

**TOWN OF LELAND  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2006  
4:00 P.M.**

**ASSEMBLY**

The Town of Leland Council held a special meeting on Friday, May 5, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at Leland Town Hall, for the purpose of:

- Status of Belville Neighborhood Petitions
- Status on Fire Truck Financial Package
- Status of Building Inspections Department (Including but not limited to: Replacement of Chief Building Inspector, Impact on 2006 Revenue Predictions, Impact on Building Inspection times)
- Town Manager Search (Process, Timing)
- Acting Town Manager Status
- Acting Town Manager Compensation

Present were: Walter Futch, Mayor; Councilmen: Brenda Bozeman, Gordon Hobbs, and Jimmy Medlin. Tommy Wallace came in at 4:58 p.m.

Also present were: Lee Nichols, Developmental Services Director and Interim Town Manager; Carol Ann Floyd, CMC, Town Clerk and Donna Strickland, CMC, Finance Officer.

**CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Futch called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. Councilman Medlin gave the invocation. A quorum was present. Everyone stood and gave Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**STATUS OF BELVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD PETITIONS**

Mr. Nichols stated that he had spoke with Elizabeth the Administrator at Belville and she stated that it would be an agenda item at their meeting Monday night. Mayor Futch asked would we be able to make the May 10<sup>th</sup> deadline. Mr. Nichols stated that we would not be able to make the May 10<sup>th</sup> deadline with Belville meeting Monday night, which would be May 8<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Medlin asked that we hold off until Belville discusses and takes action on turning over neighborhoods to Leland.

**STATUS ON FIRE TRUCK FINANCIAL PACKAGE**

Mrs. Strickland stated that the motion to purchase the trucks was contingent upon financing. Mrs. Strickland stated that the fire trucks have not been ordered. Mrs. Strickland stated that she had been working with BB&T, Crimson Fire and Mr. Wessell on the contracts. Mrs. Strickland stated that borrowing 1.5 million dollars in a couple of months is moving very fast and you have to meet bidding requirements. Mrs. Strickland stated that the financing agreement is on the agenda for the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mayor Futch called for a break at 4:37 p.m. Mayor Futch called the meeting back to order at 4:48 p.m.

**STATUS OF BUILDING INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:  
REPLACEMENT OF CHIEF BUILDING INSPECTOR  
IMPACT ON 2006 REVENUE PREDICTIONS  
IMPACT ON BUILDING INSPECTION TIMES**

Mr. Nichols stated that he had received a letter of resignation from the Chief Building Inspector to be effective May 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Nichols stated that we didn't want to skip a beat with Building Inspections. Mr. Nichols stated that he initiated a search and had spoke with New Hanover County Inspections about contracting with them for inspections. Mr. Nichols stated that our inspectors could work under New Hanover County's certificate. Mr. Nichols stated that he had spoke with Bruce Shell and Jay Graham with New Hanover County Building Inspections and they have agreed to let the town work under their certificate. Mr. Nichols stated that he spoke with the Department of Insurance this morning and they didn't have a problem with us working under New Hanover County's certificate. Mr. Nichols stated that the revenue predictions would be the same and there would be no time lapse in inspections.

Jay Graham stated that he was with New Hanover County Building Inspections. Mr. Graham stated that he would be happy to answer any questions. Mr. Graham stated that they are happy to offer there services. Mr. Graham stated that he would be back and forth, but would have staff here. Mr. Graham stated that an interlocal agreement would need to be adopted. Mr. Graham stated that if there were large project at Level 3 then it would have to be permitted from New Hanover County. Councilman Wallace came in at 4:58 p.m. Mayor Futch stated that some things have come up since Tim's resignation and asked the council to go into closed session. Councilman Bozeman **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Hobbs for the council only to go into closed session at 5:08 p.m. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**. Mrs. Floyd asked who would take notes. Mayor Futch stated that one of the council members would take notes in the closed session. Councilman Bozeman **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Hobbs to go back into open session at 7:47 p.m. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**. Councilman Wallace **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Bozeman to terminate Lee Nichols immediately. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**. Councilman Hobbs **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Medlin to reinstate Tim Evans as Chief Building Inspector. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**. Councilman Bozeman **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Wallace to appoint Police Chief Osey Sanders as Acting Town Manager. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**. Mayor Futch stated that there had been a meeting scheduled with Hartselle Wright with the NCLM this week. Mayor Futch asked Mrs. Floyd to cancel the meeting and apologize to Mr. Wright that the council was not ready yet. Mayor Futch thanked the New Hanover County Inspector for his time.

Mrs. Strickland stated that she had a personnel matter that she needed to discuss with the council in closed session. Mrs. Strickland stated that this could possibly lead to litigation but she would discuss in open session if the council wanted to. Councilman Medlin **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Hobbs to go into closed session at 7:55 p.m. with Mrs. Strickland to discuss a personnel matter. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**. Councilman Hobbs **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Bozeman to go back into open session at 8:16 p.m. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**. Mayor Futch stated that a new pay plan had been adopted and there

was a mistake in implementing it and that would be corrected, which meant employees would get some more money.

**TOWN MANAGER SEARCH – PROCESS – TIMING**

**ACTING TOWN MANAGER STATUS**

**ACTING TOWN MANAGER COMPENSATION**

No discussion or action on these agenda items.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Wallace **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Medlin to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

---

Walter B. Futch Jr., Mayor

---

Carol Ann Floyd, CMC, Town Clerk

Approval Date: 06/15/06