

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; AUGUST 1, 2005; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 1, 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 Chair. Staff present: Sabrena Posey Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Mr. Wayne Knuckles, The Hampton County Guardian. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Parker called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Pastor Kevin Byrd, Chaplain, Hampton County, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Parker.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MS. JEANETTE PENDERGRASS, CITIZEN, REGARDING RECOGNITION OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR COMMENDABLE AND EFFICIENT WORK:

Ms. Pendergrass came before Council and asked if she could present a certificate of recognition to the Mr. Perry Singleton, Detective, and the Sheriff's Department for commendable and efficient work in apprehending the person who broke in her mother's home. She stated that you always hear the bad things; she stated that she and her mother wanted to recognize the Sheriff's department for a job well done. Ms. Pendergrass presented the certificate to Mr. Singleton of the Sheriff's Department. Council thanked Ms. Pendergrass.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF MAY 2, 2005 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Parker asked if there were any changes to the agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adopt the agenda with the following revisions: (1)

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Addition of Item #10.1, First (1st) Reading By Title Only to Nevamar Incentive Agreement, (2) Relocation of Item 12.1 to Executive Session (Contractual Matter). Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

JUNE 20, 2005 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Wilson to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

JULY 5, 2005 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

JULY 18, 2005 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentation(s).

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s) scheduled.

ORDINANCES

FIRST READING (1st) READING TO ORDINANCE 2005-006, AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE MILLAGE BY TITLE ONLY:

Moved by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to table second reading until the figures for the millage are completed. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST (1st) READING TO ORDINANCE #2005-004 - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND

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**BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND NEVAMAR COMPANY,
LLC**

Moved by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give first (1st) reading in title only to Ordinance 2005-004, Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Hampton County, South Carolina and Nevamar Company, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

BIDS

There were no bid(s) scheduled.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING

RULES AND PROCEDURES:

Chairman Parker stated that she would like to have the black lined copy of the ordinance by August 15, 2005 to be reviewed by the Administration / Finance Committee (Council Members Parker and Wilson) and Administrator Graham.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
BUILDING:**

Administrator Graham stated that presented before Council for consideration was the contract between Hampton County and Brunson Construction for the construction of the Emergency Services Building. She stated that:

- Council awarded the bid of the Emergency Services building in the amount of \$789,000 (seven hundred eighty-nine thousand dollars) to Brunson Construction on June 20, 2005.
- The time of completion and liquidated damages are both addressed in the form of a proposal.
- Time of completion is 260 calendar days from the date of notice to proceed.
- should the contractor fail to substantially complete the work under this contract within the stipulated time, plus any additional days that may result from extension of time granted by the Architect/Engineer, he agrees that the Owner may retain the sum of \$500 per day for each succeeding calendar day after the stipulated time for the project's completion until a Certificate of Occupancy is received.
- County Attorney A. G. Solomons has reviewed the contract and approved it for all legalities.
- Moseley Architect firm has also reviewed the contract for completeness.

Administrator Graham stated that the recommendation is that Council approves the contract between Hampton County and Brunson Construction for the construction of the Emergency Services Building. Council Member Bowers asked the County Attorney Solomons if he reviewed the

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contract. He stated that he reviewed it. **Moved** by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Bowers, to approve the contract with Brunson Construction. Motion carried with Council Members Ball, Bowers and Parker voting "Yea" and Council Member Johnson voting "Nay". Council Member Wilson abstained due to a conflict of interest.

DONATION OF EQUIPMENT TO RED CROSS:

Administrator Graham stated that she would like Council to authorize the donation of a 1991 Ambulance that is out of service yet still operable to the American Red Cross for use in Hampton County. She stated that the American Red Cross is working very diligently to establish an office and provide services here in Hampton County. She stated that the County has an ambulance that has been taken out of service, a 1991 Ford F-350 which estimated value is \$1,560 (one thousand, five hundred dollars). She stated that the Red Cross can use it as a mobile unit to provide goods/food during emergencies and/or disasters. Administrator Graham stated that the Red Cross will become the owner of this unit and will be responsible for all operating costs and expenses. She stated that if the ambulance is not donated to Red Cross, it will be sold. Administrator Posey stated that this is an opportunity to assist an organization that is vitally needed in our community. **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to donate the 1991 ambulance that is out of service to the American Red Cross. Motion carried unanimously.

SOUTHERN CAROLINA ALLIANCE'S ACTIVITY REPORT:

Administrator Graham presented Southern Carolina Alliance Activity report for information.

LEASE OF VARNVILLE OLD VARNVILLE TOWN HALL:

Council Member Bowers requested that the matter be discussed in executive session regarding terms and will vote on when Council returns to open session.

DONATION TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FAMILY FUN DAY:

Detective Russell of the Sheriff's Department came before Council to request that an appropriation be made to assist in the purchase of school supplies for the children for the family fun day that is being sponsored by the Sheriff's Department. He stated that it is a drug awareness campaign that will distribute school supplies. Detective Russell informed Council about the Meth problem that the county is facing. Detective Russell asked that a \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) be appropriated toward this cause. Council stated that they supported the effort as long as all children were treated equally. **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to appropriate \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) from the contingency fund to the sheriff's department as a Drug Awareness Campaign line item to purchase school supplies for the children and that each child be treated equally. Motion carried unanimously. Detective Russell invited all council members to come out. He stated that it was going to be held on the Wade Hampton Football Field, Saturday, August 6, 2005 at 10:00 a. m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Ball, to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters and personnel matters. Motion carried. Session began 6:20 p. m. and ended 7:30 p. m. **Chairman Parker** called the meeting to order. After coming out of

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executive session, Chairman Parker stated that the following were discussed in executive session:

- Personnel Matter (Department of One)
- Contractual Matter (Library) - Council gave the Administrator directions.
- Contractual Matter (Lease with the Town of Varnville)

LEASE OF OLD VARNVILLE TOWN HALL:

Moved by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to lease the Varnville Town Hall at \$1,300 (one thousand, three hundred dollars) per month and the Administrator will determine Motion carried unanimously. Administrator

Graham stated that this building will house the Narcotics Division.

LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LRTA) BUS RIDERS REGARDING THE BUSES BEING TAKEN OFF THE ROADS IN HAMPTON COUNTY DUE TO THE LACK OF APPROPRIATIONS:

Citizens of Hampton County that ride the LRTA bus in Hampton County attended the meeting to question Council as to why they are not funding the program when they, workers, cannot afford a car or to drive to and from the Island. They stated that they want to work and need the transportation of the bus. Chairman Parker asked when were they notified. They stated that they a letter was passed around on the bus informing them that the buses would not run in Hampton County after August 1, 2005 due to the lack of funding from Hampton County. Chairman Parker asked Administrator Graham if anyone from LRTA had contacted her. She stated that no one had. Chairman Parker informed the citizens that Council was unaware of this. She stated that Administrator Graham would give LRTA's Executive Director a call the next morning. She stated that they would have an answer for them at the next meeting which is August 15, 2005. The citizens thanked Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Parker adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p. m.