

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MAY 1, 2006; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 1, 2006, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Virgin Johnson, Sr.; Margaret S. Parker, Chairman and Willard E. Wilson, Vice Chairman. Council Member(s) absent: Lisa Ball and Lee S. Bowers. 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 Byrd, County Chaplain, 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)

There were no public comment(s).

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE MAY 1, 2006 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Parker asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Administrator Graham requested the following revisions: (1) Add the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Resolution, (2) Add the Administrator's Capital Projects Report. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the agenda with the requested revisions. Motion carried unanimously.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APRIL 17, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Parker asked if there were any changes to the minutes. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

ORDINANCES

SECOND (2nd) READING TO FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 BUDGET DEFERRED:

Chairman Parker stated that Council needed to have another budget workshop before giving second reading. Council deferred giving second (2nd) reading to the Hampton County Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget.

RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION #R-2006-005, EMERGENCY SERVICES RESOLUTION:

Administrator Graham stated that she was presenting a resolution for council to consider designating Emergency Medical Services Week for May 14-20, 2006. She stated that emergency medical services is a vital public service and the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Administrator turned over the floor to Keith Rossomme, Director, Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

Mr. Rossomme commented on the dedication of his team, introduced the members and recognized their level of training. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson to adopt the Emergency Services Resolution proclaiming the week of May 14–20, 2006 as Emergency Medical Services Week. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #R-2006-006, PROCLAIMING MAY AS TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH:

Chairman Parker read the resolution (see attachment). **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson to adopt the resolution designating the month of May as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month. Motion carried unanimously.

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BIDS**

There were no bid(s) scheduled.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

County-wide Planning

Administrator Graham stated that Hampton County and the local municipalities were working together to develop a Comprehensive Plan and future planning and zoning. She stated that Lowcountry Council of Governments Director, Chris Bickley, and Senior Planner, Ginnie Kozak, has proposed for Council's consideration for the county and the local municipalities to develop a countywide comprehensive plan. She stated that the LCOG staff will facilitate a meeting of council, mayors, Economic Development Commission Executive Committee and the Planning Commission Representatives on May 4, 2006, 6:00 p. m., B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, SC. She stated that the purpose of this meeting is to introduce the joint planning concept and determine the interest level of all involve.

Administrator Graham stated that council is asked to please attend this very important planning meeting.

Quarterly Emergency Medical Service Delinquent Collections Report

Administrator Graham stated that Keith Rossomme, Director, EMS, would present the quarterly EMS Delinquent Collection Report. He stated that EMS staff submitted 354 accounts totaling \$148,938.70 to ARC for collections on February 20, 2006. He stated that as of March 31, 2006 EMS has received \$1,164.58 from ARC. ARC's portion of this is \$452.89. He stated that the accounts turned over were old accounts from February 2003 – February 2006. Chairman Parker stated that there was no opposition to accepting the report as information.

Quarterly Financial Report (Jan. – Mar. 2006)

Finance Director, Mike Meyer, presented the quarterly financial report. He outlined the data regarding the general fund and explained expenses that were one time major expenses, etc. (See attachment of quarterly financial report (Jan – Mar 2006). Council accepted the report as information.

Ageless Hero Award

Victoria Tuten, Director, Recreation Department, stated that the Ageless Hero Award is sponsored by Bluecross/Blueshield of South Carolina. She stated that the award recognizes active members of the community over the age of sixty who showed vigor and vitality. Mrs. Tuten introduced the recipients. Chairman Parker presented the Ageless Hero Award to Peggy Jarrell and Pete Hagood.

Site for Mud Run

Administrator Graham presented a resolution establishing the terms of the agreement between the Watermelon Festival Committee and Hampton County for use of the clay pits at the county airport. She stated that the Watermelon Festival Committee is requesting use of county property at the airport to hold the mud run on June 25, 2006. She stated that the County Attorney prepared the

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attached resolution that spells out the terms of the agreement for use of the airport property for the mud run. She stated that it is the same agreement as last year. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the resolution for the mud run. Motion carried unanimously.

Out of State Travel (Veterans Affairs Office)

Administrator Graham stated that the approval of out of state travel for the Veterans Affairs Service Officer to attend the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers Annual Training Conference and Business Meeting. She stated that county policy requires that Council approve all out of state travel. She stated that the dates for the Nation Association of Veterans Service Officers Annual and Business Meeting are Saturday, June 3, 2006 through Saturday, June 10, 2006. Council asked Mrs. Hodges if the funding would allow for the other training that was needed. Mrs. Hodges explained that the monies approved also included the contractual needs. Council Member Wilson asked what was needed for her to receive the training. She stated that less the \$350 would be \$1,509. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to honor the request and transfer \$1,509 from contingency to cover the expenses to attend the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers Annual Training Conference and Business Meeting. Chairman Parker stated that for the record, she wished all department heads could go to national conference. She stated that this training has nothing to do with the State of South Carolina and can't do it for all departments. Council Member Wilson stated that the revenue that is brought into Hampton County which is approximately 6 million dollars through benefits for veterans. He stated that this is commendable. He stated that people need to be trained to be able to do their jobs. Motion carried with Council Members Johnson and Wilson voting "Yea" and council Member Parker voting "Nay".

Capital Projects Sales Tax

Administrator Graham provided council with the Capital Projects Sales Tax Report. She stated that collections have increased. (See attachment).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Administrator Graham stated that there was not a need for an executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Chairman Parker adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p. m.