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TOWN *of* SUMMERVILLE

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
JOINT WORKSHOP WITH DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL
March 15, 2023**

****NO VOTES OR ACTION WAS TAKEN BY EITHER COUNCIL
AT THIS MEETING****

ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Ricky Waring, Councilmembers Kima Garten-Schmidt, Bob Jackson, Aaron Brown, Russ Touchberry, Terry Jenkins and Bill McIntosh. Also in attendance were Town Administrator Lisa Wallace, Town Attorney GW Parker, and Town Clerk Beth Messervy. A quorum was met. Public and press were duly notified. The meeting took place at Seacoast Church in Summerville. Dorchester County Councilmembers, County Administrator Jason Ward, and Dorchester County staff members were also present.

DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS

After a welcome from General Hank Taylor, the facilitator for the meeting, department heads from both the Town and the County presented an update on the projects that are in the works as well as projects that have been completed.

For Public Works and Infrastructure, Jason Carraher from Dorchester County and Russ Cornette from the Town of Summerville gave an overview of their respective Public Works Departments, and detailed their current projects.

For Planning and Development, Kiera Reinerstsen from Dorchester County and Jessie Shuler from the Town of Summerville gave an overview of the planning and development projects in motion.

For Parks and Recreation, Amy Evans from the Town of Summerville and Austin Zuniga from Dorchester County gave an update on their respective Parks and Recreation Department's projects.

John Truluck, Economic Development Director, gave an update on the current economic development projects in Dorchester County.

County Administrator Jason Ward discussed the effects of the referendum for the 1 cent transportation sales tax that was passed in November 2022. He stated that there are regional as well as local projects that can be funded with the money.

Dorchester County Public Works Director Jason Carraher stated that the County would eventually put together a Sales Tax Program Department to monitor the different projects that can be funded using the 1 cent transportation sales tax, but that the County is hiring an outside firm to do the management until the County can hire staff to conduct business internally.

County Administrator Jason Ward also presented an overview of the Greenbelt funding of up to \$35 million that is a part of the referendum that passed in November 2022.

Dorchester County's Deputy Administrator of Public Safety, Mario Formisano, gave an overview of his department's public safety strategic plan, as well as highlighted the projects in the works.

Dorchester County Sheriff L.C. Knight thanked those who planned the meeting and stated that the County needs more license plate readers.

Town of Summerville Police Chief Doug Wright stated that the Town and County public safety departments work well together. He gave an update on the Police Department's use of license plate readers and drones.

Dorchester County Fire Chief Tres Atkinson gave an update on the staffing of the County Fire Department.

Town of Summerville Fire Chief Richard Waring gave updates on Station #6, recruitment and retention of employees, automatic aid, and dispatch centers working in conjunction with each other.

Dorchester County Director of Emergency Medical Services Brian Watts gave an overview of the Emergency Medical Services department, as well as the department's goals and priorities.

Bryan Havir, the Dorchester County Assistant of Community Services, highlighted the important projects and issues in Animal Control and Code Enforcement for the County, including the abundance of feral cats.

Pam Green, the Town of Summerville's Code Enforcement Supervisor, gave an update on the current problems that are being reported to Code Enforcement, including homeless encampments.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Daniel Prentice, the Deputy Administrator for Dorchester County, gave an update on the Oakbrook TIF District, explaining the projects being funded by the 1st tranche of bonds.

Lisa Wallace, the Town of Summerville Administrator, gave an update on the Midtown TIF District, explaining the projects that will be funded by the first and second tranches of bonds.

Mr. Prentice also gave updates on the status of the Dorchester County Downtown Summerville Library, the Oakbrook Library, the Dorchester Alcohol and Drug Commission, and the Health and Human Services Campus. Mr. Prentice then presented the County's plan for the redevelopment of the property at 500 North Main Street in Summerville where the County Services office currently reside.

WRAP-UP

General Hank Taylor reviewed the potential collaborations between the Town and County, as well as the present and future projects of both entities.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Messervy, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Ricky Waring, Mayor