

HAMLET CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM
201 MAIN STREET, HAMLET, NC 28345
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2017 - 3:00 PM

MINUTES

Governing Body Present:

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| Bill Bayless | Mayor |
| Jesse McQueen | Council Member |
| Eddie Martin | Council Member |
| David Lindsey | Council Member |
| Wendy Massagee | Council Member |

Present Via Telephone:

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| Johnathan Buie | Mayor Pro-Tem |
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Staff Present:

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| Jonathan Blanton | City Manager |
| Tammy Kirkley | City Clerk |
| Jiil Dickens | Finance Officer |
| Billy Stubbs | Public Works Director |

Others Present:

Crystal McDonald-Richmond Observer, Christine Carroll-Richmond County Daily Journal

Call to Order

Mayor Bayless opened the meeting and said he called the meeting today to discuss purchasing playground equipment for the South Hamlet/Jack Breeden Park. The Mayor said the city has applied for grants for two other parks in town and has neglected to do anything at the South Hamlet Park.

The manager explained he contacted four playground equipment companies, he spoke with three representatives and obtained three quotes for the project and discussed. Mr. Blanton said he contacted the Foundation of the Carolinas this past Tuesday and introduced himself to Ms. Katie Russell with the organization and informally inquired about playground equipment funding opportunities. Ms. Russell informed him of a third quarter grant application deadline that is due by noon tomorrow, August 25 and said it was by invitation only. Mr. Blanton stated he received an invitation for the grant application and he spoke further about the timelines of the efforts this week as well as the grant deadline. Mr. Blanton spoke of the three vendors that he talked to in this matter. After comparing and contrasting the quotes received, Mr. Blanton said it is his recommendation to go with PlayNation of WNC in the amount of \$21,744.54 for the complete project. From start to finish, PlayNation will have the project completed over the next 8 weeks. Mr. Blanton stated a vote is needed immediately to get the ball rolling if it is council's wishes to move forward.

As clarification, Council Member Massagee confirmed the city does not yet have the grant being discussed.

Council Member Buie motioned to approve the grant process, and to order and have the equipment installed. Council Member Martin made a second to the motion on the floor.

Mr. McQueen recalled there was an issue with some of the equipment at the South Hamlet Park earlier this year, which had to be removed for safety purposes. He said since this park was not updated, which should have been, he is in favor of the matter.

Mrs. Massagee stated this is the type of item that should be proposed and discussed at Budget Meetings or the type of Work Sessions she has suggested to schedule.

Council Member Lindsey asked which organization the grant is with and Mr. Blanton replied Richmond Foundation for the Carolinas. The Mayor welcomed further comments. Mr. Lindsey said it sounds like this a do, no matter what. Mrs. Massagee confirmed the motion is to apply for the grant and to go ahead and start the project. It was said If the city doesn't get the grant, the city will pay for it. Mr. Buie gave further favorable comments concerning the project. A vote was called and passed with a 3-2 vote. Council Members Massagee and Lindsey were opposed.

Motion to Adjourn. At 3:08 pm, Council Members Martin and Buie motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy Kirkley, City Clerk

