

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MARCH 21, 2005; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 21, 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 HEARING

FISCAL YEAR 2004 AMENDED BUDGET:

Chairman Parker opened the public hearing to receive comments regarding the Fiscal Year 2004 Amended Budget. There were no comments. Chairman Parker closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF MARCH 21, 2005 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Parker asked that the agenda be revised to add Item #13.1.2, Contribution Request from Lowcountry Community Action Agency. **Moved** by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Wilson to adopt the agenda with the revisions. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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FEBRUARY 7, 2004, FEBRUARY 28, 2005 AND MARCH 7, 2005 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Parker stated that if there were no corrections, then the minutes would be approved by acclamation. There were no objections. Council approved the minutes by acclamation.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR ACHIEVEMENTS AT THE 2004-2005 LOWER REGIONAL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TO THE ESTILL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM:

Chairman Parker presented a certificate of recognition to the Estill High School Girls Basketball Team for their accomplishments as the 2004-2005 Lower Regional Basketball Champions. Mr. Cecil Jenkins, Coach; Mr. Archie Franchini, Principal; Mr. Dennis Thompson, Superintendent; Mr. Clifford Hopkins, Athletic Director and the 2004-2005 Girls Basketball team and assistant coaches thanked Council.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointments.

RESOLUTIONS

JAIL RESOLUTION:

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to table the resolution until the Jail and Law Enforcement Committee can speak with Sheriff Brown. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

THIRD (3rd) 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.

THIRD (3rd) READING TO ORDINANCE #2005-004, FISCAL YEAR 2004 MID YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

Council Member Ball asked if the ordinance had changed since second reading. Administrator Posey stated that it had. There was a short discussion about voting on an ordinance that was not available at the public hearing for public comment. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded

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by Council Member Johnson, to hold another public hearing for the document presented and give third reading after that public hearing. Motion carried.

BIDS

There were no bids scheduled.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING

NOTIFICATION OF THE MEETING WITH THE TOWN OF ESTILL:

Chairman Parker stated that Hampton County Council will meet with the Town of Estill on March 28, 2005, 6:00 p. m., Estill Fire Station, Estill, South Carolina to discuss several matters.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Contribution Request from the Lowcountry Community Action Agency (LCAA), Inc.

Administrator Posey stated that this was a house keeping item. She stated that a request was received from the Lowcountry Community Action Agency, Inc. for the second portion of their contribution \$3,500 (three thousand, five hundred dollars) which was appropriated in the 2003-2004 fiscal year. She stated that LCAA was appropriated \$7,000 (seven thousand dollars) for the fiscal year. Administrator Posey stated that due to a communication error, only half of this amount was paid during the fiscal year. She stated that due to this error, she believed that this request for funding should be honored. Administrator Posey stated that the funds would come from the contingency fund. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Ball, to approve the request from Lowcountry Community Action Agency for the remainder of their 2003-2004 appropriation that was not received in the 2003-2004 fiscal year in the amount of \$3,500 (three thousand, five hundred dollars) and that these funds should come from the contingency fund. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING A CONTRACTUAL MATTER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPECTS):

Moved by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to go into executive session. Motion carried. Session began 7:36 p. m. and ended 7:45 p. m. **Moved** by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried. **After coming out of Executive Session**, Chairman Parker stated that Council heard from the Economic Development Executive Director on a possible contractual matter and updates on several prospects.

ADJOURNMENT

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Moved by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Wilson to adjourn. Chairman Parker adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p. m.