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MINUTES
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
KENNETH F. WAGGONER SERVICES CENTER
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JULY 29, 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
Mr. John Frampton, County Attorney
Mr. Bradley Mitchell, Deputy County Attorney
Ms. Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council

ABSENT: Ms. Rebecca Vance, Deputy Administrator/Community Services

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, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. GEORGE BAILEY

Chairman Bailey recognized Mr. William Bilsback. Mr. Bilsback is a boy scout and will receive a merit badge for attending the meeting.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Mr. Larry Hoover, 254 Quail Drive, Ridgeville, he spoke to Council about the condition of Quail Drive and presented them with a packet which included pictures of the road. He said the road is unsafe for EMS and other emergency vehicles. Mr. Hoover said he is no longer able to maintain the road and requested Council assist him with maintaining the road.

MINUTES

1. On the motion of Councilman Byars, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to adopt the minutes from the July 15, 2019, Special Called County Council Meeting and County Council Meeting.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND THE DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2019

2. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, County Council voted unanimously to amend the Dorchester County Council Meeting Calendar for 2019, to add a second meeting on August 19, 2019.

2ND READING OF AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A REFERENDUM PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY BOND ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE NOT EXCEEDING \$38,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

3. On the motion of Councilman Byars, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted unanimously to give 2nd reading of an Ordinance Ordering a Referendum Pursuant to the County Bond Act for the Purpose of Determining Whether Dorchester County, South Carolina Shall be Authorized to Issue Not Exceeding \$38,000,000 General Obligation Bonds for the Purpose of Funding Parks and Recreational Facilities.

2ND READING OF AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A REFERENDUM PURSUANT TO THE COUNTY BOND ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE NOT EXCEEDING \$30,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING NEW LIBRARY FACILITIES

4. On the motion of Councilman Crosby, seconded by Councilwoman Holman, County Council voted unanimously to give 2nd reading of an Ordinance Ordering a Referendum Pursuant to the County Bond Act for the Purpose of Determining Whether Dorchester County, South Carolina Shall be Authorized to Issue Not Exceeding \$30,000,000 General Obligation Bonds for the Purpose of Funding New Library Facilities.

1ST READING (BY TITLE ONLY) OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DORCHESTER COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FY 2019-2020

5. On the motion of Councilman Hargett, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to give 1st reading (by title only) of an Ordinance to Amend the Dorchester County Budget Ordinance for FY 2019-2020.

1ST READING (BY TITLE ONLY) OF AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A UNIFORM SERVICE CHARGE FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE IN DORCHESTER COUNTY

6. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilwoman Holman, County Council voted five in favor, with two opposed (Hargett and Hearn), to give 1st reading (by title only) and referral to the Public Works, Property, and Utilities Committee for a further consideration and a recommendation of an Ordinance Imposing a Uniform Service Charge for Road Maintenance in Dorchester County. The purpose of this Ordinance is to enable the imposition of a \$25 motorized vehicle user fee in order to provide funding for additional road maintenance on county and municipal roads.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence received.

GUEST

MR. JOSEPH R. PYE, SUPERINTENDENT, DORCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT 2, REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL MILLAGE AND FUNDING

7. Mr. Joseph R. Pye, Superintendent, Dorchester School District 2, presented a request to County Council for 4.2 additional mills, \$1,176,000. The additional funding will be used to raise the “Beginning Salary” for teachers, etc.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

3RD READING OF REZONING REQUEST #791

8. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to give 3rd reading of Rezoning Request #791 by Patrice Bryant Williams to rezone .39 acre located at 201 Gibbs Loop, near Summerville, TMS #130-10-00-005 and .4 acre located at 205 Gibbs Loop, near Summerville, TMS #130-10-00-115, from Multi-Family Residential District (R-4) to Single-Family Residential Manufactured Housing District (R-1M).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRMAN BAILEY – WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

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

9. On the recommendation of the Committee, County Council voted unanimously to approve a request for new sewer service by JSP Butternut LLC, for 40 townhomes located off East Butternut Road near the Town of Summerville, TMS #153-00-00-007.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

10. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Bryan Hutto to the Accommodation Tax Advisory Committee.

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #19-12, A RESOLUTION ORDERING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON THE QUESTION OF THE PROPOSED ABOLISHMENT AND DISSOLUTION OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT

11. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #19-12, a Resolution Ordering a Public Hearing to be Held on the Question of the Proposed Abolishment and Dissolution of the Dorchester County Fire Protection Special Tax District.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The County Attorney requested Council’s consideration to enter into Executive Session at 6:49 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Confidential Economic Development Projects

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:31 p.m., Mr. Frampton reported that Council discussed the previously announced items, but no action was taken.

COMMITMENT LETTER FOR LAND PURCHASE

12. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted unanimously to authorize the County Administrator to execute a commitment letter committing to funding \$4,500,000 million dollars for a land purchase contingent upon a \$2,000,000 grant from the South Carolina Department of Commerce and a \$2,000,000 grant from the South Carolina Power Team.

APPOINTMENT TO ACCOMMODATION TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

13. On the motion of Councilman Byars, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Joe Waring to the Accommodation Tax Advisory Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

14. On the motion of Councilwoman Holman, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 7:33 p.m.

Tracey L. Langley

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