

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MAY 2, 2005; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 2, 2005, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Lisa Ball; Lee S. Bowers and Willard E. Wilson, Vice Chairman. Council Member(S) absent: Virgin Johnson, Sr. and Margaret S. Parker, 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:

Vice Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairman Wilson.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s) scheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

NEIL SULLIVAN, CITIZEN, REGARDING FREE CREDIT REPORTS:

Pastor Sullivan came before Council and stated that he just wanted to make the public aware that with the new laws that were passed, they can get a free copy of their credit report. He stated that this is important because of the increase of credit fraud, etc. He provided a flyer to Council regarding the information presented.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF MAY 2, 2005 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Vice Chairman Wilson asked if there were any changes to the agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Ball to adopt the agenda. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APRIL 4, 2005 and APRIL 18, 2005 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Ball, to approve the April 4, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes and to table the April 18, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

MR. TOM WATSON, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DIRECTOR, PRESENTATION TO COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA FLAG THAT WAS FLOWN OVER BAGHDAD IN COMBAT MISSION:

Mr. Watson came before Council and stated that Council has always been supportive of his deployments, and he wanted to show his appreciation in some way. He stated that he came up with having a flag of South Carolina flown over Baghdad. He stated that they could not display the American nor any state flags but what was done is that a pilot took the flag and flew it over Baghdad. Mr. Watson presented the flag to Council in appreciation for their support. Council thanked Mr. Watson.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointments.

RESOLUTION(S)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS' REQUEST TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AND ITS COMPONENT, THE INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM (ICS) AS HAMPTON COUNTY STANDARD FOR INCIDENT AND RESPONSE MANAGEMENT:

Vice Chairman Wilson stated that there was a resolution regarding establishing the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and its component, the Incident Command System (ICS) as the Hampton County standard for incident and response management. There were no objections from Council to approve. Vice Chairman Wilson stated that Council adopted the resolution by acclamation.

PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK:

Vice Chairman Wilson stated that a proclamation was presented for approval regarding recognizing the first week of May as National Correctional Officers Week. There were no objections to approve. Vice Chairman Wilson stated that Council adopted the proclamation by acclamation.

ORDINANCES

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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

Vice Chairman Wilson stated that this matter was deferred.

FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 BUDGET:

Vice Chairman Wilson asked if council was ready to give second reading to the budget. Council Member Bowers stated that he did not agree with it, but he would make the motion. **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Ball, to give third (2nd) reading to the fiscal year 2005-2006 Budget. Council Member Ball stated that she seconded the motion with the realization that there would be budget workshop to discuss the budget. Motion carried. Council agreed that they could meet on Tuesday at 4:00 p. m. for a budget workshop.

RECOGNITION OF MR. JOHN ROWLEY, JAIL ADMINISTRATOR, REGARDING PROCLAMATION:

Administrator Posey stated that she had asked Mr. Rowley to be present regarding the proclamation. She thanked him for coming.

BIDS

BIDS FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES:

Administrator Posey stated that Council appointed the Administrator and the Finance Director to review the bids for professional auditing services. She stated that the bids were solicited for auditing services for fiscal year 2005 with a two year renewable option. She stated that the bids were advertised., and they received and reviewed three (3) bids. (See Attachment #1). After the presentation and review of the bids, it was **moved** by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Bowers to accept the bid from McGregor& Company, L. L. P. as recommended by the Administrator and the Finance Director in the amount of \$21,045 and with the renewal option of \$65,0072 over a three year period. Motion carried.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING

There were no council briefings.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Naming the New Department of Social Services Building in Honor of Mrs. Iva T. Mace (Former Director of DSS Who Served for 45 Years)

Vice Chairman Wilson stated that the next item on the agenda was the naming of the new Department of Social Services Building (DSS). Council Member Bowers stated that he heard no objections for the naming from the public. **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by

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Council Member Ball, to name the new Department of Social Services (DSS) Building after Mrs. Iva T. Mace, Former Director who served for 45 years. Motion carried.

Advertising and Education for the Nuisance Ordinance

Administrator Posey stated that she wanted to let Council know that Doug Mixson, Building Inspector, has posted signs in various public locations regarding the Nuisance Ordinance and has placed an ad in the Hampton County Guardian.

Hampton County Workplace Safety Policies and Procedures

Administrator Posey stated that Council had before them the Hampton County Workplace Policies and Procedures and the Modified Duties Program. She stated that this was presented at the last meeting and Council stated that they needed more time to review. She stated that it is presented again. **Moved** by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Bowers to accept the Hampton County Workplace Safety Policies and Procedures and the Modified Duties Program as written. Motion carried.

Southern Carolina Alliance Activity Report

Administrator Posey stated that Mr. Inabinet was not present. She stated that he sent his report for the month of April for information only.

Contract for Planning Services

Administrator Posey stated that she would like council to approve the contract for professional services from the LandPlan Group South to assist the County with the preparation of a TEA-21 grant for the Courthouse parking area at the intersection of US Highway 278 and Lee Street, to prepare a conceptual plan of this intersection and to analyze the interface of the parking across the front of the Courthouse property and the two signalized intersections. Administrator Posey stated that the Buildings and Grounds Committee (Council Members Bowers and Parker) represented the County on the Downtown Hampton/Courthouse Renovations Committee. She stated that the full committee met with the Department of Transportation Commissioner, Tom Hardy, and other DOT staff to discuss the County's eligibility for the TEA-21 grant funds. Administrator Posey stated that they learned that two separate applications could be made for the grant funds, one by the town and one by the County. She stated that each grant award may be up to \$200,000 (two hundred thousand dollars) each with a 20% local match. Administrator Posey stated that the grant applications are due around June 10; therefore time is of the essence. She stated that the Town of Hampton has contracted with The LandPlan Group to develop a plan for downtown. She stated that the County project adjoins the downtown. Administrator Posey stated that the fee for this work is \$17,400 (seventeen thousand, four hundred dollars). She stated that of this cost \$6,500 (six thousand, five hundred dollars) is attributed to a complete features and topographic survey of the Courthouse grounds. She stated that if it is discovered that his work is already done, the fee would be \$10,900 (ten thousand, nine hundred dollars). Administrator Posey stated that expenses will be billed in addition at cost plus 10% (ten percent). Administrator Posey stated that funding for this project will come from the Courthouse Renovation Special Donation Fund. **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Ball, to accept the recommendation of the committee and approve the contract for professional services with the LandPlan Group South and pay the grant planning services fee in the amount of \$17,400 (seventeen thousand, four hundred dollars) from the John E. Parker donated

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funds (Courthouse Renovation Special Donation Fund). Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no executive session matters scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Ball, to adjourn. Vice Chairman Wilson adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p. m.