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MINUTES
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
DORCHESTER COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE
JULY 15, 2019
4:00 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 Special Called County Council Meeting of Dorchester County Council. He invited all to stand for the invocation.

CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. GEORGE BAILEY

Chairman Bailey announced that the purpose of the Special Called County Council Meeting was for the revocation of the Business License for Twenty Grand Bar and Lounge.

Chairman Bailey then asked Mr. Joenathan Chaplin, attorney for Twenty Grand Bar and Lounge if he wanted to make a motion.

MOTION TO CONTINUE BUSINESS LICENSE REVOCATION HEARING FOR TWENTY GRAND BAR AND LOUNGE, LLC, MR. HUBERT DAILEY, AND MR. RONALD DAILEY

Mr. Chaplin made a motion to continue the Business License Revocation hearing for Twenty Grand Bar and Lounge, LLC. Mr. Chaplin said

1. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, County Council voted unanimously to deny the motion to continue the Business License Revocation Hearing for Twenty Grand Bar and Lounge, LLC, Mr. Hubert Dailey and Mr. Ronald Dailey.

MOTION FOR HEARING TO BE GOVERNED BY THE RULES OF MAGISTRATE'S COURT

2. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Crosby, the rules of evidence and procedure shall be prescribed by County Council. The procedure to be followed in the hearing will be governed by the rules of Magistrate's Court in order to obscure a just, speedy and inexpensive determination of this matter. This may substantiate that justice will be done for both parties. The South Carolina Rules of Evidence shall apply but shall be relaxed in the interest of justice.

TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES

Deputy County Attorney, Brad Mitchell offered the sworn testimony of the following witnesses:

1. Ms. Joy Krutek, Dorchester County Business License Administrator
201 Johnston Street
St. George, South Carolina 29477
2. Ms. Melissa Hopkins, Dorchester County Chief Building Official
500 N. Main Street
Summerville, South Carolina 29483
3. Mr. Rickie Jenkins, Dorchester County Fire Marshall
101 Ridge Street
St. George, South Carolina 29477
4. Major Tony Phinney, Dorchester County Sheriff's Office
212 Deming Way
Summerville, South Carolina 29483
5. Lieutenant Frank Thompson, Dorchester County Sheriff's Office
212 Deming Way
Summerville, South Carolina 29483

Mr. Chaplin did not have any witnesses.

PRESENTATION OF EXHIBITS

Deputy County Attorney, Brad Mitchell presented the following exhibits:

- a. Business License and Application
- b. Ordinances regarding business licenses in Dorchester County
- c. Photographs
- d. Social Media Advertisements

- e. Notice of Violation, Fire Inspection
- f. Dorchester County Sheriff's Office Incident Reports
- g. South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Investigation Video (not shown)

Each party was afforded the right to and did cross-examine witnesses of the other party.

CONCLUSION AND ARGUMENTS

At the conclusion of the presentation of evidence, both attorneys presented arguments to County Council on the law and facts.

MOTION FOR REVOCATION OF BUSINESS LICENSE NO. 18-03397, ISSUED TO MR. HUBERT DAILEY TO OPERATE A BUSINESS KNOWN AS TWENTY GRAND BAR AND LOUNGE, LLC

3. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to revoke Business License No. 18-03397, a business license issued to Hubert Dailey to operate a business known as Twenty Grand Bar and Lounge, LLC because the operation of the business is a nuisance based upon the following findings of fact:
 1. There have been over 180 calls for service to the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office for incidents including but not limited to theft, disorderly conduct, and simple assault;
 2. Based upon investigations into liquor law violations, there is conclusive evidence a Twenty Grand employee sold liquor by the bottle which is in violation of South Carolina liquor laws;
 3. Based upon investigations into liquor law violations, there is conclusive evidence Twenty Grand allowed persons to entertain a patron while nude while receiving money from the patron which is in violation of South Carolina liquor laws, and a violation of the allowed uses of the property's CG, Commercial Zoning;
 4. The recitation of facts put forth in the recent eviction order issued against the business;
 5. Numerous complaints received from the community;
 6. The conviction of Hubert Dailey for operating the business above the allowed capacity of 99 persons in violation of Dorchester County fire codes.

MOTION TO AMEND MOTION FOR REVOCATION OF BUSINESS LICENSE NO. 18-03397, ISSUED TO MR. HUBERT DAILEY TO OPERATE A BUSINESS KNOWN AS TWENTY GRAND BAR AND LOUNGE, LLC

4. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to amend the findings of fact listed in the motion for revocation of Business License No. 18-03397, a business license issued to Mr. Hubert Dailey to operate a business known as Twenty Grand Bar and Lounge, LLC, to remove the Eviction Order as it was not presented as an exhibit.

ADJOURNMENT

5. On the motion of Councilman Crosby, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 5:41 p.m.

Tracey L. Langley

Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council