hargett), to give 1st reading and referral to the Planning, Development, and Building Committee for a public hearing and recommendation regarding Rezoning Request #783 by Andrea Yelton, to rezone .45 acre located at 1340 Bacons Bridge Road, near Summerville from Single-Family Residential District (R-1) to Office and Institutional District (OI), TMS #145-09-05-005.

1ST READING OF REZONING REQUEST #784

5. On the motion of Councilman Crosby, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Hargett), to give 1st reading and referral to the Planning, Development, and Building Committee for a public hearing and recommendation regarding Rezoning Request #784 by William and Syble Haselden, to rezone .33 acre located at 1711 Central Avenue, near Summerville, TMS #135-16-00-044; 1.38 acres located at 1707 Central Avenue, near Summerville, TMS #135-16-00-045; and .47 acres located at Central Avenue, near Summerville, TMS #135-16-00-083, from Multi-Family Residential (R-4) to Neighborhood Commercial District (CN).

1ST READING OF REZONING REQUEST #788

6. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilwoman Holman, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Hargett), to give 1st reading and referral to the Planning Commission and the Planning, Development, and Building Committee for public hearings and recommendations regarding Rezoning Request #788 by Jennie Howell to rezone 1.39 acres located at 104 Argosy Drive near Summerville from Multi-Family Residential (R-4) to Single-Family Residential Manufactured Housing District (R-1M), TMS #143-08-05-019; and by Janis Bryant to rezone 1.4 acres located at 102 Argosy Drive near Summerville from Multi-Family Residential (R-4) to Single-Family Residential Manufactured Housing District (R-1M), TMS #143-08-05-020.

TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL SAVINGS IN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE FOR MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES

7. On the motion of Councilman Crosby, seconded by Councilwoman Holman, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Hargett), to approve the transfer of personnel savings in the Treasurer's Office in an amount not exceeding \$20,000 to provide for Management Consulting Services. The consultants will assist the County Treasurer's Office with developing month-end accounting procedures related to reporting, etc., and assist them with eliminating the use of Peachtree and Quicken accounting systems.

LEASE RENEWAL WITH TOWN OF RIDGEVILLE FOR RIDGEVILLE FIRE STATION

8. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Hargett), to approve the renewal of a lease with the Town of Ridgeville for the Ridgeville Fire Station and housing of the Ridgeville EMS Unit. The renewal of the lease with the Town of Ridgeville cost

\$6,000 per year. Combining EMS and fire functions in one station should provide savings of approximately \$9,000. Dorchester County EMS is currently housed in the Hazel S. Parson-Starkes Community Building in Ridgeville, which is across the street from the fire station and utility costs are approximately \$1,000 per month.

MASTER PLAN FOR THE SUMMERVILLE SOCCER CLUB AND THE OAKBROOK AREA

9. On the motion of Councilman Byars, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Hargett), to approve and utilize \$11,900 of 2010 Recreation General Obligation Bond proceeds to fund a master plan for the Summerville Soccer Club and \$16,800 of hospitality contingency to fund a master plan for the Oakbrook Area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRMAN CHINNIS – PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

Chairman Chinnis reported that the Committee met at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the following items:

10. On the recommendation of the Committee, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Hargett), to approve 2nd reading of Rezoning Request #781 by Doug Richardson to rezone 3.6 acres on Dorchester Road, near Summerville from Multi-Family Residential District (R-4) to Neighborhood Commercial District (CN), TMS #153-00-00-056.
11. On the recommendation of the Committee, County Council voted five in favor, with one abstention (Byars), and one absent (Hargett), to approve 2nd reading of Rezoning Request #782 by Michele Costanzo to rezone .84 acre on Dorchester Road, near Summerville, TMS #153-00-00-006; .92 acre on Dorchester Road, near Summerville, TMS #153-00-00-039; and 1.93 acres on Dorchester Road, near Summerville, TMS #153-00-00-052, from Multi-Family Residential District (R-4) to Neighborhood Commercial District (CN).

CHAIRMAN HEARN – PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairman Hearn reported that the Committee met at 5:45 p.m. to discuss the following items:

12. On the recommendation of the Committee, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Hargett), to give 2nd reading of an Ordinance to Prohibit the Passing of Objects to and from Motor Vehicles in the Right of Way in Dorchester County.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

13. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Hargett), to reappoint Ms. Katherine Pemberton to the Dorchester County Library Board of Trustees.
14. On the motion of Councilman Byars, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Hargett), to reappoint Mr. Bill Collins to the Dorchester County Library Board of Trustees.

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

2ND READING OF AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING AND DISSOLVING THE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT KNOWN AS THE ASHLEY RIVER FIRE DISTRICT

15. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Hargett), to give 2nd 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 #19-04, PROJECT JENNIFER II

16. On the motion of Councilman Crosby, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Hargett), to adopt Resolution #19-04, a Resolution Identifying a Project in Order to Satisfy the Requirements of South Carolina Code Section 12-44-40, so as to Allow Investment Expenditures Incurred by a Project Known as Project Jennifer II, Which Investment Shall Occur Through a Sponsor, to Qualify as Expenditures Eligible For a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Arrangement With Dorchester County, South Carolina; the Grant of Special Source Revenue Credits; and Committing to Enter into Such Necessary Agreements With This Company to Effectuate the Intent of This Resolution, and Other Matters Related Thereto.

1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE, PROJECT JENNIFER II

17. On the motion of Councilman Crosby, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Hargett), to give 1st reading, by title only, of an Ordinance Authorizing, Pursuant to Chapter 44 of Title 12, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as Amended, the Execution and Delivery of a Fee Agreement Between Dorchester County, South Carolina and Project Jennifer II to Provide for a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive and Certain Special Source Revenue Credits, and Matters Relating Thereto.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The County Attorney requested Council's consideration to enter into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Contractual Matters
 - Funding for SC Highway 27 Widening
 - Intergovernmental Agreement – Stormwater Management (IGA) with the Town of Summerville
- Legal Advice
 - County Boundary Line

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 8:01 p.m., Mr. Frampton reported that Council discussed the previously announced items, but no action was taken.

FUNDING FOR SC HIGHWAY 27 WIDENING

18. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Byars, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Hargett), to authorize the County Administrator to request the S.C. Department of Commerce move \$3.44 million in grant monies from the SC Highway 27 widening project to Project TC roadway improvements, and authorize the County Administrator to sign any documents required by S.C. Department of Commerce to effectuate this request.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA) FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT WITH
THE TOWN OF SUMMERVILLE**

19. On the motion of Councilman Crosby, seconded by Councilman Byars, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Hargett), to authorize the County Administrator to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement for stormwater management with the Town of Summerville.

ADJOURNMENT

20. On the motion of Councilwoman Holman, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Hargett), to adjourn at approximately 8:03 p.m.

Tracey L. Langley

Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council