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MINUTES DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL KENNETH F. WAGGONER SERVICES CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ST. GEORGE MAY 20, 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. 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

ABSENT: Mr. Eddie Crosby (Attended Via Teleconference)

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

CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. GEORGE BAILEY

Chairman Bailey recognized Ms. Joyce Davis and invited her to address Council. Ms. Davis formally thanked Council and staff for the Council Chambers Dedication Ceremony. She also thanked Council for their friendship with the late Councilman Davis. She told Council that her and Jasmin are still here, and continue their support of Council in their endeavors. Ms. Davis then presented Council and staff with flowers and thank you cards.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Ms. Linda Haynes Whetsell, 108 Atlantic Street, Summerville, she purchased her home on Atlantic Street twenty years ago. She said dust falls out of the trees on her windshield, garbage trucks pick up dumpsters and slam them down at 3:10am, and loud music plays. She said roads are flooded and her back yard is a pool. She also spoke about the grass not being cut and ditches behind her home are not cleaned.

MINUTES

1. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to adopt the minutes from the May 06, 2019, County Council Meeting.

PROCLAMATION #19-05, PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 20 – 24, 2019, AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

2. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Byars, County Council voted unanimously to adopt Proclamation #19-05, Proclaiming the Week of May 20 – 24, 2019, as Emergency Medical Services Week. The proclamation was presented to Mr. Doug Warren, Emergency Medical Services Director, and Ms. Wendy Lee, Emergency Medical Services Deputy Director.

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 April 30, 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 #19-15, AN ORDINANCE REGARDING TRM DISTRICT STANDARDS

3. On the motion of Councilman Byars, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to give 3rd reading of Ordinance #19-15, 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, and 9.1.10; 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.)

3RD READING OF REZONING REQUEST #784

4. On the motion of Councilman Hargett, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to approve 3rd reading of 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).

3RD READING OF REZONING REQUEST #788

5. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Byars, County Council voted unanimously to approve 3rd reading of 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.

1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE REGARDING A PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

6. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilwoman Holman, County Council voted unanimously to approve 1st reading and referral to the Public Works, Property, and Utilities Committee for a public hearing of an Ordinance to Amend and Supplement the Code of Ordinances, Dorchester County, South Carolina, by Adding Section 36-13-C, (Stormwater) Plan Review and Inspection Fees (The purpose of this amendment is to develop a permit fee schedule.)

ADOPTION OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR DORCHESTER COUNTY 2019

7. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilwoman Holman, County Council voted unanimously to adopt the Strategic Direction for Dorchester County 2019.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FY20 PARK OPERATIONS MANAGER POSITION

8. On the motion of Councilman Byars, seconded by Councilwoman Holman, County Council voted unanimously to approve a request to advertise FY20 Park Operations Manager position for immediate hiring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRMAN BAILEY – BUDGET, FINANCE AND PURCHASING COMMITTEE

Chairman Bailey reported that the Committee held a Budget, Finance and Purchasing Committee Meeting on May 13, 2019, to receive budget presentations by Dorchester Seniors, Inc., Children in Crisis, Trident Technical College, and Dorchester School District Two.

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

Chairman Bailey then reported that the Committee held a 4:00 p.m. meeting to receive budget presentations by Dorchester School District Four, Dorchester County Library, and Dorchester County Career and Technology Center.

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

9. On the recommendation of the Committee, County Council voted unanimously, to give 2nd reading of the Dorchester County Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, an Ordinance to Make Appropriations for County Government, Educational, and Fire Protection Purposes for Dorchester County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019, and Ending June 30, 2020; to Levy Taxes for the Payment Thereof; and to Provide for the Expenditure of Said Taxes and Other Revenues Coming into the County.

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 unanimously to approve 2nd reading of Rezoning Request #787 by Dorchester County to rezone .77 acre located at 299 Pidgeon Bay Road near Summerville from Multi-Family Residential District (R-4) to Single-Family Residential Manufactured Housing District (R-2M), TMS #129-16-0-025.
11. On the recommendation of the Committee, County Council voted unanimously to approve 2nd reading of Rezoning Request #789 by Thedasia Smalls to rezone .65 acre located at Central Avenue near Summerville, from Multi-Family Residential District (R-4) to Single-Family Residential Manufactured Housing District (R-1M), TMS #135-16-00-051.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

12. On the motion of Councilman Byars, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. Tony Pope to the Charleston Regional Development Authority.
13. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Byars, County Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Louis Dixon to the Dorchester County Board of Zoning Appeals.
14. On the motion of Councilwoman Holman, seconded by Councilman Hargett, County Council voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Sandra Coburn to the Dorchester County Foster Care Review Board.
15. On the motion of Councilwoman Holman, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Jestine Stephens to the Dorchester County Grievance Committee.
16. On the motion of Councilwoman Holman, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Jill Turbeville to the Dorchester County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs.
17. On the motion of Councilwoman Holman, seconded by Councilman Hargett, County Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Thomas Godfrey to the Dorchester County Aeronautics Board.
18. On the motion of Councilwoman Holman, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to appoint Dr. James Hodges to Dorchester Seniors, Inc. Board of Directors.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN ORDINANCE REGARDING ATLANTIC CORPORATION OF WILMINGTON, INC., (FORMERLY KNOWN AS PROJECT LEX)

The County Attorney requested Council's consideration to open the public hearing so County Council can receive public comments regarding an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and Between Dorchester County, South Carolina, and Atlantic Corporation of Wilmington, Inc., (formerly known as Project Lex), and One or More Affiliates, to Provide for Special Source Revenue Credits; Authorizing the Expansion of the Joint County Industrial Park Formed with Orangeburg County to Include Property Located in Dorchester County; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

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

3RD READING OF ORDINANCE #19-16, AN ORDINANCE REGARDING ATLANTIC CORPORATION OF WILMINGTON, INC., (FORMERLY KNOWN AS PROJECT LEX)

19. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilwoman Holman, County Council voted unanimously to give 3rd reading of Ordinance #19-16, an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and Between Dorchester County, South Carolina, and Atlantic Corporation of Wilmington, Inc., (formerly known as Project Lex), and One or More Affiliates, to Provide for Special Source Revenue Credits; Authorizing the Expansion of the Joint County Industrial Park Formed with Orangeburg County to Include Property Located in Dorchester County; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

3RD READING OF ORDINANCE #19-17, AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING AND DISSOLVING AN AREA OF DORCHESTER COUNTY ADDED TO THE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT KNOWN AS THE ASHLEY RIVER FIRE DISTRICT

20. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to give 3rd reading of Ordinance #19-17, an Ordinance Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Sec. 4-19-10, Et Seq.

Abolishing and Dissolving an Area of Dorchester County Which Was Added to the Original Special Tax District Known as the Ashley River Fire District by Resolution Adopted September 17, 1984.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The County Attorney requested Council's consideration to enter into Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Legal Advice
 - Beekeepers Registry
 - Status of Bond Referendum Litigation
- Personnel Matter
 - Compensation for Economic Development Director and Chief Financial Officer

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:53 p.m., Mr. Frampton reported that Council discussed the previously announced items, but no action was taken.

APPROVAL TO DISCONTINUE THE USE OF A BEEKEEPERS REGISGTRY

21. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, County Council voted unanimously to authorize County staff to discontinue the use of a beekeeper's registry and to notify those who have registered that notifications will no longer take place other than those required by state law or state regulation.

APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR/CFO


22. On the motion of Councilwoman Holman, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to increase the annual compensation for the Deputy Administrator/CFO to the sum of \$127,710.52, per year effective July 01, 2019.

APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

23. On the motion of Councilman Byars, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to increase the annual compensation for the Economic Development Director to the sum of \$140,824.10, per year effective July 01, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

24. On the motion of Councilwoman Holman, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 7:56 p.m.


Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council