

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MAY 15, 2006; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 15, 2006, 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 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 15, 2006 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Parker asked if there were any changes to the agenda. The following revisions were requested: (1) addition of the Relay for Life Resolution, Item 9.2, (2) Prescription Drug Card Hand-Out, Item #13.1.3, (3) Executive Session – Personnel Matter (Sheriff's Department), Item #14.1, Economic Development Matters, Item #14.2. **Moved** by Council Member, seconded by Council Member, to adopt the agenda with the requested revisions. Motion carried unanimously.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MAY 1, 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 with corrections or revisions. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

RECOGNITION OF THE HAMPTON COUNTY 2006 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S WRITING AWARD WINNERS:

Council recognized the Lieutenant Governor's Writing Award Winners. Chairman Parker presented certificates of recognition to:

5th Grade Winners

- Kaitlyn Bartley, Brunson Elementary, Hampton County School District #1,
- De'Aira Bryant, Estill Elementary School, Hampton County School District #2

8th Grade Winners

- Aline K. Newton, Estill Middle School, Hampton County School District #2
- Stephen Fox, Hampton County School District #1 (was not present)

Chairman Parker recognized the Superintendent, Mr. Dennis Thompson, Hampton School District #2, Dr. Fayette Nick, Principal, Estill Middle School; Mr. Mike Siegler, Teacher, Estill Middle School; Ms. Chris Bartley, Kaitlyn's mother; Ms. Debra Bryant, De'Aira's mother and Aline Newton, Aline's mother. Council congratulated the students and encouraged them to continue to write and do well.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #R-2006-007, PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 22-26, 2006 AS PUBLIC WORKS WEEK:

Administrator Graham stated that Mr. Blake Hodge, Public Works Director, would present the resolution to recognize the men and women who represent Hampton County in Public Works and to educate the public about public works. Mr. Hodge recognized two of his employees, John Stanley, Landfill Manager and Willie Owens, Road Supervisor. He stated that he wanted to recognize the two for a great job done. **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adopt the Public Works Resolution proclaiming the week of May 22 – 26, 2006 as Public Works Week. Motion carried unanimously.

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ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #R-2006-008, RELAY FOR LIFE RESOLUTION:

Chairman Parker read the resolution (see attachment). **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Ball to adopt the resolution proclaiming May 19-20, 2006 as Relay for Life Weekend. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

SECOND (2nd) READING TO HAMPTON COUNTY'S FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 BUDGET:

Administrator Graham presented the budget ordinance and reviewed some of the major highlights in the budget document. Chairman Parker stated that council met earlier regarding the budget. She asked if there were any questions regarding the budget. Council discussed the wording of the budget ordinance briefly. **Moved** by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Bowers, to give second (2nd) reading to the Hampton County Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget with the wording in Section 3 to remain "within departments". Motion carried unanimously.

BIDS

There were no bid(s) scheduled.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING

There were no council briefings.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Southern Carolina Alliance's April Report

Administrator Graham presented the Southern Carolina Alliance Activity Report as information to council. Chairman Parker stated that she saw in the report that Danny Black, President, Southern Carolina Alliance was named Economic Developer of the Year. She asked Administrator Graham to see if Mr. Black can come to the next council meeting to be recognized.

Emergency Procurement – Computer Server Purchase

Administrator Graham stated that the present system will not hold the data. She stated that the purchase is needed before data is lost. She stated that there were funds left from the audit and \$500 from the Finance Budget. **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to purchase the server for the Finance Department in the amount of \$10,317.00 (ten thousand, three hundred seventeen dollars). Motion carried unanimously.

Prescription Drug Card Program Kick-Off

Administrator Graham stated that the kick-off for the Prescription Drug Card Program is May 22, 2006, 11:00 a. m. at the Senior Center in Estill, South Carolina. She stated that

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they will issue the first card.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Parker stated that an executive session was needed for a personnel matter (Sheriff's Department) and economic development matters. **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter (Sheriff's Department) and economic development matters. Motion carried unanimously. Session began 6:40 p. m. and ended 7:55 p. m. **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to come out of executive session. **After coming out of executive session, Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to hire a temporary deputy. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Parker stated that the Administrator updated council on two economic development matters.

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.