

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (RECONVENED)**

**TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2005; 7:20 P. M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING**

**201 JACKSON AVENUE, WEST, HAMPTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Hampton County Council held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 2005, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton Town Hall, 608 First Street, West, Hampton, South Carolina. The meeting was recessed and reconvened in Council Chambers of the B. T. DeLoach Building, 201 Jackson Avenue, West, Hampton, South Carolina at 7:20 p. m. Council Member(s) present: Lisa Ball; Virgin Johnson, Sr., Margaret S. Parker, Chairman and Willard E. Wilson, Vice Chairman. Council Member absent: 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 and Mr. Tony Gross, Lowcountry Life. 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 Neil Sullivan gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Parker.

**PORt RESOLUTION PRESENTATION TO JASPER COUNTY**

Chairman Parker welcomed everyone and introduced the Hampton County Council, the powerpoint presenters, Andrew Fulghum, Jasper County Administrator and Rose Dobson-Elliott, Jasper County's Deputy Administrator for Economic Development and Dr. Hood, Chairman, Jasper County Council. Dr. Hood introduced the members of the Jasper County Council. All members were present. Also, Chairman Parker recognized Representative Bill Bowers. Dr. Hood updated everyone regarding the position of Jasper County regarding the port ant the South Carolina Ports Authority. Administrator Fulghum presented the powerpoint informing everyone about the port, and the economic impact it would have on Jasper County as well as Hampton County. Dr. Hood reiterated Jasper County's position regarding the port and the legal situation the county was going through. Chairman Parker restated the economic importance that the port would have to Hampton County. Representative Bowers also informed the community group gathered regarding the Legislature, the Governor and the Port Authority's position on the matter. Representative Bowers stated that the location of the port in Jasper County would be very good for this area. After several comments, Chairman Parker and Mayors and Mayors' Representatives presented to Jasper County a framed copy of all the resolutions adopted by Hampton County and all the towns in Hampton County supporting the location of the port in Jasper County. After the presentation, Chairman Parker recessed the meeting and stated that the Hampton County Council meeting would reconvene in the Council Chambers of the B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina.

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**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING WAS CALLED BACK TO ORDER IN THE HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DELOACH BUILDING, HAMPTON, SOUTH CAROLINA AT 7:20 P. M.**

Chairman Parker called the meeting back to order.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearings scheduled.

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**REPRESENTATIVE R. THAYER RIVERS MADE A REQUEST ASKING HAMPTON COUNTY TO ACT AS A PASS THROUGH AGENCY TO RUN THE PAYROLL OF HIS OFFICE STAFF:**

Representative Rivers came before Council and stated that he wanted to ask a favor. He stated that he represented about 12,000 citizens in Hampton County. He stated that his area of representation spanned from Estill to Yemassee. Representative Rivers stated that he spent most of the day in Yemassee regarding them shutting down all the bridges to Yemassee for eighteen months to redo the bridges on Highway 17. He stated that this would kill most of the businesses in Yemassee. Representative Rivers stated that he would like Hampton County to act as a clearinghouse to pay his assistant, Helen Pittman, through the county's payroll. He stated that this would be zero cost to the county and the taxpayers. Representative Rivers stated that this would be a benefit to the citizens of Hampton County. He stated that he is asking that the county provide this service to his office similar to what the county is doing for the solicitor's office and the public defender's office. He stated that he would write a check to Hampton County and Hampton County would put his staff member on the payroll and provide the benefits under Hampton County. He stated that whatever the cost, he would pay it. Representative Rivers stated that it would not be a cost to the county. Chairman Parker and Council Member Ball stated that they would like Administrator Graham to look into it. Council agreed to ask Administrator Graham to look into the matter and bring a recommendation back to Council.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF JULY 5, 2005 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:**

Chairman Parker stated that the agenda would be revised to add an out of state travel request and to table the June 20, 2005 council meeting minutes. **Moved** by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Johnson to adopt the agenda with the changes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**JUNE 6, 2005 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

Chairman Parker asked if there were any changes to the minutes. There were none. Chairman Parker stated that the June 6, 2005 minutes were approved as received. Council tabled the June 20, 2005 minutes.

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were no other presentation(s).

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

There were no appointment(s).

**RESOLUTION(S)**

There were no resolution(s).

**ORDINANCES**

**THIRD (3<sup>rd</sup>) 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**

Chairman Parker stated that this matter was deferred.

**BIDS**

There were no bid(s) scheduled.

**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)**

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**HAMPTON COUNTY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**

Chairman Parker asked that Council look over a copy of the Rules and Procedures, make any changes and get them to the Clerk to Council. The Administration/Finance Committee (Council Members Parker and Wilson) and staff will look over the suggestions and bring back to full council for review.

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**THE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**SOUTHERN CAROLINA ALLIANCE'S (SCA'S) JUNE 2005 ACTIVITY REPORT:**

Administrator Graham presented the Souther Carolina Alliance's June 2005 Report to council as information.

**LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL MASTER PLAN:**

Administrator Graham stated that the Lowcountry Regional Workforce Master Plan was the next item on the agenda. Administrator Graham stated that:

- there was a request to transfer the contract for the master planning of the county's Industrial Park from Stantec.
- some months ago, Council awarded the master planning to Stantec.
- Stantec now desires to transfer this contract to R. B. Todd and Associates.
- R. B. Todd consists of Bruce Todd as Project Engineer and Karl Bowers. She stated that they were with Stantec at the time that the project was bid and awarded to Stantec, and they were the two individuals that actually worked on the project for Stantec.
- Bruce Todd and Karl Bowers, R. B. Todd and Associates, are now a separate company, and Stantec would like to transfer the contract to R. B. Todd and Associates.
- the County Attorney has reviewed this request and all of the supporting documentation, business information on R. B. Todd and Associates and have found no legal problems with transferring this contract.
- the contract amount would stay the same, so there's no request in the change of the amount.
- they are simply asking to transfer the contract from Stantec to R. B. Todd and Associates who consists of the gentlemen who initially assisted Stantec in the county's project.
- the Economic Development Director was there to assist her with any questions that the council might have.

Council Member Ball stated that this was basically the same people that were doing the project; they have just broken off from that company. Administrator Graham asked the County Attorney if there was anything else. Attorney Solomons stated that she had asked some initial questions about R. B. Todd and Associates. He stated that R. B. Todd and Associates provided the requested information, and it all looks adequate. Chairman Parker asked if there was a motion. **Moved** by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to transfer the contract from Stantec to R. B. Todd. There were no questions or discussion. Motion carried with Council Member Wilson abstaining. Council Member Wilson stated that he did not have enough information to vote on it

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right now. He stated that he did not have a chance to study it.

**NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT (NIMS) PROGRAM:**

Mr. Watson updated Council regarding the NIMS program. He told council that the county was on track regarding keeping with the deadlines, etc. Mr. Watson provided updates regarding training that was needed to be taken by the Chairman and recommended that all council members take the training. Council thanked Mr. Watson for his report.

**OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST FOR COUNCIL MEMBER WILSON:**

Administrator Graham stated that she did not have time to do a cover sheet, because she just got the request tonight. She asked Council Member Wilson to present the information. Council Member Wilson presented the information regarding the National Association of Counties Conference that will be held on July 15 - 19, 2005. He stated that he wanted to attend to be able to gather information and ideas from other states to bring back to Hampton County. Council Member Johnson and Wilson stated that they would forgo the trip to the South Carolina Association of Counties training/conference in Hilton Head in order that Council Member Wilson may attend this conference. Chairman Parker and Council Member Ball stated that they felt that this was not the right time to do so. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson , that Council Member Wilson attend the National Association of Counties Conference scheduled for July 15-19, 2005. Council Members Wilson and Johnson voted "Yea" and Council Members Ball and Parker voted "Nay". Motion failed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING CONTRACTUAL MATTERS (Property on Davidson Fire Tower Road):**

Chairman Parker stated that Council would go into executive session. Session began 8:15 p.. m. and ended 8:29 p. m. Chairman Parker stated that Council was coming out of executive session.

**After coming out of Executive Session**, Chairman Parker stated that Council discussed a:

- Contractual Matter (Property on Davidson Fire Tower Road) - Chairman Parker stated that Council discussed the matter and gave the Administrator instructions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Ball, to adjourn. Chairman Parker adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p. m.

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:**

**Hampton County Council Members:**