

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; DECEMBER 4, 2006; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING
201 JACKSON AVENUE, WEST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 4, 2006, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Lee S. Bowers; Virgin Johnson, Sr.; Margaret S. Parker, Chairman and Willard E. Wilson, Vice Chairman. Council Member(s) absent: Lisa Ball. Staff present: Sabrena Posey Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: 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)

1. Ms. Norrison Payne - Request to close a road.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2006 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Parker asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Administrator Graham asked that council (1) Defer Item #9.1 and 10.1 until after the executive session (2) Add under Council Briefings, the reception for the outgoing council members, (3) Add under council briefings, Business License Committee Report, (4) Correction to #14.1, Contractual Matter, Beaufort County Emergency Services and (5) addition of Item #14.3, Personnel Matter (Building Department). Council Member Bowers asked if they were talking about the revised agenda. Chairman Parker affirmed that they were. **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the revised agenda with the requested revisions. Motion carried unanimously.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NOVEMBER 20, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

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

NOVEMBER 27, 2006 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

NOVEMBER 27, 2006 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES:

Moved by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentation(s).

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

Chairman Parker stated that the two (2) resolutions were removed. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Bowers, to add the resolution 0 requesting that a study for school consolidation be done. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #R-2006-016, SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION STUDY REQUEST:

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adopt the resolution to ask that the tax base, administration, etc. be looked into by the Legislative Delegation, the South Carolina Department of Education and other necessary parties. Council Member Bowers stated that the resolution is only asking that a study be done on the issue. He stated that he thought it was a settled issue, because the consolidation issue was the number one priority with council's goals and strategies adopted by council. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

FIRST (1st) READING TO ORDINANCE(S)

Moved by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give first (1st) reading to Ordinance #2006-020, the ordinance authorizing certain economic incentives including payment of a fee

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in lieu of property taxes and other related matters, pursuant to a fee agreement between Hampton County and Ecogy Biofuels. Motion carried unanimously.

BIDS

BIDS FOR HORIZONTAL BALER:

Administrator Graham stated that the Finance Director and the Recycling Manager (Bid Committee) met and reviewed the bids. She stated that they recommended the lowest bidder, Southeastern Environmental Waste Equipment, for a bid of \$38,266 for the Horizontal Baler. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Bowers, to award the bid to the company that was recommended by the bid committee which is the lowest bidder, Southeastern Environmental Waste Equipment, in the amount of \$38,266 (thirty-eight thousand, two hundred sixty-six dollars). (See Attachment #1)

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

RECEPTION FOR OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Chairman Parker stated that there will be a reception held at her home on December 18, 2006 from 5:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m. for the outgoing Council Members Lisa Ball and Lee Bowers. She stated that there may be a need for a council meeting on that day also, if so, the council meeting will be scheduled for 6:30 p. m.

BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Council Member Wilson stated that he and Council Member Johnson met and reviewed the ordinance. He stated that they did not have a recommendation at that time, because council had stated that they would allow the public to have input. He stated that they have scheduled a meeting for the public to have input for December 7, 2006. Chairman Parker stated that she could not be at the meeting, because she would be out of town. After further discussion, council decided to place the scheduling of a meeting for a public forum to discuss the business license ordinance.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Courthouse Plans as Recommended by Buildings and Grounds Committee

Administrator Graham stated that the Building Committee (Lee S. Bowers and Peggy Parker) met on November 16, 2006 with the Architects. Mr. Smith, Moseley Architects, gave a brief presentation. Council Member Bowers stated that it was the recommendation of the Building Committee to move forward with the courthouse project and to let bids in January. **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to go forward and let bids in January 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Extension of Lease Agreement for the Veterans' Affairs Office

Administrator Graham presented the extension of the lease to council. She stated that the extension would be for a year and the rate per month would increase from \$275 to \$350. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Bowers, to approve the extension of

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the lease agreement for the Veterans' Affairs office. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter, economic development matters and a personnel matter (Building Department). Motion carried unanimously. Session began 7:42 p. m. and ended 8:00 p. m. **After** coming out of executive session, the following was reported:

Contractual Matter (Beaufort County Emergency Services)

Council gave Administrator directives.

Economic Development Matter

Third (3rd) and Final Reading to Ordinance #2006-018, Ordinance Authorizing Hampton County to Participate as a Full Member of the Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance

Moved by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give third reading to Ordinance 2006-018, the ordinance authorizing Hampton County to participate as a full member of the Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance and to if Hampton County agrees to join any other alliance, it will be for marketing purposes only. Motion carried unanimously.

Lowcountry Alliance

Moved by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to get further information from Lowcountry Alliance (Lowcountry Council of Governments). Motion carried.

Personnel Matter

Moved by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to hire a commercial inspector who is qualified on a part-time basis at a rate of \$22 (twenty-two dollars) per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Chairman Parker adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p. m.