

AGENDA
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
DORCHESTER COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE
JANUARY 6, 2014
7:00 P.M.

1. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. WILLIAM R. HEARN, JR.

- Requests to Address Council
- Adoption of Minutes from the December 2, 2013, County Council Meeting
- Dorchester County Employee Longevity Program
- Dorchester County Employee of the Year
- Correspondence

3. GUEST

- Mr. Justin Powell, Chief Financial Officer, Budget Report for November 2013

4. COUNCIL MEMBER'S TIME – MR. JAY BYARS

- Ashley River Park Phase I
- Request for Approval of the Parks and Recreation Director Job Description

5. COUNCIL MEMBER'S TIME – MR. LARRY HARGETT

- Rumphs Hill Creek Runoff

6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

- Request for Approval of the Revised Grants Policy and Procedures
- Request for Approval of a Revised and Updated Employee Drug and Alcohol Policy
- Request for Approval of a Temporary Full-Time Firefighter
- Request for Approval of a Commercial Design Standards Contract

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman George Bailey – Public Safety, Health and Human Services (6:00 p.m.)

- Recommendation for Approval of Space in the Dorchester County Offices Annex for Use by the Upper Dorchester County Historical Society to House the Dorchester County Archives and History Center

Chairman David Chinnis – Planning, Development and Building Committee (6:30 p.m.)

- Public Hearing and 2nd Reading for Rezoning Request #678 for MWV-Ridgeville, LLC, at the corner of Highway 78 and Highway 27, TMS #087-00-00-096, TMS #087-00-00-097, TMS #097-00-00-002, from Absence of Control District (AC) to Industrial District (I)

Chairman William R. Hearn, Jr. – Water and Sewer Committee (6:45 p.m.)

- Request for Approval of New Water Service for Mitchell D. Almond, at 111 Holbrook Drive in the Old Fort Estates Subdivision Near the City of North Charleston, TMS #154-16-01-003

8. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

9. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

- Public Hearing and Approval of Proposed Conveyance by Dorchester County to Bridlewood Farms, LLC, of a Tract of Land Consisting of 1.11 Acres and Bearing TMS #119-12-01-039
- Executive Session
 - Confidential Economic Development Projects
 - Legal Advice
 - Berkeley County Water and Sanitation vs. Lake Marion Regional Water Agency
 - FOIA Request
 - Ashley River Fire Tax District

10. ADJOURN

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The Summerville Journal Scene and The Post and Courier were notified,
and a notice was posted on the bulletin board 24 hours before the meeting.

PRESENT: Mr. William R. Hearn, Jr., Chairman
Mr. George H. Bailey, Vice Chairman
Mr. Jay Byars
Mr. David Chinnis
Mr. Willie R. Davis
Mrs. Carroll S. Duncan
Mr. Larry S. Hargett
Mr. Jason Ward, County Administrator
Ms. Ashley Jacobs, Deputy Administrator
Mr. Justin Powell, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. John Frampton, County Attorney
Ms. Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to Council

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

CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. WILLIAM R. HEARN, JR.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Chairman Hearn recognized the following citizens to address Council:

- Ms. Linda E. Haynes Whetsell, 108 Atlantic Street, Summerville, thanked Council for fixing the potholes on Highway 78. She reported that native South Carolinian Christopher Alonzo Daniel Haynes was seriously injured in a November 9, 2013, motorcycle accident in California. Ms. Haynes asked

Council to offset the \$400 cost of event insurance to hold a day of service/safety program in support of Mr. Haynes as he recovers. Additionally, she asked Council for help in dealing with the dust, noise, smell and flies from Waste Pro.

- Mr. Richard DuBose, 207 Swan Drive, Teal on the Ashley subdivision, Summerville, thanked Council for paving Swan Drive, saying it was money well spent. He said there is a problem with runoff water from 17A and Dorchester Road through the subdivision and into the Ashley River. He asked Council about redistributing the water, possibly into a retention pond.
- Mr. Joe Ballentine, 115 Gathering Island Road, Summerville, asked Council to adopt a fireworks ordinance. He said debris from New Year's Eve fireworks, launched by neighbors, burned through the clear coat of paint on his car.
- Ms. Cathy Kochis, 115 Tyvola Drive, Summerville, requested Council's assistance in converting Tyvola Drive into a dead-end road. She requested this occur before improvements are made at Tyvola and Bacons Bridge, thereby saving money. She noted that once Bacons Bridge becomes a five-lane road, it will be even more dangerous for high school students who use Tyvola as a cut-through road.
- Ms. Barbara Fields, 100 Wachovia Court, Summerville, requested Council's assistance in converting Tyvola Drive into a dead-end road. She reported that her daughter, while checking the mailbox, was almost hit by a van that drove through a stop sign at Tyvola.
- Ms. Arlene Wheeler, 377 Summerset Lane, Summerville, asked Council for restrictions on high-density development and clear cutting by developers, which she says causes flooding on her property when it rains. She provided pictures for Council of the flooding on her property.
- Mr. Jeff Rehrig, 3012 Trotters Club Way, Summerville, asked Council to fix leaking manhole covers. He asked Council to halt development until problems are fixed.
- Mr. Tom Thurman, 3004 Trotters Club Way, Summerville, provided Council with pictures of water from Pine Forest subdivision, which he says has been diverted into Rumphs Hill Creek. He asked Council for assistance with runoff water and sewage water flooding his property. He asked Council to stop development until problems are fixed.
- Mr. Richard Fritz, 105 IZARD Court in Newington Plantation subdivision, Summerville, asked Council for assistance with runoff water from Axtell Drive, which flows through his property into what was a natural spring in his yard, but now is full of silt. He said three homes are affected by the runoff water.
- Mr. Phil Minard, 4823 Holly Berry Lane in Wescott Plantation subdivision, Summerville, thanked Councilman Hargett for taking a stand against the Local Option Sales Tax.
- Ms. Peggy Bangle, 114 Ravenwood, Summerville, cautioned Council about unintended consequences.

After Ms. Kochis and Ms. Fields addressed Council, Chairman Hearn asked County Attorney John Frampton what is required legally or statutorily to close a street. Mr. Frampton said to close a public way, one must follow the procedure set out in Title 57 of the Code, which requires a lawsuit to be filed with a hearing in front of a judge. He said it would take at least 90 days. He said any interested party can file a suit to close a road.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted unanimously to adopt the minutes from the December 2, 2013, County Council Meeting.

DORCHESTER COUNTY EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY PROGRAM

Dorchester County recognized employees with 5, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service. Mrs. Jan Simpson and Mrs. Tammy Thompson of Dorchester County Human Resources Department, along with County Council, presented the following employees with certificates and pins: Ms. Julie Jones (5), Ms. Mary Blunt (5), Ms. Queen White (5), Ms. Theresa Young (5), Ms. Jessica Turner (5), Mr. Sean Napoli (15), Ms. Mae Taylor (15), Ms. Margie Page (20), Ms. Kelly Murray (25) and Ms. Nell Infinger (30).

DORCHESTER COUNTY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

County Council recognized Mrs. Alice Durr, Chief Deputy Coroner, as the 2013 Exemplary Employee of the Year. Mrs. Durr, a 14-year employee, was nominated by the County Coroner, Mr. Chris Nisbet. In recognizing Mrs. Durr, Mr. Ward said she has proven herself to be a natural teacher and nurturer. These traits serve her well as she deals with employees and the community. Mrs. Durr has also taken on the task of updating and implementing a new reporting program. Reports can now be completed in the field and transmitted back to the office. This is a much more efficient process, and Mrs. Durr was able to save the County money by completing this task herself, he said. County Council presented her with a plaque and gave her a round of applause. Family and friends who attended for the occasion were recognized as well.

CORRESPONDENCE: Items of correspondence were sent to Council as they were received by staff.

GUESTS

MR. JUSTIN POWELL, DORCHESTER COUNTY CFO: NOVEMBER 2013 BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Powell presented the November 2013 budget report to County Council and answered questions.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S TIME – MR. JAY BYARS

ASHLEY RIVER PARK PHASE I

Councilman Byars, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, reviewed expenditures of the \$5 million bond money, which was approved by voters in 2010 for parks and green space. He then discussed the Phase I budget for the Ashley River park. He called on Mr. Matt Halter, Dorchester County Public Works Director, and Ms. Kristen Champagne, Dorchester County Water and Sewer Director, to address leveraging County staff to offset costs and implement improvements to move the park project forward.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

Councilman Byars called on Mr. Mike Montei, a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Montei recommended approval of the Parks and Recreation Director job description, which was reviewed by the Commission. Chairman Hearn and Councilman Byars thanked Mr. Montei for all his volunteer work with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

2. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the Parks and Recreation Director job description.

Mr. Ward said funding for this full-time position was approved by County Council in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S TIME – MR. LARRY HARGETT

RUMPHS HILL CREEK RUNOFF

Councilman Hargett discussed concerns about runoff and flooding, distributed pictures and offered a recommendation to County Council regarding the situation. He said five property owners on Trotters Ridge Way along Rumphs Hill Creek are in constant fear of having invasive and damaging storm water and sewage water on their property. Councilman Hargett attributed the creek flooding problems in part to the presence of a new subdivision, approved by the Town of Summerville, called Legacy at Pine Forest. He said it includes 270 lots, where once there were 62 acres of pine forest that previously absorbed much rainfall. He said the new subdivision includes a poorly designed retention pond. Additionally, loose fill dirt is contributing sediment into the Rumphs Hill Creek drainage basin, he said.

Councilman Hargett recommended Council consider a one-year moratorium ordinance, postponing developments and land disturbances located in both the Town of Summerville and unincorporated Dorchester County that impact Rumphs Hill Creek and Chandler Creek.

Chairman Hearn called on Mr. Matt Halter, Public Works Director; Ms. Kristin Champagne, Water and Sewer Director; and Mr. Russ Cornette, Town of Summerville Town Engineer, to give updates on projects underway in the area and answer questions.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

REVISED GRANTS POLICY AND PROCEDURES

3. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted unanimously to approve a revised grants policy and procedures.

Mr. Ward said this policy outlines the monitoring and reporting procedures that staff has implemented to ensure compliance with state, federal and other grant requirements. He said this policy addresses the annual preparation of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA).

REVISED AND UPDATED EMPLOYEE DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

4. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, Council voted unanimously to approve a revised and updated employee drug and alcohol policy as recommended by Risk Management and Safety.

Mr. Ward said the revised policy was reviewed by labor attorneys, and it updates the drugs that the County will be testing for, including synthetic drugs. It replaces the policy that was adopted in 2007.

TEMPORARY FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER

5. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted unanimously to approve a temporary, full-time firefighter position to replace a firefighter who is out because of a non-work related injury.

Mr. Ward said this is a revenue neutral recommendation and no additional funding is required because the employee who is out is using unpaid Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave.

COMMERCIAL DESIGN STANDARDS CONTRACT

6. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Byars, Council voted unanimously to approve the transfer of \$5,000 from Building Services personnel savings to Planning Commission operating to fund a commercial design standards contract.

Mr. Ward said the purpose of the project is to establish design standards in the Transitional Overlay Districts (TOD) along major arterial roads.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRMAN BAILEY – PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman Bailey reported that the Committee met at 6 p.m. to discuss the Upper Dorchester County Historical Society's proposal to house a Dorchester County Archives and History Center in the Dorchester County Offices Annex in St. George. He said the Committee unanimously recommends meeting with County staff to determine costs.

7. Council voted unanimously to approve moving the project forward by allowing Committee members and Historical Society members to meet with Dorchester County staff to determine costs.

CHAIRMAN CHINNIS – PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman Chinnis reported that the Committee met at 6:30 p.m. to hold a public hearing for Rezoning Request #678 for MWV-Ridgeville, LLC, at the corner of Highway 78 and Highway 27, TMS

#087-00-00-096, TMS #087-00-00-097, TMS #097-00-00-002, from Absence of Control District (AC) to Industrial District (I). He said the Committee unanimously recommends full Council approves 2nd Reading.

8. Council voted unanimously to approve 2nd Reading for Rezoning Request #678 for MWV-Ridgeville, LLC, at the corner of Highway 78 and Highway 27, TMS #087-00-00-096, TMS #087-00-00-097, TMS #097-00-00-002, from Absence of Control District (AC) to Industrial District (I).

CHAIRMAN HEARN – WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Chairman Hearn reported that the Water and Sewer Committee met at 6:45 p.m. and unanimously recommends approval of new water service for Mitchell D. Almond, at 111 Holbrook Drive in the Old Fort Estates subdivision near the City of North Charleston, TMS #154-16-01-003.

9. Council voted unanimously to approve new water service for Mitchell D. Almond, at 111 Holbrook Drive in the Old Fort Estates subdivision near the City of North Charleston, TMS #154-16-01-003.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

DORCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

10. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Byars, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. John Wil Riley, 105 Brownfield Drive, Summerville, to the Dorchester County Board of Assessment Appeals, representing District #6, as recommended by Chairman Hearn.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CONVEYANCE BY DORCHESTER COUNTY TO BRIDLEWOOD FARMS, LLC, TMS #119-12-01-039

Mr. Frampton asked Council to open a public hearing concerning a proposed conveyance by Dorchester County to Bridlewood Farms. He said this is a piece of property that was donated to the County in 2010 by the developer, Bridlewood Farms. At that time, the developer donated a 1.11 parcel bearing TMS #119-12-01-039 together with a fairly lengthy right-of-way called North Road to the County for the purpose of the County constructing a fire station. The County has determined that it is in the County's best interest to return the property and the right-of-way back to the developer in return for the developer conveying to the County a new fire station site, which is on Highway 27 and bears TMS #126-00-00-206. Mr. Frampton said because the County seeks to convey property, a public hearing is required.

Chairman Hearn struck the gavel, opening the Public Hearing. He invited the public to come forward to speak on this issue. In the absence of any requests to speak, Chairman Hearn struck the gavel again, closing the Public Hearing.

11. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to approve conveying a tract of land consisting of 1.11 acres and bearing TMS #119-12-01-039 together with the North Road right-of-way to Bridlewood Farms, LLC.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The County Attorney requested Council's consideration to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Public Hearing and Approval of Proposed Conveyance by Dorchester County to Bridlewood Farms, LLC, of a Tract of Land Consisting of 1.11 Acres and Bearing TMS #119-12-01-039
- Executive Session
 - Confidential Economic Development Projects
 - Legal Advice
 - Berkeley County Water and Sanitation vs. Lake Marion Regional Water Agency
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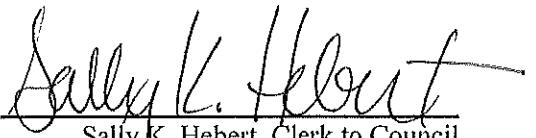
12. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at approximately 8:56 p.m. to discuss the above listed items.

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 9:36 p.m., the County Attorney reported that Council discussed the previously announced items, and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

13. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 9:36 p.m.


Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to Council

AGENDA
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JANUARY 21, 2014
7:00 P.M.

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2. CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. WILLIAM R. HEARN, JR.

- Requests to Address Council
- Adoption of Minutes from the January 6, 2014, County Council Meeting
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- Mr. Justin Powell, Chief Financial Officer, Budget Report for December 2013
- Request for Adoption of Resolution to Join SC Counties OPEB Trust

4. COUNCIL MEMBER'S TIME – MR. GEORGE BAILEY

- Recommendation for Approval of Space in the Dorchester County Offices Annex for Use by the Upper Dorchester County Historical Society to House the Dorchester County Archives and History Center

5. COUNCIL MEMBER'S TIME – MR. DAVID CHINNIS

- Recommendation for Approval of a Resolution Opposing the Clear Cutting of Trees in the I-26 Median

6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

- Request for Approval to Use Additional Funds in Stormwater Personnel Line Item to be Transferred to Equipment Repair and Parts and ROC Accounts
- Request for Approval to Hire a Temporary Position in the Water and Sewer Department While an Employee is on Family Medical Leave
- 1st Reading, by Title Only, of An Ordinance to Amend Dorchester County Zoning and Land Development Standards, Ordinance #04-13, as Previously Amended to Delete and Replace in its Entirety Section 12.4: Tree and Canopy Protection Standards
- 1st Reading, by Title Only, of An Ordinance to Adopt the 2014 Dorchester County Tree Planting Plan
- 3rd Reading for Rezoning Request #678 for MWV-Ridgeville, LLC, at the corner of Highway 78 and Highway 27, TMS #087-00-00-096, TMS #087-00-00-097, TMS #097-00-00-002, from Absence of Control District (AC) to Industrial District (I)
- Request for Approval to Replace Section 404, E (Reclassifications) in the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual
- Request for Approval of Merit Increase for Eligible Employees
- Request for Approval of the Sale of Two Deadline Sheriff's Cruisers to Career School

7. COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman William R. Hearn, Jr. – Audit Committee (6:00 p.m.)

- Dorchester County Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Audit Report

Chairman William R. Hearn, Jr. – Budget, Finance and Purchasing Committee (6:30 p.m.)

- Request for Funding for Summer Youth Workers

Chairman William R. Hearn, Jr. – Water and Sewer Committee (6:45 p.m.)

- Request for Additional Water Service for Sunoco, Inc., 9916 Dorchester Road, TMS #162-05-05-002 and TMS #162-09-04-002

8. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

9. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

- Vehicle Home Garaging Policy
- Executive Session
 - Contractual Matter
 - Sale of Portion of Pine Trace Property to Mungo Homes

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CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. WILLIAM R. HEARN, JR.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

This portion of the meeting occurred after "Council Member's Time" and before "County Administrator's Time." Chairman Hearn recognized the following citizens to address Council:

- Hunter Witmer, 180 Jupiter Lane, Summerville, Boy Scouts of America Troop 759 from Boone Hill United Methodist Church, stated he was attending tonight’s meeting in an effort to earn a Communications Merit Badge.
- Trent Grabow, 119 Pine Hurst Road, also from Boy Scouts of America Troop 759, said he was attending the meeting in an effort to earn a Citizenship Merit Badge.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, Council voted unanimously to adopt the minutes from the January 6, 2014, County Council Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Items of correspondence were sent to Council as they were received by staff.

GUEST: MR. JUSTIN POWELL, DORCHESTER COUNTY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

DECEMBER 2013 BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Powell presented the December 2013 budget report to County Council and answered questions.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO JOIN SC COUNTIES OPEB TRUST

2. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #14-01, A Resolution of the Dorchester County Council Expressing an Intent to Participate in the South Carolina Counties’ Property and Liability Trust for Retirement Health Insurance Funds.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S TIME – MR. GEORGE BAILEY

APPROVAL OF SPACE IN THE DORCHESTER COUNTY OFFICES ANNEX FOR USE BY THE UPPER DORCHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOUSE THE DORCHESTER COUNTY ARCHIVES AND HISTORY CENTER

3. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted unanimously to lease approximately 2,600 square feet, located at the Dorchester County Annex Building, to the Dorchester County Archives and History Center for a period of five years for the sum of \$1 per year with Dorchester County to pay lights, heat and air conditioning, and Dorchester County Archives and History Center to pay for renovation of dedicated space allotted to them.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S TIME – MR. DAVID CHINNIS

OPPOSING THE CLEAR CUTTING OF THE MEDIAN ON I-26

4. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted unanimously to send a Chairman’s letter to the BCD COG opposing the clear cutting of trees in the I-26 median between mile markers 199 and 169. As part of the vote, County Council endorsed increased enforcement of the speed limit and spot safety changes to the median to improve safety.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

APPROVAL TO USE ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN STORMWATER PERSONNEL LINE ITEM TO BE TRANSFERRED TO EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND PARTS AND ROC ACCOUNTS

5. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to approve the use of additional funds in stormwater personnel line item to be transferred to equipment repair and parts and ROC accounts as recommended by the Public Works Director.

APPROVAL TO HIRE A TEMPORARY POSITION IN THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT WHILE AN EMPLOYEE IS ON FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE

6. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted unanimously to approve hiring a temporary position in the Water and Sewer Department while an employee is on Family Medical Leave.

1ST READING, BY TITLE ONLY, OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND DORCHESTER COUNTY ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, ORDINANCE #04-13, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED TO DELETE AND REPLACE IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 12.4: TREE AND CANOPY PROTECTION STANDARDS and 1ST READING, BY TITLE ONLY, OF AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2014 DORCHESTER COUNTY TREE PLANTING PLAN

7. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to give 1st Reading, by Title Only, of an Ordinance to amend Dorchester County Zoning and Land Development Standards, Ordinance #04-13, as previously amended to delete and replace in its entirety Section 12.4 : Tree and Canopy Protection Standards and to give 1st Reading, By Title Only, of An Ordinance to adopt the 2014 Dorchester County Tree Planting Plan.

3RD READING FOR REZONING REQUEST #678

8. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to approve 3rd Reading for Rezoning Request #678 for MWV-Ridgeville, LLC, at the corner of Highway 78 and Highway 27, TMS #087-00-00-096, TMS #087-00-00-097, TMS #097-00-00-002, from Absence of Control District (AC) to Industrial District (I).

APPROVAL TO REPLACE SECTION 404, E (RECLASSIFICATIONS) IN THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

9. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to approve replacing Section 404, E (Reclassifications) in the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

APPROVAL OF MERIT INCREASE FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES

10. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve funding a 1.9 percent merit increase for all employees with a performance rating of “meets expectations” or higher as outlined in the agenda item. This excludes County Council, Countywide Elected Officials and the Administrator and those employees who have been promoted, demoted, reclassified or became a county employee less than 12 months ago as of December 31, 2013. Those who have an evaluation based on completing a year of service in their current position during calendar year 2014 will be eligible for the increase on payroll after their annual anniversary date in their current position. Additionally, as part of the vote, Council approved a one-time bonus of \$150 for those employees who received a performance rating of “exceeds expectations” and a one-time bonus of \$250 for those employees who received a performance rating of “substantially exceeds expectations.”

APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF TWO DEADLINE SHERIFF’S CRUISERS TO CAREER SCHOOL

11. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to approve selling two Crown Victorias, or other police cruisers, at a cost of \$2,500 to \$3,200 each to the Career School with monies from the sale being returned to the capital fund to offset the cost of replacement vehicles.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRMAN HEARN – AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chairman Hearn reported that the Committee met at 6 p.m. this evening and received a report from Elliot Davis, an independent audit firm, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. He said the report was for information only.

CHAIRMAN HEARN – BUDGET, FINANCE AND PURCHASING COMMITTEE

Chairman Hearn reported that the Committee met at 6:30 p.m. and voted six in favor with one absent to recommend Council increases funding for the summer worker program by \$10,000 to a total of \$25,000.

12. Council voted unanimously to approve providing an additional \$10,000 to expand the summer worker program, which will fund 10 additional summer workers for a total of 25.

CHAIRMAN HEARN – WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Chairman Hearn reported that the Water and Sewer Committee met at 6:45 p.m. this evening and discussed providing additional water service for Sunoco, Inc., 9916 Dorchester Road, TMS #162-05-05-002 and TMS #162-09-04-002. He said no action was taken.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CHARLESTON DORCHESTER MENTAL HEALTH CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

13. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted unanimously to recommend to the Governor the appointment of Ms. Joann Monnin-Debevec to the Charleston-Dorchester Mental Health Center Board of Directors, replacing Mr. Jim Mueller who has resigned.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

VEHICLE HOME GARAGING POLICY

14. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #14-02, A Resolution Providing for the Home Garaging of County Vehicles by Certain Designated County Employees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The County Attorney requested Council's consideration to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Contractual Matter
- Sale of Portion of Pine Trace Property to Mungo Homes

15. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Byars, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at approximately 8:07 p.m. to discuss the above listed items.

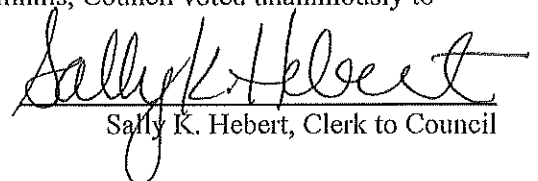
RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 8:22 p.m., the County Attorney reported that Council discussed the previously announced items, and no action was taken.

16. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted unanimously to authorize the County Administrator to execute an addendum to the Contract of Sale between Dorchester County and Mungo Homes Coastal Division, LLC, to provide that the Purchaser will undertake a wetlands delineation, to obtain a final jurisdictional determination, for all of the Pine Trace property at a cost of approximately \$25,000 to be repaid to the Purchaser as a deduction from the sales price assuming the transaction closes. If the sale does not close, the County would repay the Purchaser for the cost of the wetlands delineation. This wetlands delineation will be owned by Dorchester County. Further, the County Administrator is authorized to grant to the Purchaser a reasonable extension to the inspection period contained in the Contract.

ADJOURNMENT

17. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 8:23 p.m.


Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to Council

AGENDA
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
KENNETH F. WAGGONER SERVICES CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ST. GEORGE
FEBRUARY 3, 2014
7:00 P.M.

1. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. WILLIAM R. HEARN, JR.

- Requests to Address Council
- Adoption of Minutes from the January 21, 2014, County Council Meeting
- Community Needs Assessment Public Hearing
- Edisto River Road
- Correspondence

3. GUESTS

- Ms. Kathryn S. Basha, AICP, Planning Director, BCD Council of Governments, Presentation on Our Region, Our Plan
- Dr. Minnie Newman Blackwell, Dorchester School District Two Career Academy & STEM Facilitator, Request for FIRST Robotics Program Funding

4. COUNCIL MEMBER'S TIME – MR. LARRY HARGETT

- Proposed Chairman's Letter Requesting Dorchester County Membership on the Charleston County Aviation Authority Board of Directors

5. COUNCIL MEMBER'S TIME – MR. GEORGE BAILEY

- Vice Chairman's Comments

6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

- Introduction of New County Controller, Ms. Tammie Sullivan
- Request for Approval to Purchase a Trailer Mounted Pipe Cleaner
- Request to Appoint and Commission a Code Enforcement Officer for Building Services

7. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

8. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

- Executive Session
 - Legal Advice
 - Edisto River Road
 - Title IV D Unit Cost Reimbursement
 - Ashley River Fire District Workers' Compensation
 - Confidential Economic Development Projects

9. ADJOURN

WILLIAM R. HEARN, JR.
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**MINUTES
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
KENNETH F. WAGGONER SERVICES CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ST. GEORGE
FEBRUARY 3, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, The Eagle-Record,
The Summerville Journal Scene and The Post and Courier were notified,
and a notice was posted on the bulletin board 24 hours before the meeting.

PRESENT: Mr. William R. Hearn, Jr., Chairman
Mr. David Chinnis
Mr. Willie R. Davis
Mrs. Carroll S. Duncan
Mr. Larry S. Hargett
Mr. Jason Ward, County Administrator
Ms. Ashley Jacobs, Deputy Administrator
Mr. Justin Powell, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. John Frampton, County Attorney
Ms. Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to Council

ABSENT: Mr. George H. Bailey, Vice Chairman
Mr. Jay Byars

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

CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. WILLIAM R. HEARN, JR.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Chairman Hearn recognized the following citizens to address Council:

- Mr. James T. "Tommy" Judy, 128 Riverfront Drive, Reevesville, asked Council to either repair Edisto River Road road or close. He said he was against altering the path of the road.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. On the motion of Councilman Hargett, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted five in favor, with two absent, to adopt the minutes from the January 21, 2014, County Council Meeting. Councilman Bailey and Councilman Byars were absent.

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Hearn said the purpose of the Community Needs Assessment Public Hearing is to solicit citizen input concerning Dorchester County's Community Development Block Grant Citizen Participation Plan and Community Needs Assessment. He said the Citizen Participation Plan is a guide developed by Dorchester County in conformance with S.C. Department of Commerce administrative requirements and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations

Chairman Hearn struck the gavel, opening the public hearing. He invited members of the public who wished to speak on this issue to come to the podium. Ms. Angie Crum asked about water and sewer service for the Coburn Town Road area. Mr. Ward said the County began working on an application for a water line project in the Thomas Kate area between Harleyville and Woodland High School this past fall. The plan is to serve citizens in that area with potable water and water for fire pressure, while at the same time making progress towards ultimately making the connection to Woodland High School, Winding Woods Commerce Park and the Town of St. George. He thanked Ms. Crum for gathering signatures from residents of the Coburn Town Road area for use in applying for grant money in this area.

EDISTO RIVER ROAD

Mr. William "Mike" Richardson of 957 Edisto River Road in Reevesville asked Council to reopen Edisto River Road, a portion of which is currently closed due to erosion that has made the road impassable. He stated concerns about public safety if the road is closed permanently.

CORRESPONDENCE: Items of correspondence were sent to Council as they were received by staff.

GUESTS

MS. KATHRYN S. BASHA, AICP, PLANNING DIRECTOR, BCD COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, PRESENTATION ON OUR REGION OUR PLAN

Ms. Basha gave a presentation on Our Region Our Plan, which is a planning process designed to create a shared vision of the tri-county region for the year 2040. This planning process was initiated in 2008 by the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Government's (BCDCOG) Regional Land Planning Committee.

DR. MINNIE NEWMAN BLACKWELL, DORCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO CAREER ACADEMY & STEM FACILITATOR

Dr. Blackwell thanked Dorchester County Council for its past support of the FIRST Robotics program, a partnership between schools, businesses and the community offering students the opportunity to participate in an academically challenging program and to experience the world of business and industry. She asked for continued support in the form of a \$10,000 grant. Mr. Hank Bennett of Bosch Corporation also spoke in support of the program and the need for grant money.

Chairman Hearn referred this request to the Budget, Finance and Purchasing Committee.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S TIME – MR. LARRY HARGETT

PROPOSED CHAIRMAN'S LETTER REQUESTING DORCHESTER COUNTY MEMBERSHIP ON THE CHARLESTON COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2. On the motion of Councilman Hargett, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted five in favor, with two absent, to send a letter to the Dorchester County Legislative Delegation and the Charleston County

Aviation Authority requesting that the General Assembly add residents of Dorchester and Berkeley Counties to the Charleston County Aviation Authority. Councilman Bailey and Councilman Byars were absent.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S TIME – MR. GEORGE BAILEY

Mr. Bailey will offer his comments at a future Council meeting.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNTY CONTROLLER, MS. TAMMIE SULLIVAN

Mr. Ward introduced Ms. Sullivan, who began county employment on February 3 as Dorchester County Controller. He said she will be responsible for day-to-day operations of the County Finance Department, including the general ledger. She has substantial experience in governmental and nonprofit accounting and most recently served as the Director of Finance for the Darlington County Disabilities and Special Needs Board. She also served as Chief Financial Officer for the Florence Family YMCA. Ms. Sullivan earned a Bachelor's of Business Administration Degree with a concentration in Accounting from Francis Marion University.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A TRAILER-MOUNTED PIPE CLEANER

3. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted five in favor, with two absent, to approve the purchase of a trailer-mounted pipe cleaner at a cost of \$41,972.90 using retained earnings in the Stormwater Fund as recommended by the Public Works Director. Councilman Bailey and Councilman Byars were absent.

APPOINTMENT AND COMMISSION OF A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR BUILDING SERVICES

4. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, Council voted five in favor, with two absent, to appoint and commission Mr. Jason Hill as a Code Enforcement Officer for Building Services. Councilman Bailey and Councilman Byars were absent.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

DORCHESTER COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5. On the motion of Chairman Hearn, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, Council voted five in favor with two absent, to appoint Ms. Beth Seago Sabine to the Dorchester County Library Board of Directors. Councilman Bailey and Councilman Byars were absent.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The County Attorney requested Council's consideration to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following:

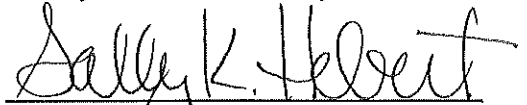
- Legal Advice
 - Edisto River Road
 - Title IV D Unit Cost Reimbursement
 - Ashley River Fire District Workers' Compensation
 - Confidential Economic Development Projects
6. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted five in favor, with two absent, to enter into Executive Session at approximately 7:55 p.m. to discuss the above listed items. Councilman Bailey and Councilman Byars were absent.

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 9:03 p.m., the County Attorney reported that Council discussed the previously announced items, and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

7. On the motion of Councilwoman Duncan, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted five in favor, with two absent, to adjourn at approximately 9:03 p.m. Councilman Bailey and Councilman Byars were absent.


Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to Council

AGENDA
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
KENNETH F. WAGGONER SERVICES CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ST. GEORGE
FEBRUARY 18, 2014
7:00 P.M.

1. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. WILLIAM R. HEARN, JR.

- Requests to Address Council
- Adoption of Minutes from the February 3, 2014, County Council Meeting
- Correspondence

3. GUESTS

- Ms. Michelle McCollum, CEO of the SC National Heritage Corridor, Presentation on the SC Great Outdoors Initiative
- Mr. Justin Powell, Chief Financial Officer, Budget Report for January 2014

4. COUNCIL MEMBER'S TIME – MR. GEORGE BAILEY

- Vice Chairman's Comments

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

- Request for Approval of Performance Increases for Delinquent Tax Collector, Elections and Registration Director and Veterans Affairs Director
- 1st READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY ADDING A SECTION TO CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE I, WHICH SHALL BE NUMBERED SECTION 16-1, TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF A KEY LOCK BOX TO ENABLE RAPID ENTRY TO A STRUCTURE BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DURING AN EMERGENCY.

6. COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman William R. Hearn, Jr. – Budget, Finance and Purchasing Committee (6:45 p.m.)

- Request for First Robotics Program Funding

7. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

8. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

- Executive Session
 - Legal Advice
 - Edisto River Road
 - Pine Trace Easement
 - Confidential Economic Development Project
 - Contractual Matter
 - Kings Grant Lot Sale to Curtis
 - Personnel Matter

9. ADJOURN

WILLIAM R. HEARN, JR.
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COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ST. GEORGE
FEBRUARY 18, 2014
7:05 P.M.**

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The Summerville Journal Scene and The Post and Courier were notified,
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PRESENT: Mr. William R. Hearn, Jr., Chairman
Mr. George H. Bailey, Vice Chairman
Mr. David Chinnis
Mr. Willie R. Davis
Mrs. Carroll S. Duncan
Mr. Larry S. Hargett
Mr. Jay Byars
Mr. Jason Ward, County Administrator
Ms. Ashley Jacobs, Deputy Administrator
Mr. Justin Powell, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. John Frampton, County Attorney

ABSENT: Ms. Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to Council

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

CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. WILLIAM R. HEARN, JR.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Chairman Hearn recognized the following citizen to address Council:

- Mr. Ronnie Judy, 1872 Sandridge Road, Dorchester, addressed Council regarding Edisto River Road, which he described as a historical road built by his uncle in 1957. He asked Council to fix the road and reopen it.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted six in favor, with one abstention, to adopt the minutes from the February 3, 2014, County Council meeting with one duly noted correction. Councilman Byars abstained from voting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Hearn called on Mr. Ward to report on correspondence. Mr. Ward said he wanted to give a situation report, regarding the storm. He said as of 4:45 p.m. today, the Dorchester County Emergency Operations Center remains at OPCON 3 with plans to move to OPCON 4 tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. Once power is restored, our plan is to move back to OPCON 5, he said.

At the time of this situation report, Mr. Ward said the County has less than 1,000 outages countywide: 55 customers without power in the SCE&G area; Berkeley Co-Op is fully restored; and Edisto Co-Op has 845 customers remaining without power.

Debris crews are making progress picking up vegetative debris from the right-of-way, he said. The mission will continue for several weeks. Crews are not picking up bagged trash, only trees and tree limbs.

The Southern Baptists are continuing to prepare food in Harleyville and will continue through Wednesday. We have been informed by the Department of Social Services in Columbia that they will defer decisions on SNAP participants to participants' local DSS offices to complete an affidavit if their card has insufficient funds, he said.

Residential damages are below the FEMA threshold for the Individual Assistance Program and likely below the SBA threshold for low-interest loans. Individuals in need of assistance with uninsured home repairs should contact 2-1-1 to be linked up with a non-profit organization or faith-based organization that may be able to assist. EMS is working with local VOADs who can provide assistance with repairs and also with removal of yard debris, said Mr. Ward.

Dorchester County will likely exceed its threshold for the FEMA Public Assistance Program, which will allow local governments to recover costs associated with the initial response mission and debris management operations, he said. A preliminary damage assessment meeting with FEMA is scheduled for next week to review documentation and estimates thus far. FEMA will be setting up a joint field office in Columbia and will continue to work with "declared" counties throughout the application for public assistance through project closeouts, said Mr. Ward.

Chairman Hearn noted that the County building in St. George and the Public Works building in Dorchester were without power until this weekend and that as Chairman he has declared a State of Emergency for Dorchester County effective as of February 12. Chairman Hearn thanked Mr. Ward and County staff who served in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), including Ms. Jacobs, Deputy Administrator; Mr. Justin Powell, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Mario Formisano, Emergency Management Director; the Planning Department, Water and Sewer, Public Works, the Sheriff's Department and numerous County employees and elected officials who were serving in the Emergency Operations Center and did volunteer work and assessments for FEMA.

Mr. Ward added thanks to the Red Cross for help with the shelters and the Ham operators who worked in the EOC assisting with communications as well as the Southern Baptists who spent a significant amount of time preparing and delivering meals. He thanked School District Four and School District Two for working with the County on shelters. For assistance in clearing the roads, Mr. Ward thanked the South Carolina Department of Transportation, the Town of Mt. Pleasant, City of North Charleston, City of Charleston, County of Charleston and County of Greenville, all present and helping with debris removal and transfer through Mutual Aid Agreements.

Mr. Ward thanked the State Emergency Management Office, which allowed the County to communicate with the assisting municipalities. He thanked Fire, EMS and the Sheriff's office and the ITS Department as well. He said there has been a lot of coordination and cooperation.

Chairman Hearn added thanks for all the utility employees both in state and out-of-state who have worked continuously since the disaster restoring power. He said at a briefing on Friday with Governor Haley in Walterboro, he learned from the utility representatives that there were more downed power poles this past week than after Hurricane Hugo. He commended citizens for their cooperation in helping one another through the storm aftermath and clean up. He thanked Governor Haley for visiting the Lowcountry and providing assistance.

Councilman Davis thanked Ms. Renee Wamer, a single mother, who fed many people in the St. Mark's Community in the storm aftermath.

Councilman Bailey thanked all County employees for their work. He also thanked the Salvation Army for setting up in the Reevesville Town Hall, providing hot meals for Dorchester Village and the St. George Nursing Home.

Chairman Hearn made the observation that the Lowcountry is without a local radio station to assist with communications during a storm. While many residents have battery powered radios, there is no longer anyone locally talking to residents through an emergency event, which poses challenges for municipalities needing to communicate with residents, he said.

Chairman Hearn called on Mr. Formisano for comments. Mr. Formisano said this storm was a good test for officials, and the response requirement was similar to what would be needed following a category 1 or 2 hurricane. Chairman Hearn announced phone numbers for citizens to call to report damages and request assistance, 832-0341 (Summerville) and 563-0341 (St. George).

Councilman Davis recommended partnering with Lovely Hill Baptist Convention Center in St. George, which holds 2,000 people, for use in future emergencies.

Chairman Hearn also thanked the Dorchester Seniors centers for assisting residents as well.

GUESTS

MS. MICHELLE MCCOLLUM, CEO OF THE SC NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR, PRESENTATION ON THE SC GREAT OUTDOORS INITIATIVE

Ms. McCollum gave an overview of the South Carolina Great Outdoors Initiative, the County's tourism marketing strategy for Western Dorchester County.

MR. JUSTIN POWELL, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, BUDGET REPORT JANUARY 2014

Mr. Powell presented the January 2014 budget report to County Council and answered questions.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S TIME – MR. GEORGE BAILEY

Councilman Bailey thanked Sheriff Knight and staff and Coroner Chris Nesbitt and staff for their support during difficult days following the untimely death of his daughter on February 1. He thanked Mr. Jakie Walters and Ms. Cassandra Cooner for helping with the funeral service. He said he and his family appreciate all the help during these trying times.

Councilman Bailey said he was scheduled on the agenda two weeks ago for the purpose of delivering some thank yous. He said he wanted to thank Council for help these past three years in accomplishing several items. In particular, he thanked Council for support in reducing the stormwater fee by 30 percent, reducing

the millage in School District Four, and bringing the Flying J to St. George. He also thanked Council for support in making plans for a recreation center on the western end of the County and developing Winding Woods industrial park in St. George. He mentioned the cost savings secured on the purchase price for the Pine Trace property, Bacons Bridge property and Deming Way property. He thanked Mr. Ward for doing a marvelous job in hiring some good people. He said he has the blessing of his wife to run for re-election. He said he looks forward to working with Council for four more years if he can win re-election. He thanked Council for working together on so many accomplishments.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

PERFORMANCE INCREASES FOR DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR, ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION DIRECTOR AND VETERANS AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

2. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to approve a 1.9 percent merit increase for the Delinquent Tax Collector, Elections and Registration Director and Veterans Affairs Director.

1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY ADDING A SECTION TO CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE I, WHICH SHALL BE NUMBERED SECTION 16-1, TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF A KEY LOCK BOX TO ENABLE RAPID ENTRY TO A STRUCTURE BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DURING AN EMERGENCY.

3. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to refer this proposed ordinance to the Public Safety, Health and Human Services Committee.

Councilman Hargett and Councilman Chinnis posed some questions regarding this proposed ordinance and how the cost would affect small businesses. Chairman Hearn referred this Ordinance to the Public Safety, Health and Human Services Committee for further review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRMAN HEARN – BUDGET, FINANCE AND PURCHASING COMMITTEE

Chairman Hearn reported that the Committee met at 6:45 p.m. and voted five in favor, with two abstaining, to recommend providing \$5,000 in funding from Council's contingency fund and \$5,000 in funding from regular wages savings in the Administrator's Office, totaling \$10,000 in funding, to the FIRST Robotics Program.

4. Council voted five in favor, with two abstaining, to provide \$5,000 in funding from Council's contingency fund and \$5,000 in funding from regular wages savings in the Administrator's Office, totaling \$10,000 in funding, to the FIRST Robotics Program. Councilman Chinnis and Councilman Byars abstained from voting.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: There were no appointments.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The County Attorney requested Council's consideration to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Legal Advice
 - Edisto River Road
 - Pine Trace Easement
- Confidential Economic Development Project

- Contractual Matter
 - Kings Grant Lot Sale to Curtis
 - Personnel Matter
5. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Bailey, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at approximately 8:03 p.m. to discuss the above listed items.

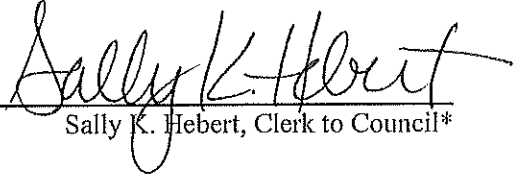
RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

The County Attorney reported that Council discussed the previously announced items, and no action was taken.

6. On the motion of Councilman Hargett, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, Council voted five in favor, with two abstaining, to authorize the County Attorney to initiate legal proceedings to close that portion of Edisto River Road at the point the road enters and exits the property of Mr. James T. Judy (TMS #078-00-00-004).
7. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve \$70,000 of water impact fee funds to extend a water line to the Pecan Tree Site and \$230,000 of sewer impact fee funds to extend a sewer and a reclaimed water line to the Pecan Tree Site.
8. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted six in favor, with two abstaining, to provide Ms. Kristen Champagne with a monthly vehicle allowance of \$475 in lieu of receiving a County vehicle, contingent upon requirements established by the County Administrator.
9. On the motion of Councilman Byars, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, Council voted six in favor, with one opposed, to authorize the County Administrator to execute the addendum to the contract of sale with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis for the purchase of 500 Shaftesbury Lane to extend the closing date to no later than March 7, 2014. Councilman Hargett voted against the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

10. On the motion of Councilman Byars, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to adjourn.


Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to Council*

*Although the Clerk was absent from the meeting, she produced the minutes using an audio recording and notes from the Administrator and Deputy Administrator.

**AGENDA
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE
FEBRUARY 26, 2013
8:00 A.M.**

1. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. WILLIAM R. HEARN, JR.

- Discussion and Approval of Funding For Debris Removal and Monitoring Contracts From the Dorchester County Reserve Fund

- Old Fort Fire Department

3. ADJOURN

WILLIAM R. HEARN, JR.
CHAIRMAN

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DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE
FEBRUARY 26, 2014
8:00 A.M.**

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and a notice was posted on the bulletin board 24 hours before the meeting.

PRESENT: Mr. William R. Hearn, Jr., Chairman
Mr. George H. Bailey, Vice Chairman
Mr. Jay Byars
Mr. Willie Davis
Mrs. Carroll S. Duncan
Mr. Larry S. Hargett
Mr. Jason Ward, County Administrator
Ms. Ashley Jacobs, Deputy Administrator
Mr. Justin Powell, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. John Frampton, County Attorney
Ms. Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to Council

ABSENT: Mr. David Chinnis

Chairman Hearn called to order the Special Called meeting of the Dorchester County Council. Councilman Hargett gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. WILLIAM R. HEARN, JR.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL AND MONITORING CONTRACTS FROM THE DORCHESTER COUNTY RESERVE FUND

Chairman Hearn called on Mr. Ward to address this issue. Mr. Ward called on Mr. Matt Halter, Dorchester County Public Works Director, to speak about debris removal efforts in the aftermath of the February 12, 2014, ice storm. Mr. Halter said on the day of the storm and in the first days after the storm, Public Works crews were busy completing a "first push" on Dorchester County roads. That is, making the roads passable by pushing trees to the side of the road. Public Works crews continued work in the upper part of the

County. Through Mutual Aid Agreements, additional crews were mobilized to collect debris in the lower part of the County. To this end, Dorchester County received assistance from the City of Charleston, Charleston County, North Charleston and Mt. Pleasant. Additionally, the County of Greenville loaned Dorchester County two trucks and two drivers to assist in the clean up, said Mr. Halter.

During that time, an estimated 20,000 cubic yards of debris were collected and taken primarily to Dorchester County transfer sites, one off of Miles Jamison Road in Summerville and one on Sandy Pines Road in Dorchester. He said those assisting through Mutual Aid Agreements have now gone home. Dorchester County Public Works crews are completing the first pass of debris collections through neighborhoods in the lower part of the County today and will resume normal operations starting tomorrow.

Mr. Halter requested Council approve funding to hire Crowder Gulf to complete a second pass of the lower County roads and a first pass for much of the upper County roads to remove debris. He said work would begin on Monday, March 3, and would be completed in 30 days. He estimated that approximately 70,000 cubic yards of debris will be picked up in total from the storm.

Mr. Halter gave an update on Dorchester County transfer sites. He said they would both be open again this weekend as they have been open every day since the storm hit. Starting Monday, March 3, the Sandy Pines site will be closed for two weeks to replace a bridge. Crowder Gulf will be hauling debris directly to Carolina Landfill. Carolina Landfill will bill Crowder Gulf, and the County will reimburse Crowder Gulf for the pick-up and tipping fees. Additionally, Crowder Gulf will visit both debris sites, mulching up debris and hauling it away. He said he would like to use the mulch at the power generation plant in Harleyville. But he said he has serious doubts that the mulch will meet specifications, primarily due to the moisture content of the debris. He said the County will submit a sample. If it does not meet specifications, then the mulch will go to Carolina Landfill.

Mr. Halter said the County has been working closely with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) and the Town of Summerville throughout the clean up. More than 80 percent of roads in Summerville are state roads. He said SCDOT is mobilizing two contractors to pick up debris on state roads. Thus, Crowder Gulf will pick up debris on Dorchester County roads only. Mr. Ward clarified that more than 90 percent of the roads in the municipalities of Ridgeville, Harleyville, St. George and Reevesville are state roads as well and thus will receive debris pick up by SCDOT contractors.

Regarding leaning or hanging trees and branches along roads maintained by the County, Mr. Halter said Crowder Gulf will be removing those on a case-by-case basis.

Mr. Mario Formisano, Dorchester County Emergency Management Director, gave an update on post storm efforts. He said his department has utilized social media to raise awareness among the public of conditions. As we approach severe weather season, he said it becomes even more important to be aware of leaning trees and hanging branches and to remove them. He said there is a meeting today with FEMA to look at preliminary damage estimates. For Dorchester County to be eligible for the public assistance program, the County must meet or exceed our assigned threshold of \$478,000. He said this could be a lengthy process. The cost share would be 75 percent federal and 25 percent local. It could take years to realize reimbursements, he said.

Mr. Formisano said Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs) are assisting citizens who are physically unable and need help with debris clean up. These citizens should call 832-0341 or 563-0341 to receive VOAD help.

Mr. Formisano said he encourages citizens who do not have one to purchase a NOAA weather radio for timely severe weather warnings and other official emergency alerts.

Councilman Hargett noted that when residents called him reporting power outages he would then ask them if they still had water and sewer service, which they all did. He said 10 years ago and when Hurricane Hugo hit Dorchester County residents lost water and sewer service during power outages. Councilman Hargett thanked Mr. Ward for his efforts in getting generators installed at pump stations throughout Dorchester County.

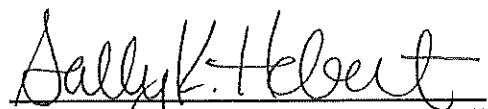
There was additional discussion among Council and staff regarding the storm aftermath. Council and the Administrator offered much thanks and praise to all County employees who provided critical assistance in the days following the storm.

Councilman Davis offered kudos to retired Councilman Richard Rosebrock for his role in setting up and helping to grow the "rainy day fund" for use in emergencies such as this. He said he thought Mr. Rosebrock would approve of this use of the money.

1. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to authorize the County Administrator to use \$800,000 from the County Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding debris removal and debris removal monitoring contracts for clean-up associated with the ice storm that occurred on February 12, 2014. Councilman Chinnis was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

2. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to adjourn at approximately 8:44 a.m. Councilman Chinnis was absent.


Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to Council

AGENDA
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
DORCHESTER COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE
MARCH 3, 2014
7:00 P.M.

1. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. WILLIAM R. HEARN, JR.

- Requests to Address Council
- Adoption of Minutes from the February 18, 2014, County Council Meeting and February 26, 2014, Special Called County Council Meeting
- Update on Debris Removal Operations
- Correspondence

3. GUEST

- Mr. Mike Murphree, Taskforce on New and Existing OCRM Regulations

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

- Request for Approval of Use of Dorchester County Annex for Fire Headquarters
- Discussion of Non-Profit Funding for FY2015
- 1st Reading for an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances, Dorchester County, South Carolina, By Adding a Section to Chapter 16, Article I, Which Shall Be Numbered Section 16-2, To Provide For the Imposition Of Fees For the Deployment Of Dorchester County Fire Rescue Department Personnel and Equipment To Motor Vehicle Accidents In Unincorporated Dorchester County

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman George Bailey – Public Safety, Health and Human Services (6:30 p.m.)

- Discussion and Recommendation for 2nd Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances, Dorchester County, South Carolina, by Adding a Section to Chapter 16, Article I, Which Shall Be Numbered Section 16-1, to Provide For the Use of a Key Lock Box to Enable Rapid Entry to a Structure By the Fire Department During an Emergency

Chairman William R. Hearn, Jr. – Water and Sewer Committee (6:45 p.m.)

- Request for New Sewer Service by Mr. Antonio Ayala to La Hacienda on Appian Way in Palmetto Pavilion Shopping Center, North Charleston, TMS #181-00-00-103
- Request for New Water and Sewer Service for Ms. Nichole S. Brown-White for single family residence on University Drive in the University Park Subdivision near the City of North Charleston, TMS #172-15-08-030
- Request for Funding of a New Vac Truck

6. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

7. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

- Request for Approval of New Ingress/Egress Easement for School District 2 – Pine Trace
- Executive Session
 - Confidential Economic Development Projects
 - Legal Advice
 - Formation of Economic Development Corporation
 - Trotters Ridge

8. ADJOURN

WILLIAM R. HEARN, JR.
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COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE
MARCH 3, 2014
7:00 P.M.

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and a notice was posted on the bulletin board 24 hours before the meeting.

PRESENT: Mr. William R. Hearn, Jr., Chairman
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Mr. David Chinnis
Mr. Willie R. Davis
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Mr. Jay Byars
Mr. Jason Ward, County Administrator
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Mr. Justin Powell, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. John Frampton, County Attorney
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Chairman Hearn called to order the meeting of the Dorchester County Council. He invited all to stand for the invocation, which was given by Councilman Byars and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. WILLIAM R. HEARN, JR.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: There were no requests to address Council.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted unanimously to adopt the minutes from the February 18, 2014, County Council meeting.

2. On the motion of Councilwoman Duncan, seconded by Councilman Bailey, Council voted six in favor, with one abstention, to adopt the minutes from the February 26, 2014, Special Called County Council meeting. Councilman Chinnis abstained because he was absent from the meeting.

UPDATE ON DEBRIS REMOVAL OPERATIONS

Chairman Hearn reminded everyone to pile storm debris at the roadside for pickup over the next four weeks. He also cautioned residents to look up and be aware of the hazards of dangling and loose limbs. Chairman Hearn reported that at the Special Called County Council meeting on February 26, Council voted to release up to \$800,000 from the County's reserve fund, also known as the rainy day fund, for debris removal. He welcomed retired Councilman Rosebrock, who was in attendance, and said Councilman Rosebrock was always a proponent of the fund and would never let Council spend the money for other uses. Chairman Hearn said that thanks to the County and the taxpayers, the money was in place to implement debris removal without a tax increase and with the possibility of having about 75 percent of the money refunded.

Councilman Byars asked that curbside debris be limited to storm debris, and not include landscaping remnants.

Councilwoman Duncan clarified that about 80 percent of roads within the Town of Summerville are state roads, and debris will be collected by state contractors rather than the County.

CORRESPONDENCE: There were no items of correspondence.

GUEST

MR. MIKE MURPHREE, TASK FORCE ON NEW AND EXISTING OCRM REGULATIONS

Mr. Murphree, a former Dorchester County Councilman and current member of the Dorchester County Board of Zoning Appeals, asked Council to form an Ad Hoc Committee charged with creating a report for Council and others to share with state legislators. The report would provide information about the burdens of being classified as part of the Coastal Zone, which by OCRM definition includes Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Horry, Jasper and Georgetown Counties. OCRM stands for Ocean and Coastal Resource Management and is an office within the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Mr. Murphree said this Coastal Zone classification adds another layer of bureaucracy, making it difficult for designated counties to compete for economic development projects due to the jurisdiction of non-jurisdictional isolated wetlands and MS4 regulations. He said he supports one set of rules for all 46 counties in South Carolina. He pointed to the loss of a proposed Volkswagen plant in Dorchester County, which located in Tennessee instead due to 40 acres within a 1,000-plus-acre site that he said required a mitigation process because of the Coastal Zone designation.

Mr. Murphree said a Dorchester County Ad Hoc Committee is needed to give the PhDs on the Task Force out of Columbia a reality check. The Committee would put a face on the economic consequences of actions by the Isolated Wetlands and Carolina Bays Task Force, he said. They are intent on monitoring your waterways and developing a baseline, which then must be improved through treatment, he said. He cautioned that there is a possibility that instead of lifting the bureaucratic burden on the eight Coastal Zone counties, the Task Force may attempt to impose the additional regulations on all 46 South Carolina counties.

Councilman Hargett thanked Mr. Murphree for his savvy in understanding DHEC and OCRM regulations and being an advocate for Dorchester County in overcoming the extra bureaucracy.

Councilman Byars said this designation, with the additional regulations, has slowed plans for a recreational park on property surrounding the new courthouse in St. George because the costs associated with mitigating wetlands would consume the entire project budget. Councilman Byars said that in walking the property, it does not seem to be a wetlands site. He said the Coastal Zone designation is affecting park plans in a very negative way.

Councilwoman Duncan said that while at a recent meeting of the South Carolina Association of Counties, she presented information she learned from Mr. Murphree to officials from the designated Coastal Zone counties. She thanked Mr. Murphree for his work on this issue.

Chairman Hearn thanked Mr. Murphree for his presentation and also thanked him as a former Councilman for his work in preserving the rainy day fund, which is paying for debris removal from the February 12 ice storm.

3. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted unanimously to refer Mr. Murphree's request to Council's Planning, Development and Building Committee to consider forming an Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of advising County Council on OCRM regulations.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF USE OF DORCHESTER COUNTY ANNEX FOR FIRE HEADQUARTERS

4. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve the use by the Dorchester County Fire Department of the former Health Department space and the adjoining space in the Dorchester County Offices Annex in St. George, which was recently renovated.

Mr. Ward said Comact, one of Dorchester County's new industries, will be occupying the space the Fire Department is utilizing in New Century Industrial Park. Comact is allowing the Fire Department to relocate the furniture from the rented space for use in the Annex. The reassignment of the Fire Department to a County building saves the County \$44,000 in rent, he said.

DISCUSSION OF NON-PROFIT FUNDING FOR FY2015

Mr. Ward asked County Council to authorize staff to forego the solicitation of applications from non-profits for funding. Over the past couple of years, no funding has been provided, he said.

5. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, Council voted unanimously to authorize staff to forego the solicitation of applications from non-profits for funding.

1ST READING FOR AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, DORCHESTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, BY ADDING A SECTION TO CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE I, WHICH SHALL BE NUMBERED SECTION 16-2, TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOSITION OF FEES FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF DORCHESTER COUNTY FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS IN UNINCORPORATED DORCHESTER COUNTY

6. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, Council voted unanimously to approve 1st Reading and referral to the Public Safety, Health and Human Services Committee for an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances, Dorchester County, South Carolina, By Adding a Section to Chapter 16, Article I, Which Shall Be Numbered Section 16-2, To Provide For the Imposition Of Fees For the Deployment Of Dorchester County Fire Rescue Department Personnel and Equipment To Motor Vehicle Accidents In Unincorporated Dorchester County.

Mr. Ward said the purpose of the fees is to provide a source of funding to offset operating costs. Accident coverage from most insurance companies will provide payment for these responses to motor vehicle accidents, he said.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRMAN BAILEY – PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman Bailey reported that the Committee met at 6:30 p.m. this evening and voted to recommend second reading for an ordinance, providing for the use of a key lock box by the Fire Department during an emergency.

7. Council voted unanimously to approve 2nd Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances, Dorchester County, South Carolina, By Adding a Section to Chapter 16, Article I, Which Shall Be Numbered Section 16-1, to Provide For the Use of a Key Lock Box to Enable Rapid Entry to a Structure By the Fire Department During an Emergency.

CHAIRMAN HEARN – WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Chairman Hearn reported that the Committee met at 6:45 p.m. and recommends approval of three requests.

8. Council voted unanimously to approve a request for new sewer service by Mr. Antonio Ayala to La Hacienda on Appian Way in Palmetto Pavilion Shopping Center, North Charleston, TMS #181-00-00-103.
9. Council voted unanimously to approve a request for new new water and sewer service for Ms. Nichole S. Brown-White for single family residence on University Drive in the University Park Subdivision near the City of North Charleston, TMS #172-15-08-030.
10. Council voted unanimously to approve a request for funding for a new vac truck, using up to \$325,000 in unrestricted net assets from the Water and Sewer Fund.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

11. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted unanimously to recommend to the Governor the reappointment of Mr. Marion Thompson to the Trident Technical College Area Commission.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

12. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Davis, Council voted unanimously to grant a new non-exclusive ingress/egress easement to Dorchester School District 2 for the purpose of constructing the roundabout and road to serve its site previously conveyed to it by Dorchester County in Pine Trace as shown on the drawing prepared by LS3P dated February 20, 2014. The School District would convey back to the County the previously granted ingress/egress easement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The County Attorney requested Council's consideration to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Confidential Economic Development Projects
 - Legal Advice
 - Formation and Bylaws of Economic Development Corporation
 - Trotters Ridge
13. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at approximately 7:52 p.m. to discuss the above listed items.

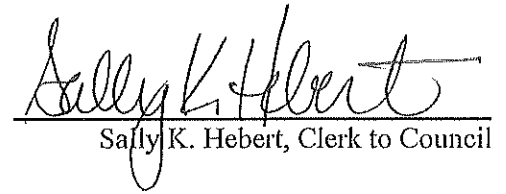
RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 8:43 p.m., the County Attorney reported that Council discussed the previously announced items, and no action was taken.

14. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Chinnis, Council voted unanimously to approve the bylaws of the proposed Dorchester Economic Development Corporation and that formal incorporation proceeds.

ADJOURNMENT

15. On the motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 8:44 p.m.


Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to Council

**AGENDA
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
DORCHESTER COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE
MARCH 17, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

1. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. WILLIAM R. HEARN, JR.

- Requests to Address Council
- Adoption of Minutes from the March 3, 2014, County Council Meeting
- Adoption of Resolution #14-03, Expressing Gratitude for the Mutual Aid Assistance Provided After the February 12, 2014, Ice Storm
- Discussion of the Local Government Fund and a Chairman's Letter
- Discussion of Credit Card Processing Fees for Property Tax Payments
- Correspondence

3. GUESTS

- Mr. Justin Powell, Dorchester County Chief Financial Officer, Budget Report for February 2014
- Mr. Wayne Welch, Dorchester County Assessor, Briefing on Reassessment

4. COUNCIL MEMBER'S TIME – MR. LARRY HARGETT

- Local Government Fund

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME – MR. JASON WARD

- Request for Approval of a Mutual Aid Agreement with Bamberg County Sheriff's Office
- 1st Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt the "2013 Dorchester County Comprehensive Plan Review and Progress Report"
- 1st Reading for Rezoning Request #679 for Michail Apostolova and Youlia Apostolova for TMS #145-07-04-024 and TMS #145-07-04-025 [*This request is to rezone two lots totaling 2.5 acres on Miles-Jamison Road between Arbor Road and Sugar Plum Drive near Summerville from Multi-Family Residential (R-4) to Commercial/Light Industrial-2 (CLI-2)*]
- 1st Reading for Rezoning Request #680 for Ashley Forest Development, LLC, for TMS #153-13-04-015 [*This request is to rezone a vacant 1.26-acre lot at the corner of Tyvola Drive and Dorchester Road from Single-Family Residential (R-2) to Neighborhood Commercial (CN).*]
- 1st Reading for Rezoning Request #681 for Barbara Mascarelli for TMS #122-13-01-013 [*This request is to rezone a 0.67-acre lot on Lingos Drive near Jedburg from Single-Family Residential (R-1) to Single-Family Residential – Manufactured Housing District (R-1M).*]
- Request for Approval to Transfer \$5,000 From Salary Savings in the Budget and Finance Department for the Purpose of Providing Training to the Budget Officer and Controller

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman David Chinnis – Planning, Development & Building Committee (6:45 p.m.)

- Recommendation for the Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for the Purpose of Advising County Council on Regulations By the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM)

7. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

8. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON

- 1st Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Agreement By and Between Dorchester County and Scout Boats, Inc., Whereby Dorchester County Will Enter Into a Fee-In-Lieu of Tax Arrangement With Scout Boats, Inc., and Providing For Payment By Scout Boats, Inc. of Certain Fees-In-Lieu of *Ad Valorem* Taxes; Providing For Special Source Revenue or Infrastructure Improvement Credits; Providing For the Allocation of Fees-In-Lieu of Taxes Payable Under the Agreement for the Establishment of a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park; and Other Matters Relating Thereto
- 1st Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Agreement for Development of a Joint Industrial Park, By and Between Dorchester County, South Carolina and Orangeburg County, South Carolina, Providing For the Development Of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, So As To Include Additional Property In Dorchester County As Park Of the Joint County Industrial Park
- Executive Session
 - Confidential Economic Development Projects
 - Contractual Matter
 - Kings Grant Lot Sale to Curtis
 - Lease with Dorchester County Archives and History Center, LLC
 - Trotters Ridge

9. ADJOURN

**AGENDA
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERSVILLE
MARCH 21, 2014
10:00 A.M.**

1. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. WILLIAM R. HEARN, JR.

- Discussion and Approval of Additional Monies From the County Reserve Fund For Debris Removal and Monitoring Contracts
- Adoption of Proclamation Designating April 2014 Child Abuse Prevention Month in Dorchester County

3. ADJOURN



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**MINUTES
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SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE
MARCH 21, 2014
10:00 A.M.**

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PRESENT: Mr. William R. Hearn, Jr., Chairman
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Mr. David Chinnis
Mrs. Carroll S. Duncan
Mr. Larry S. Hargett
Mr. Jason Ward, County Administrator
Ms. Ashley Jacobs, Deputy Administrator
Mr. Justin Powell, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. John Frampton, County Attorney
Ms. Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to Council

ABSENT: Mr. Willie Davis

Chairman Hearn called to order the Special Called meeting of the Dorchester County Council. Councilman Hargett gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Davis was absent because he was attending the funeral of the Reverend Dr. Samuel B. Marshall in St. George.

CHAIRMAN'S TIME – MR. WILLIAM R. HEARN, JR.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL MONIES FROM THE COUNTY RESERVE FUND FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL AND MONITORING CONTRACTS

Chairman Hearn called on Mr. Ward to present this issue. Mr. Ward introduced several guests, including Mr. John Campbell of Crowder Gulf, the County's debris removal company, and Mr. Simon Carlyle of Leidos, the County's debris monitoring company. Mr. Ward said he and other Dorchester County officials

met with Mr. Campbell and Mr. Carlyle several days ago. Originally, Council approved \$800,000 for a combination of debris removal and monitoring. Through March 19, after about two and a half weeks of work, the monies approved have been exceeded, he said. This is because the number of hanging limbs is almost double the initial estimate. Mr. Ward said the work being performed is in conformance with FEMA standards. Dorchester County is one of 21 counties to receive the Federal declaration to allow the County to be reimbursed through the FEMA assistance program. Mr. Ward said a thorough analysis was provided in Council's packet, including original task orders and where we are to date. Through March 19, the County has expended \$764,000 with Crowder Gulf and \$166,000 with Leidos, he said.

Councilwoman Duncan asked if there was a time element attached to cleanup in order to receive the 80 percent reimbursement from FEMA. Mr. Ward said there is a 90-day time element. He said the anticipated completion is early April, which would be well within the window, since the storm occurred February 12.

Councilman Bailey asked about the hourly cost per person working in various capacities on cleanup and monitoring. Mr. Carlyle said Leidos employees monitor what is being brought into the landfill and attest to quantities. Additionally, they are on the street ensuring that only eligible debris is reimbursed, that the contractors are staying on the right-of-way and that the debris collected was generated by the storm. He said there are two people at the landfill and approximately 21 to 22 people in the field.

Chairman Hearn noted that monitoring is critical to staying compliant because the money the County is spending is eligible for 80 percent reimbursement through FEMA. If we do not monitor, then we could lose the reimbursement, he said. Mr. Carlyle confirmed that in order to qualify for the reimbursement, all debris must be monitored according to FEMA regulations.

Mr. Carlyle clarified that monitoring is not just standing and watching limbs being cut. He said the monitors take photos of the hazard before the work is performed so that later when FEMA conducts an audit, there is proof that it was a threat to public health and safety. It requires a measurement of the limb with a tape measure, proving that the limb was greater than two inches in diameter. And it requires an after picture, proving that the work was completed, as well as GPS coordinates. When FEMA audits the project on site, they can find the tree that was trimmed, he said.

Chairman Hearn asked if the additional funding would be enough to complete the job. Mr. Carlyle said he was confident that Leidos would not exceed that number.

Councilman Hargett asked about removal of a storm debris pile from Dr. Michael Shaw's property in Ashborough that is too large to fit in the right-of-way and is a hazard to place in the cul-de-sac. Mr. Carlyle said FEMA will only reimburse for debris collected from a public right-of-way. Mr. Matt Halter, Dorchester County Public Works Director, said he visited Dr. Shaw's property and confirmed that he does not have right-of-way in front of his house. Mr. Halter said he would have the debris picked up immediately if it could be moved to right-of-way in the cul-de-sac. Councilman Byars said he would be willing to help move the debris to the cul-de-sac for immediate pick up.

Councilman Chinnis asked about how the County estimated the storm debris for removal purposes. Mr. Mario Formisano, Dorchester County Emergency Management Director, said he used a computer program developed by FEMA as a loss estimator tool to calculate the approximate amount of storm debris for removal. The program does not have an ice storm scenario. Instead the scenario for a strong category 1 hurricane was used. He said the estimate of cubic yards for removal was fairly accurate, giving the County a starting point for planning cleanup.

Mr. Ward said the number of leaners and hangers is unknown for a winter storm when using the computer program, and that is what is driving the cost up. He said it is not the amount of debris, which is close to the computer estimate, but the amount of time being taken to deploy 17 bucket trucks rather than the original eight bucket trucks. This leads to additional monitors in the field as well, he said.

Mr. Campbell said you cannot equate a category 1 hurricane with an ice storm. When it comes to tree damage, a hurricane produces more fallen trees, rather than leaners and hangers. He explained that Crowder Gulf also has the storm debris removal contract with Berkeley County, and started work there two weeks before working in Dorchester County. He said the Berkeley County work alerted them to the fact that there were more hangers. Because of this, he said they immediately started analyzing Dorchester County and found even more damage in the western part of Dorchester County than across Berkeley County. In an effort to keep Dorchester County within the FEMA 80 percent reimbursement rate, he increased the number of bucket trucks in the fleet to 17 to meet the 90-day deadline. He estimated cleanup at 65 percent complete.

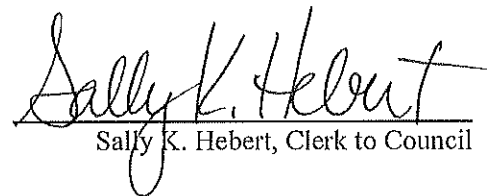
1. On the motion of Councilman Chinnis, seconded by Councilman Bailey, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to authorize the County Administrator to use an additional \$1.7 million from the County Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding debris removal, and debris removal monitoring contracts for cleanup associated with the ice storm Pax that occurred on February 12, 2014. Councilman Davis was absent.

ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION #14-01

2. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilman Hargett, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to adopt Proclamation #14-01, proclaiming April 2014 Child Abuse Prevention Month in Dorchester County as requested by Dr. Kay Phillips, Executive Director of Children in Crisis, Inc., Dorchester Children's Center. Councilman Davis was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

3. On the motion of Councilman Bailey, seconded by Councilwoman Duncan, Council voted six in favor, with one absent, to adjourn at approximately 10:29 a.m. Councilman Davis was absent.


Sally K. Hebert, Clerk to Council