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MINUTES DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL DORCHESTER COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE NOVEMBER 04, 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.
Mr. Jason L. Ward, County Administrator
Mr. Daniel Prentice, Deputy Administrator/CFO
Ms. Rebecca Vance, Deputy Administrator/Community Services
Mr. John Frampton, County Attorney
Ms. Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council

ABSENT: Ms. Harriet A. Holman
Mr. Bradley Mitchell, Deputy County Attorney

Chairman Bailey called to order the meeting of Dorchester County Council. He invited all to stand for the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. GEORGE BAILEY

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Mr. Thomas Feagin, 111 Ponderosa Drive, Summerville, he spoke about the upcoming election. He requested Council look at traffic on Orangeburg, Butternut and Mallard Roads. He said the quality of life is diminishing by the day because of traffic.
- Ms. Peggy Bangle, 114 Ravenwood Court, Summerville, Councilwoman Holman and her family are in her thoughts and prayers. She spoke about voting and encouraged everyone to go out and vote. "If you don't vote, you can't whine." She also spoke about traffic, taxes and trash. She said we need traffic studies to make our roads more efficient.

MINUTES

1. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Holman), to adopt the minutes from the October 21, 2019, County Council Meeting.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #19-18, RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE VETERANS OF DORCHESTER COUNTY AND ITS SURROUNDING COUNTIES ON THE OCCURANCE OF THE 2019 DORCHESTER COUNTY VETERANS PARADE AND CELEBRATION

2. On the motion of Councilman Hargett, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Holman), to adopt Resolution #19-18, a Resolution Recognizing and Celebrating the Veterans of Dorchester County and its Surrounding Counties on the Occurrence of the 2019 Dorchester County Veterans Parade and Celebration.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #19-19, CONFIRMING THE INTENTION OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO BE REIMBURSED FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION OF FIRE ENGINES AND EQUIPMENT

3. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Holman), to adopt Resolution #19-19, a Resolution Confirming the Intention of Dorchester County, South Carolina to be Reimbursed for Certain Expenditures Related to the Acquisition of Fire Engines and Equipment to be Financed by a Lease Purchase Obligation (Amount not Exceeding \$3,500,000).

EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

Chairman Bailey announced that Dorchester County is eligible for a grant of \$28,779. The funds will be used to equip the Sheriff's Office with eight (8) night vision monocular and helmet mount assemblies for use by the Special Entry Team.

The public hearing is a requirement of the grant, and no vote of County Council is required.

Chairman Bailey struck the gavel, opening the public hearing. In the absence of any requests to speak, Chairman Bailey struck the gavel again, closing the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2ND READING OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OAKBROOK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

Chairman Bailey announced County Council would hold a public hearing for 2nd reading of an Ordinance Establishing the Oakbrook Redevelopment Project Area.

He struck the gavel, opening the Public Hearing. Ms. Rebecca Vance, Deputy Administrator of Community Services described the Ordinance and its purpose.

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

2ND READING OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OAKBROOK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA; MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS OF BLIGHT WITHIN THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

4. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Byars, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Holman), to give 2nd reading of an Ordinance Establishing the Oakbrook Redevelopment Project Area; Making Certain Findings of Blight Within the Redevelopment Project Area; Designating and Defining Redevelopment Projects Consisting of Public Improvements Within the Redevelopment Project Area; Designating Appropriate Redevelopment Project Costs; Approving an Overall Redevelopment Plan; Providing for Notice and Public Hearing in Connection With the Foregoing; and Other Matters Related Thereto as amended.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A ROADWAY CONNECTION TO COMMUNITY ROAD FOR COMMUNITY ROAD TOWNHOMES DEVELOPMENT

5. On the motion of Councilman Crosby, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Holman), to approve a roadway connection to Community Road for Community Road Townhomes Development.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence received.

GUEST

MR. CRAIG LLOYD, COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR FOR DORCHESTER COUNTY

Ms. Tiffany Norton, Dorchester County Public Information Officer introduced Mr. Craig Lloyd, Communications Coordinator for Dorchester County. Mr. Lloyd began his service with Dorchester County on Monday, October 28, 2019, as Communications Coordinator. In his new role, he will assist the Public Information Officer. He graduated from Indiana State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Radio/TV/Film. He worked for Live 5 News in Charleston for over 20 years as a news and sports videographer and editor.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2018 DORCHESTER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP

6. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Holman), to give 1st reading and referral to the Planning, Development, and Building Committee for a public hearing and recommendation regarding an Ordinance Amending the 2018 Dorchester County Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map.

APPROVAL TO ADD POLICY #9 "FIXED ASSET" TO THE DORCHESTER COUNTY FINANCIAL POLICIES

7. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Hargett, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Holman), to approve a request to add Policy #9 "Fixed Asset" to the Dorchester County Financial Policies.

APPROVAL TO SELL FIFTEEN (15) BENCHES FROM THE FORMER DORCHESTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE (OFFICES ANNEX) TO THE TOWN OF ST. GEORGE

8. On the motion of Councilman Crosby, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Holman), to approve a request to sell Fifteen (15) benches from the former Dorchester County Courthouse (Offices Annex) to the Town of St. George.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRMAN BAILEY – BUDGET, FINANCE AND PURCHASING COMMITTEE

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

9. On the recommendation of the Committee, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Holman), to give 2nd reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances, Dorchester County, South Carolina, to Revise Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 3, Section 2-542 (B)(4) and Division 5, Sections 2-561 (C)(D), 2-564 (D), and 2-565 (D) (The purpose of this ordinance is to amend sections of the Dorchester County Procurement Ordinance including those that govern the timing of release of sealed bid responses and delegation of signature authority.)

CHAIRMAN CHINNIS – PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

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

10. On the recommendation of the Committee, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Holman), to give 2nd reading of Rezoning Request #795 by Christopher and Melissa Lane, to rezone 1.0 acres located at 126 Argosy Drive, near Summerville, TMS #144-01-00-023, from Multi-Family Residential District (R-4) to Single-Family Residential Manufactured Housing District (R-1MA).

The Committee discussed Ordinance #17-09, an Ordinance to Supplement the Code of Ordinances, Dorchester County, South Carolina to Add a New Section 38-2, ET. SEQ. to Article 1 of Chapter 38 Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places to Provide for the Regulation of Connectivity to Streets and Roadways Under the Jurisdiction of Dorchester County. No action was taken.

CHAIRMAN BAILEY – WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Chairman Bailey reported that the Committee met at 5:55 p.m. to discuss the following item:

11. On the recommendation of the Committee, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Holman), to approve a Cost Sharing Agreement for Pinewood Crossing Regional Pump Station.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: There were no appointments.

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE, PROJECT BLUE MAGNOLIA

12. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Holman), to give 1st reading of an Ordinance Authorizing Certain Economic Development Incentives for a Project Known to the County as Project Blue Magnolia Including Entering Into a Fee In Lieu of Property Tax Agreement for the Project, and Other Related Matters, Between Dorchester County, South Carolina and Project Blue Magnolia Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as Amended.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL ITEM UNDER EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Holman), to amend the agenda to add an additional item under Executive Session which would be a Contractual Matter regarding Dorchester County and Dorchester County Water Authority for the exchange of certain service areas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The County Attorney requested Council's consideration to enter into Executive Session at 6:56 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Legal Advice
 - E-911 Litigation Settlement

- Contractual Matter
 - Dorchester County and Dorchester County Water Authority Exchange of Certain Service Areas

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION


At approximately 7:27 p.m., Mr. Frampton reported that Council discussed the previously announced items, but no action was taken.

APPROVAL OF E-911 SETTLEMENT

14. On the motion of Councilman Hargett, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Holman), to approve a joint settlement between the Town of Summerville and Dorchester County with the Defendant Century Link/Level 3 in the E-911 litigation for the sum of \$15,000 and authorize the County Administrator to execute any documents necessary to consummate the settlement. Further, with respect to this settlement as well as the previously approved settlements with the other Defendants, the County Administrator and Chief Financial Officer be authorized apportion the net proceeds from such settlements between Dorchester County and the Town of Summerville based upon the total revenues received from each Defendant by Dorchester County for fiscal year 2018 commencing July 1, 2017 through and including June 30, 2018, and the total revenues received from each Defendant by the Town of Summerville for calendar year 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

15. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Hearn, County Council voted six in favor, with one absent (Holman), to adjourn at approximately 7:28 p.m.


Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council