

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; MARCH 7, 2005; 6:00 P. M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 7, 2005, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Lisa Ball; Lee S. Bowers; Virgin Johnson, Sr., Margaret S. Parker, Chairman and Willard E. Wilson, Vice Chairman. Staff present: Sabrena Posey, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Mr. Wayne Knuckles, The Hampton County Guardian.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Parker called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION:**

Pastor Kevin Byrd, County Chaplain, gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Parker.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**PASTOR KEVIN BYRD, REGARDING ENCOURAGEMENT TO PROPER ENTITY TO PLACE A SIDEWALK ALONGSIDE THE ROAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING FOR CITIZENS:**

Pastor Byrd came before Council and asked that Council promote putting a sidewalk along the road where the Department of Social Services (DSS) is located. Pastor Byrd said that he was not sure if Council was the entity that he needed to contact to do so. He asked Council to encourage the proper entity if they were not the entity that was responsible to place a sidewalk on the roadside. He stated that the roadside is uneven and difficult for persons to walk, especially elderly people. He stated that he saw an elderly man going to the DSS building, and the man almost fell because of the rough roadside. Council thanked Pastor Byrd and stated that they would look into the matter.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF MARCH 7, 2005 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:**

Chairman Parker stated that the following revisions were requested: (1) Deletion of Item #14.1, Addition of the Discussion of a Letter of Support under Council's Briefings and Deletion of Item #6.2. **Moved** by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Bowers to revise the agenda as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 7, 2004 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

Chairman Parker asked Council if there were any additions or corrections. Council Member Bowers stated that he would like to table the minutes until the next meeting. He stated that he did not have time to look at them and that there was no urgency. Chairman Parker stated that Council had no objections to tabling the minutes until the next meeting.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR ACHIEVEMENTS AT THE 2004 TOYOTA GATOR BOWL BAND COMPETITION:**

Chairman Parker presented a certificate of recognition to the Wade Hampton High School Marching Band for their accomplishments at the 2004 Toyota Gator Bowl Band Competition.. Mr. Manigo, Band Director, Mr. Ackerman, Principal, Ms. Sherlynn Smart, Woodwind Captain and Ms. Amanda Chassereau, Drum Major, thanked Council.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint the following:

**Arts Council**

William Harold Mason

**Economic Development Commission**

F. Holbrook Platts

**RESOLUTIONS**

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 10-16, 2005 AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK:**

Chairman Parker stated that the proclamation was adopted by unanimous consent.

**ORDINANCES**

**THIRD (3<sup>rd</sup>) AND FINAL READING TO ORDINANCE #2004-004 - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND NEVAMAR COMPANY, LLC**

Chairman Parker stated that this matter was deferred.

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**SECOND (2<sup>ND</sup>) READING TO ORDINANCE #2005-004, FISCAL YEAR 2004 MID YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:**

**Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Ball to give second reading to Ordinance #2005-004, Mid Year Budget Adjustments. Motion carried unanimously.

**BIDS**

There were no bids scheduled.

**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING**

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BEAUFORT-JASPER-HAMPTON COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SERVICES, INC.**

Chairman Parker stated that she wanted to make sure that Council was aware of the Letter of Support written for the Beaufort-Hampton-Jasper Health Services, Inc. in regards to the expansion of dental services in Estill, South Carolina. Council had no objections to the letter being written.

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**MR. WALT INABINET, SOUTHERN CAROLINA ALLIANCE (SCA), REGARDING SCA'S FEBRUARY 2005 ACTIVITY REPORT:**

Mr. Walt Inabinet came before Council to give the activity report for Southern Carolina Alliance. (See attachment #1 - activity report). Council thanked Mr. Inabinet. (Council Member Wilson arrived.)

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Budget Calendar**

Administrator Posey and Mr. Meyer, Finance Director, presented the budget calendar to Council. Chairman Parker stated that Council adopted the schedule by unanimous consent. Administrator Posey stated that the budget packets would be going out in the morning.

**Introduction of the New Jail Administrator**

Administrator Posey introduced the new Jail Administrator, John Rowley. Mr. Rowley introduced himself. He stated that he was glad to come to Hampton County to reorganize the jail. He thanked Council for the opportunity.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING A CONTRACTUAL MATTER (NEVAMAR):**

**Moved** by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Bowers, to go into executive

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session. Motion carried. (Council Member Johnson arrived.) Session began 7:36 p. m. and ended 7:45 p. m. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Bowers, to come out of executive session. Motion carried. **After coming out of Executive Session**, Chairman Parker stated that staff, the County Attorney and County Administrator, was given directions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Ball to adjourn. Motion carried. Chairman Parker adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p. m.