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**MINUTES
DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
DORCHESTER COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SUMMERVILLE
MARCH 6, 2006
7:10 P.M.**

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

PRESENT: Mr. Skip Elliott - Chairman
Mr. Larry Hargett – Vice Chairman
Mr. Chris Murphy
Mr. Kenneth F. Waggoner
Mr. Richard Rosebrock
Mr. Mike Murphree
Mr. Willie Davis
Mr. Jason Ward – County Administrator
Mr. Charles Potts – Deputy Administrator
Mr. John Frampton – County Attorney
Mrs. Gina R. Sams – Sr. Admin. Asst. to Council

Chairman Elliott called the meeting to order and Councilman Rosebrock gave the Invocation.

PUBLIC ADDRESS TO COUNCIL

-Mr. Gilbert Dean, resident of Dorchester County, came before Council to address his concerns regarding county stickers for garbage dumping at the Oak Brook Convenience site and reported that Berkeley County residents were provided stickers. Mr. Dean believes the stickers were mailed out based on zip codes instead of the use of tax map numbers to identify county residents. Mr. Dean suggested changing the Litter and Nuisance Ordinance to address repeat offenders.

CONTINUED-PUBLIC ADDRESS TO COUNCIL

-Mrs. Angie Pinkney Crum addressed Council on her concerns of the Dorchester County Elections and Registration Board not hiring workers within the community where polling places are located. Mrs. Crum reported the Elections and Registration Board had not run ads in local papers informing the public of board meetings and they had not advertised for workers in the polling places.

-Mr. James McGraw, resident of Dorchester County, came before Council as a member of the Town Awareness Committee to request County Council to join and coordinate with the Town of Summerville in conducting a Comprehensive Traffic Analysis. Mr. McGraw requested his address to Council be placed on record (*For the Record-See Attachment A*).

-Mr. Everett R. White, former Interim Chief of Givhans Fire Department, came before Council to address Council's prudent decision in placing Old Fort Fire Department in Givhans' Fire District. Mr. White requested Council to make Old Fort a permanent fire protection service provider for the area.

-Mr. Henry Person, resident of Givhans, requested for Council, if possible, to allow the citizens of Givhans Fire District to elect the members to serve on the Fire Board that would be serving their community, instead of having Council appointed members.

Chairman Elliott recognized Troop Committee Chairman, Mr. Steve Salmons and his Assistant Greenhutch of Troop 800, sponsored by Summerville Baptist Church. Council acknowledged members of Troop 800 who were earning merit badges for civic involvement.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 23, 2006, COUNCIL MEETING

1. On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Rosebrock, Council voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on February 23, 2006.

PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (COURTHOUSE PROJECT)

Chairman Elliott opened the Public Hearing for public comments.

Hearing no public comments, Chairman Elliott closed the Public Hearing.

2. On the motion of Mr. Murhpy, seconded by Mr. Hargett, Council voted unanimously to approve 3rd Reading for the General Obligation Bonds (Courthouse Project).

**PUBLIC HEARING 3RD READING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
(TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS)**

Chairman Elliott opened the Public Hearing for public comments.

Hearing no public comments, Chairman Elliott closed the Public Hearing.

3. On the motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Rosebrock, Council voted unanimously to approve 3rd Reading for the General Obligation Bonds (Transportation Projects).

PROCLAMATION 06-01 JOHN TYE HILL DAY

4. On the motion of Mr. Murphree, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to adopt Proclamation 06-01 declaring March 11, 2006 as “John Tye Hill Day” in Dorchester County.

CORRESPONDENCE

County Administrator, Jason Ward, reported on two (2) items of correspondence. The first correspondence concerned the City of North Charleston’s approval of an annexation of Sect. 46-C, of 1.25 acres located at 3615 and 3617 Ashley Phosphate Road, in Dorchester County. The annexation occurred on February 23, 2006. The second correspondence concerned a joint public notice and involved a road from the old naval property to the new limited access property to I-26 and comments would be allow to be received through March 20, 2006.

GUEST

TRIDENT WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Ms. Evelyn Delaine Hart, with the Trident Workforce Investment Board, came before Council and requested direction be provided to the Board in order to establish a 501 (c) 6 non-profit organization for the purpose of soliciting additional grants that governmental entities are not eligible for. Trident Workforce Investment Board also requested Council’s monetary support in the amount of \$14,000.00 to support the “Change a Life, Hire a Kid” (CALHAK) campaign. The campaign is designed to employ area youths between the ages of 16 & 21 years of age on a part-time basis, during the summer months. Ms. Hart assured Council that all monetary support from Dorchester County would stay in Dorchester County.

CONTINUED-TRIDENT WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

5. On the motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Rosebrock, Council voted unanimously in favor to allow the Trident Workforce Investment Board to become a 501 (c) 6 non- profit organization.

Council requested Ms. Hart to meet with Mr. Ward to discuss Council's allocations of funds to the CALHAK campaign.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S TIME

MEDICALLY INDIGENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Mr. Ward addressed Council regarding the County's requirement to determine those who are eligible for medical indigent assistance for citizens who are receiving inpatient hospital care and do not qualify for Medicaid assistance or any other governmental assistance. Mr. Ward requested Council to authorize the Administrator to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and allow DHHS to determine Medically Indigent Assistance Program eligibility on the county's behalf. The cost to the county would be \$15,000.00 – \$20,000.00 per year. DHHS will not continue to provide this service as they have in the past two (2) years at no charge to the County and will discontinue services on March 10, 2006. Mr. Ward recommended having the funds come from the Administrator's contingency fund until the end of the year and Council would be able to review and give further consideration in the upcoming year's budget.

6. On the motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, Council voted five in favor and two opposed to approve authorizing the Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

Mr. Rosebrock and Mr. Murphree opposed.

1ST READING REZONING REQUEST #452-AEGIS CIVIL ENGINEERING, INC.

Mr. Ward recommended Council to approve 1st Reading to Rezoning Request #452-Aegis Civil Engineering, Inc. and to place this request into the Planning, Development, and Building Committee for further consideration.

CONTINUED-1ST READING REZONING REQUEST #452-AEGIS CIVIL ENGINEERING, INC.

7. Council voted six in favor and one opposed to approve 1st Reading of Rezoning Request #452-Aegis Civil Engineering, Inc. and for this request to be placed into the Planning, Development, and Building Committee for consideration with instructions for Mr. LeaMond to contact the applicant for a development agreement with the inclusion of the special assessment district.

Mr. Rosebrock opposed.

1ST READING REZONING REQUEST #465-HENSLEY & LODGE PROPERTIES, INC.

Mr. Ward recommended Council approve 1st Reading to Rezoning Request #465-Hensley & Lodge Properties, Inc. and to place this request into the Planning, Development, and Building Committee for further consideration.

8. Council voted unanimously in favor to approve 1st Reading of Rezoning Request #465-Hensley & Lodge Properties, Inc. and for this request to be placed into the Planning, Development, and Building Committee for further consideration.

LWRWA RESOLUTION-APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN OF HARLEYVILLE, TOWN OF TURBEVILLE AND CITY OF SUMTER MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Ward recommended Council to adopt a resolution approving applications for the Town of Harleyville, Town of Turbeville and the City of Sumter for membership to Lake Marion Regional Water Agency.

9. On the motion of Mr. Rosebrock, seconded by Mr. Waggoner, Council voted unanimously in favor to adopt a resolution approving applications for the Town of Harleyville, Town of Turbeville and the City of Sumter for membership to Lake Marion Regional Water Agency.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN LARRY HARGETT

PUBLIC HEARING AND RECOMMENDATION FOR 2ND READING
ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #80-09 – GIVHANS FIRE
DISTRICT

10. Chairman Hargett reported on a Public Hearing held earlier in the evening concerning an Ordinance to amend Ordinance #80-09 – Givhans Fire District and the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to Council 2nd Reading to the Ordinance amending Ordinance # 80-09 – Givhans Fire District. Council voted unanimously to approve 2nd Reading to the Ordinance amending Ordinance # 80-09 – Givhans Fire District.

ADMINISTRATIVE & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
CHAIRMAN WILLIE DAVIS

ELECTED OFFICIALS' PURCHASES, REIMBURSEMENTS AND
PROCUREMENT CARDS

11. Chairman Davis reported on the Committee's recommendation to Council to approve the drafted Elected Officials' Purchases and Reimbursement Policy and the Committee's recommendation to Council to approve the travel procurement card program for Elected Officials and Department Heads with the limit on each card to be set at \$3,500.00. Council voted unanimously to approve the Committee's recommendations.

REQUEST FOR POSITION UPGRADES BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND
REGISTRATION

12. Chairman Davis reported the Committee's recommendation to Council to adopt "Chart # 3 Ultimate Organization for Dorchester County Board of Elections and Registration. Council voted unanimously to approve the Committee's recommendation.

Chairman Elliott reported that the structure for the Dorchester County Board of Elections and Registration has been approved; however, the position upgrade will go through the normal reclassification process.

**REQUEST FOR POSITION UPGRADES BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND
REGISTRATION**

13. Mr. Davis motioned to have the position of Assistant Director of Voters Registration within the Dorchester County Board of Elections and Registration be upgraded and for the pay to be retroactive based on when the job duties changed, Mr. Waggoner seconded the motion.

Upon further discussion by Council members regarding this matter, Council agreed to let this issue go through the normal reclassification process. Mr. Davis withdrew his motion and Mr. Waggoner withdrew his second.

**PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN CHRIS MURPHY**

**PUBLIC HEARING & RECOMMENDATION FOR 2ND READING FOR
REZONING REQUEST # 450 CRG ENGINEERING INC.-KIRK R.
RICHARDS**

14. Chairman Murphy reported on a Public Hearing held earlier in the evening for Rezoning Request # 450 – CRG Engineering, Inc., - Kirk R. Richards and the Committee's recommendation to Council to approve 2nd Reading of Rezoning Request # 450. Council voted unanimously to approve the Committee's recommendation.

**PUBLIC HEARING & RECOMMENDATION FOR 2ND READING FOR
REZONING REQUEST # 453 – WILLIAM AND DEBORA HENRY**

15. Chairman Murphy reported on a Public Hearing held earlier in the evening for Rezoning Request # 453 – William and Debora Henry and the Committee's recommendation to Council to approve 2nd Reading of Rezoning Request # 453. Council voted unanimously to approve the Committee's recommendation.

**PUBLIC HEARING & RECOMMENDATION FOR 2ND READING FOR
REZONING REQUEST # 455 – SINTRA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
(WENTWORTH HALL, LLC.)**

16. Chairman Murphy reported on a Public Hearing held earlier in the evening for Rezoning Request # 455 – Sintra Development Corporation (Wentworth Hall, LLC.) and the Committee's recommendation to Council to approve 2nd Reading of Rezoning Request # 455 with final approval being contingent upon entering into a development agreement. Council voted unanimously to approve the Committee's recommendation.

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING COMMITTEE-
CONTINUED
CHAIRMAN CHRIS MURPHY

PUBLIC HEARING & RECOMMENDATION FOR 2ND READING FOR
REZONING REQUEST # 457 – ROBERT TODD BLANTON

17. Chairman Murphy reported on a Public Hearing held earlier in the evening for Rezoning Request # 457 – Robert Todd Blanton and the Committee's recommendation to Council to approve 2nd Reading of Rezoning Request # 457. Council voted unanimously to approve the Committee's recommendation.

PUBLIC HEARING & RECOMMENDATION FOR 2ND READING FOR
REZONING REQUEST # 460 – MARLENA FRANKLIN

18. Chairman Murphy reported on a Public Hearing held earlier in the evening for Rezoning Request # 460 – Marlena Franklin and the Committee's recommendation to Council to approve 2nd Reading of Rezoning Request # 460. Council voted unanimously to approve the Committee's recommendation.

PUBLIC HEARING & RECOMMENDATION FOR 2ND READING FOR
REZONING REQUEST # 466 – HOWARD CROSBY

19. Chairman Murphy reported on a Public Hearing held earlier in the evening for Rezoning Request # 466 – Howard Crosby and the Committee's recommendation to Council to approve 2nd Reading of Rezoning Request # 466. Council voted unanimously to approve the Committee's recommendation.

PUBLIC HEARING & RECOMMENDATION FOR 2ND READING FOR
REZONING REQUEST # 451 – HODGETOWN, LLC.

20. Chairman Murphy reported on a Public Hearing held earlier in the evening for Rezoning Request # 451 – HodgeTown, LLC. and the Committee's recommendation to Council to keep this matter in Committee and to setup a meeting between the Committee and the developer to work out details and bring this matter back to Council.

**CONTINUED-PUBLIC HEARING & RECOMMENDATION FOR 2ND
READING FOR REZONING REQUEST # 451 – HODGE TOWN, LLC.**

20. The Committee also recommended to Council to approve 1st Reading of the proposed Ordinance for the Development Agreement between Dorchester County and HodgeTown, LLC., to refer it back to the Committee for further consideration and to refer it to the Planning Commission to conduct the first public hearing and to make their recommendations to Council. Council voted unanimously to approve the Committee's recommendations.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointments made to Boards or Commissions.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S TIME – MR. JOHN FRAMPTON
REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The County Attorney made a request to Council for an Executive Session to discuss Confidential Economic Development Projects in Dorchester County, an Upper Dorchester County Economic Development Project, to discuss a Contractual Matter regarding the Architectural Services for the courthouse project and to provide legal advice concerning land acquisitions for the Dorchester County Sales Tax Transportation Authority.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 8:15 P.M.

21. On the motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session.

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION 9:54 P.M.

The County Attorney reported that Council received information concerning four (4) economic development prospects. Council also discussed an economic development prospect for the upper portion of the County, a contractual arrangement for architectural services for the courthouse construction. Council also received legal advice concerning land acquisitions and no actions were taken on any of these issues.

ANY OTHER SUCH BUSINESS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT 05-51

22. On the motion of Mr. Waggoner, seconded by Mr. Davis, Council voted unanimously to approve incentives for project 05-51 contained in the memorandum of March 1, 2006, to the County Administrator, Jason Ward. This new project will locate near Harleyville and will employ 10 to 12 people upon opening. The project has a projected employee growth of 25 employees in 3 to 5 years.

ARCHITECTURAL AGREEMENT (COURTHOUSE)

23. On the motion of Mr. Hargett, seconded by Mr. Murphy, Council voted unanimously to authorize the County Administrator, Jason Ward, to sign an architectural agreement with Stevens and Wilkerson of South Carolina Incorporated for the County's new courthouse.

CONVEIENCE SITE STICKERS

24. On the motion by Mr. Waggoner, seconded by Mr. Rosebrock, Council voted five in favor and two opposed to hold off on the implementation of the convenience site stickers until Public Works, Property and Utilities Committee looks into this matter.

Mr. Murphree and Mr. Elliott opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

25. On the motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, Council voted unanimously to adjourn. Time of Adjournment 10:10 P.M.

Gina R. Sams, Sr. Admin. Asst. to Council