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MINUTES DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL DORCHESTER COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE NOVEMBER 18, 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
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

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

CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. GEORGE BAILEY

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Mr. Steven Wright, 2134 Bridlewood Farms, Ridgville, he offered his condolences to Councilwoman Holman and her family. He thanked Council for their efforts to get the Parks and Libraries Referendums back to the voters.

- Mr. Henry Lowrimore, 1353 Harbor Street, Georgetown, he spoke about the report he gave to the South Carolina Beekeepers Association regarding Dorchester County Council’s vote to discontinue notifications regarding mosquito spraying.
- Ms. Linda Moles, 304 Equinox Circle, Summerville, she spoke about ongoing gun shooting on Wallace Ackerman Drive. She said several homes including hers has been hit by gunfire. She was told by Summerville Police Department that nothing can be done because Wallace Ackerman Road is in unincorporated Dorchester County. She asked Council for suggestions and/or assistance.
- Ms. Katherine Carter, 162 George Keen, Summerville, she spoke about services provided by Public Works. She requested Public Works come out and grade the ditches in Pinehill Acres on a regular basis. She said the banks of the ditches are rolled out from years of erosion and she would like for it to be corrected with all the flooding issues they have in the neighborhood.

MINUTES

1. On the motion of Councilman Hargett, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted unanimously to adopt the minutes from the November 04, 2019, County Council Meeting.

1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PARKS AND RECREATION BONDS

2. On the motion of Councilman Byars, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted unanimously to give 1st reading of an Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding Thirty Eight Million Dollars (\$38,000,000) Dorchester County, South Carolina, General Obligation Bonds; to Prescribe the Purposes for Which the Proceeds Shall be Expended; to Provide for the Payment Thereof; and Other Matters Relating Thereto (Parks and Recreation Bonds).

1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LIBRARY BONDS

3. On the motion of Councilman Crosby, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to give 1st reading of an Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) Dorchester County, South Carolina, General Obligation Bonds; to Prescribe the Purposes for Which the Proceeds Shall be Expended; to Provide for the Payment Thereof; and Other Matters Relating Thereto (Library Bonds).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #19-20, LAKE MARION REGIONAL WATER AGENCY

4. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #19-20, a Resolution of the Members of the Lake Marion Regional Water Agency Committing to the Purchase of the Water System in the Event of the Sale of the South Carolina Public Service Authority.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #19-21, TO DECLARE THE RESULTS OF A BOND REFERENDUM FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

5. On the motion of Councilman Byars, seconded by Councilwoman Holman, County Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #19-21, a Resolution to Declare the Results of a Bond Referendum Held in Dorchester County, South Carolina on November 5, 2019 (Parks and Recreation Referendum).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #19-22, TO DECLARE THE RESULTS OF A BOND REFERENDUM FOR THE LIBRARY

6. On the motion of Councilman Crosby, seconded by Councilwoman Holman, County Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #19-22, a Resolution to Declare the Results of a Bond Referendum Held in Dorchester County, South Carolina on November 5, 2019 (Library Referendum).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #19-23, REIMBURSEMENT RELATED TO CAPITAL PROJECTS, PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

7. On the motion of Councilman Byars, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #19-23, a Resolution Confirming the Intention of Dorchester County, South Carolina to be Reimbursed for Certain Expenditures Related to Capital Projects to be Financed by the Issuance of Bonds for Acquisition of Land and the Design and Construction of Parks and Recreational Facilities at Various Locations throughout the County, Including the Development of the Dorchester County Courthouse Park in St. George, the Ashley River Park, the Ashley River Park-Rosebrock Park-Swamp Fox Connector and the Pine Trace Natural Area in Summerville, and the Development of Hiking, Biking and Pedestrian Trails and Bridges, Together with Associated Infrastructure, at Various Locations throughout the County.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #19-24, REIMBURSEMENT RELATED TO CAPITAL PROJECTS, LIBRARY FACILITIES

8. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, County Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #19-24, a Resolution Confirming the Intention of Dorchester County, South Carolina to be Reimbursed for Certain Expenditures Related to Capital Projects to be Financed by the Issuance of Bonds for Acquisition of Land and the Design and Construction of New Library Facilities in the Summerville, North Charleston and Ridgeville Areas of the County.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #19-25, OAKBROOK TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT

9. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #19-25, a Resolution Confirming the Intention of Dorchester County, South Carolina to be Reimbursed for Certain Expenditures Related to Capital Projects to be Financed by the Issuance of Bonds (Oakbrook Tax Increment Financing District).

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence received.

GUEST

MR. DANIEL PRENTICE, DORCHESTER COUNTY DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR/CFO

Mr. Prentice gave a summary of revenues and expenditures for the County's major funds through October 31, 2019. He also included a summary of cash on hand in the major funds and status updates on major Water and Sewer, and Stormwater projects.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

3RD READING OF ORDINANCE #19-29, OAKBROOK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

10. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted to give 3rd reading of Ordinance #19-29, 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.

3RD READING OF ORDINANCE #19-30, AMENDING THE PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE

11. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to give 3rd reading of Ordinance #19-30, 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.)

3RD READING OF REZONING REQUEST #795

12. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, County Council voted unanimously to give 3rd 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).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 TRANSFER PERSONNEL SAVINGS FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LEADERSHIP DORCHESTER PROGRAM

13. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Byars, County Council voted unanimously to approve a request to transfer \$1,250 from personnel savings to training for the Communications Coordinator to participate in the Leadership Dorchester Program at the Greater Summerville Dorchester County Chamber of Commerce.

APPROVAL TO ADD A NEW SENIOR INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICIAN CLASSIFICATION TO THE COUNTY'S CLASSIFICATION STRUCTURE

14. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to approve a request to add a new Senior Industrial Electrician classification to the County's classification structure and to promote and provide a salary adjustment to the incumbent in the industrial electrician slot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRWOMAN HOLMAN – PUBLIC WORKS, PROPERTY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairwoman Holman reported the Committee met at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the following item:

15. On the recommendation of the Committee, County Council voted five in favor, with two opposed (Holman and Hargett), to give 3rd reading of Ordinance #19-31, an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances, Dorchester County, South Carolina, by Deleting Sec. 38-225(15) Dealing With Ingress/Egress Over Private Driveways When an Emergency Exists.

CHAIRMAN HEARN – PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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

16. On the recommendation of the Committee, County Council voted unanimously to give 2nd reading of an Ordinance to Amend and Supplement the Code of Ordinances, Dorchester County, South Carolina, by Amending and Supplementing Chapter 4 Animals, Sections 4-1 Through 4-20, as Amended.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

17. On the motion of Councilman Crosby, seconded by Councilman Byars, County Council voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Troy Schiendham to the Dorchester County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs.

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

2ND READING OF AN ORDINANCE, PROJECT BLUE MAGNOLIA

18. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted unanimously to give 2nd 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The County Attorney requested Council’s consideration to enter into Executive Session at 6:39 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Contractual Matters
 - Agreement Between Dorchester County and Dorchester County Water Authority
 - Town of St. George Police Department Lease
- Legal Advice
 - Woodlands Tract
 - James Greene v. Dorchester County
 - Exclusion of Dorchester County from Federal Opiate Litigation

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:37 p.m., Mr. Frampton reported that Council discussed the previously announced items, but no action was taken.

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIOID LITIGATION

19. On the motion of Councilman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to authorize the County Attorney to execute the Exclusion Request Form on behalf of Dorchester County so that Dorchester County is excluded from the negotiation class as certified in the pending litigation in Federal Court captioned In Re: National Prescription Opioid Litigation.

LEASE EXTENSION TO THE CURRENT LEASE WITH THE TOWN OF ST. GEORGE

20. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Crosby, County Council voted unanimously to authorize the County Administrator to execute a final lease extension to the current lease with the Town of St. George until February 29, 2020, for its use of a portion of the old Detention Center for the St. George Police Department.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN DORCHESTER COUNTY AND THE DORCHESTER COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

21. On the motion of Councilwoman Holman, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to authorize the County Administrator to execute the Agreement between Dorchester County and the Dorchester County Water Authority for the exchange of service territories and related matters with such additions, modifications, and amendments as may be deemed appropriate by the County Administrator in consultation with the Director of Water and Sewer and the County Attorney.

AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE JAMES GREENE V. DORCHESTER COUNTY

22. On the motion of Councilman Hargett, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, County Council voted unanimously to authorize the County Administrator to offer to settle the pending litigation instituted by the Plaintiff James Greene against Dorchester County as discussed in Executive Session including but

not limited to the agreement by Dorchester County to discontinue its Annuity Program in lieu of health insurance.

ADJOURNMENT

23. On the motion of Councilwoman Holman, seconded by Councilman Hargett, County Council voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 7:38 p.m.

Tracey L. Langley
Tracey L. Langley, Clerk to Council