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MINUTES DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL DORCHESTER COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE AUGUST 19, 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. Larry S. Hargett
Mr. William R. Hearn, Jr.
Ms. Harriet A. Holman
Mr. Jason L. Ward, County Administrator
Ms. Rebecca Vance, Deputy Administrator/Community Services
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: Mr. Jay Byars
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, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. GEORGE BAILEY

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Ms. Mary Rita Watson, 137 N. Park Avenue, Summerville, she thanked Council for working with the Dorchester School District 2 Board and Administration. She said Dorchester School District 2 is at a

tipping point and it is imperative they retain quality teachers. She invited Council to be part of their advocacy efforts by (1) becoming a member of the community advocacy Facebook page “DD2 for Ed Community Supporters” (2) meet with a Dorchester District 2 Advocacy Team on a monthly basis to help create a plan to reform the funding for Dorchester School District 2.

- Mr. Grady Jones, 161 Davis Terrace, Reevesville, he said on one end of Davis Terrace Road they paved one-third of the road and on the other end about a year later they paved the entrance to the road. He asked Council for assistance in getting the entire road paved.
- Mr. Henry Carson, 223 Doodle Hill Drive, St. George, he believes the vehicle user fee is reasonable and should be passed to get roads in upper Dorchester County fixed.
- Ms. Ronee De Canio, 131 Ducane Street, Summerville, she was in St. George yesterday and said the roads are terrible. She told Council not to forget roads in rural areas. She is in support of the vehicle user fee to repair roads.
- Mr. Matthew Floyd, 121 Lingos Drive, Summerville, presented packets to Council containing photos of flooding at and near his home. He said the brick wall in front of his home is approximately three feet high and is a benchmark for how high the water gets when it floods. He spoke about Platt Branch Creek and the drainage path for the water. He also spoke about electrical boxes and sewer mains shown in the pictures which are also under water.
- Mr. Terrance and Mrs. Marina Williams, 120 Lingos Drive, Summerville, a presentation was shown to Council regarding flooding at their home. He spoke about the water flow between his home and Mr. Floyd’s home. Mrs. Williams said it has damaged the fence behind their home. Mr. Williams said the flooding is worse each time there is a heavy rain.
- Mr. Alvaro Ramirez, 113 Lingos Drive, Summerville, he is the neighbor of Matthew Floyd and Terrance Williams. He said the situation is getting worse every year and they need Council’s help. He said the flood waters are not clean, it is sewer water. He said they will do whatever it takes to get assistance with the flooding.
- Mr. Jim Strohm, 9204 Creedmore Road, Summerville, he is a hobbyist beekeeper and has beehives in Dorchester and Charleston Counties. He said the spray notifications stopped without any input from beekeepers. He would like some type of notification telling him when the County plans to spray.
- Dr. Nancy Simpson, 7720 Highway 165, Ravenel, she said beekeepers are not happy that spray notifications were stopped. Articles from the Post & Courier were presented to Council regarding honeybees and no spray notifications. She asked Council to reinstate the notification system for beekeepers.
- Mr. Henry Lowrimore, 1353 Harbor Street, Georgetown, he spoke about Council’s decision to stop notifying beekeepers of pesticide spraying. He said the County needs to test before spraying for mosquitoes. He also spoke about adequate funding for a beekeeper notification system.

MINUTES

1. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Byars), to adopt the minutes from the August 12, 2019, County Council Meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING OF ORDINANCE #19-24, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DORCHESTER COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FY 2019-2020

Chairman Bailey announced County Council would hold a public hearing for 3rd reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Dorchester County Budget Ordinance for FY 2019-2020.

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 Hargett, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Byars), to give 3rd reading of Ordinance #19-24, an Ordinance to Amend the Dorchester County Budget Ordinance for FY 2019-2020.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence received.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDERGROUND UTILITY LINES WITHIN THE BUFFERS PARALLEL TO THE ROADWAY

3. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilwoman Holman, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Byars), to give 1st reading and referral to the Planning, Development and Building Committee for a public hearing and recommendation for an Ordinance to Amend Dorchester County Zoning and Land Development Standards Ordinance Number 04-13, as Amended, to Revise Article XI, Section 11.5.8 "Requirements Imposed Upon All Districts" (The purpose of this amendment is to modify the requirements for underground utility lines within the buffers parallel to the roadway.)

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: There were no appointments.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED ABOLISHMENT AND DISSOLUTION OF THE DORCHESTER COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT

The County Attorney requested Council's consideration to open the public hearing so County Council can receive public comments regarding the proposed abolishment and dissolution of the Dorchester County Fire Protection Special Tax District.


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.

1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING AND DISSOLVING THE DORCHESTER COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT CREATED BY RESOLUTION ADOPTED MAY 1, 1989

4. On the motion of Councilman Hargett, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Byars), to give 1st reading of an Ordinance Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Sec. 4-19-10, Et Seq. Abolishing and Dissolving the Dorchester County Fire Protection Special Tax District Created by Resolution Adopted May 1, 1989.

ADJOURNMENT

5. On the motion of Councilwoman Holman, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Byars), to adjourn at approximately 6:42 p.m.


Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council