

RECONVENED MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON DECEMBER 15, 2009

At the reconvened meeting of the Farmville Town Council held at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, there present were Mayor S.C. Newman, Jr., presiding and Council members D.E. Whitus, D.L. Hunter, S.B. Thompson, T.M. Pairet, O.S. Overton, A.D. Reid and E.I. Gordon. Also in attendance were Town Manager, Gerald Spates and Town Attorney, Donald Blessing.

Mayor Newman called the meeting to order. Town Manager, Mr. Spates stated the purpose of the reconvened meeting was to address personnel and policy concerns expressed by Council members at the regular Council meeting held on December 9, 2009 in relation to the Immigration Centers of American, LLC, known as ICA. Mr. Spates introduced Immigration Centers of America, LLC representatives Mr. Russell Harper, Mr. Warren Coleman and Mr. Ken Newsome.

IMMIGRATION CENTERS OF AMERICA, LLC

Mr. Russell Harper and Mr. Warren Coleman appeared before Council to provide a verbal update on the facility and to discuss any issues Council members may have regarding ICA's personnel policies and procedures along with housing level 1 detainees.

Mr. Harper provided an update on the progress of the construction of the facility, saying they anticipate the facility being in full operation in April 2010. He said ICA has formed a Board of Directors to provide oversight to the ICA's Director. Russell Harper, Ken Newsome, Warren Coleman, Duane Ragsdale and Dr. Raymond Spence will serve as members on the Board. An Advisory Board consisting of ten members will also be created to assist the Board and provide recommendations and evaluations on policies and performance matters. Members of the Board of Directors will also serve as Advisory Board members with the five additional persons to be named later. Mr. Harper informed Council that Mr. Mark Flowers has accepted the position of Director for ICA and will be starting on the 21st of December. Mr. Flowers comes to ICA with a vast experience in detention facilities and has been asked to work with US Immigration and Customs Enforcement to create new standards for detention facilities.

Council members questioned if ICA had written personnel policies and procedures for their employees. Mr. Newsome shared information on ICA's personnel policies and procedures and spoke on the issues regarding persons attending the certified jail officers training class. Mr.

Coleman informed members that ICA follows personnel policies and procedures established by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the federal labor laws. Council members asked if there had been any dialog between ICA and ICE in regards to the level of detainees to be housed at the facility. Mr. Newsome stated he was unaware of any change from the federal government; Mr. Spates said ICA's conditional use permit is only for level 1 detainees. Council member Hunter requested Mr. Spates ask ICE to agree in writing to only bring level 1 detainees to the Farmville facility.

CENTRA SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Dr. Gwen Eddleman presented a power point presentation titled *Progress Report 2006 through 2009 (Projected)*. The presentation provided members with a synopsis of the Centra Southside Community Hospital's services to the community.

REQUEST USE OF RIVERFRONT PARK ON BEHALF OF SCOPE/MEAL ON WHEELS

On motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting "aye", members agreed to follow the recommendation of the Town Manager in the renting of the Riverfront Park facility.

Mr. Spates presented members with a request on behalf of SCOPE/Meals On Wheel for use of Riverfront Park for two fund raising events to be held in 2010. Council members recommended all rental of Town facilities be handled by the Town Manager.

METERED MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT (BETWEEN SOUTH STREET AND N. VIRGINIA STREET)

Members discussed recent conversations and e-mails received from the community requesting reserved spaces for those individuals that have purchased a prepaid parking decal. Members spoke in support of designating the back section of the metered lot as *Reserved for Decal Parking Only* in order to assure the prepaid customers ample parking.

TOWN MANAGER PROVIDED A VERBAL UPDATE ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Informed members of the Town's request for bids for a 2010 Charger for the new Chief of Police
- Showed members a sample of the concrete overlay material being considered for the crosswalks for Phase II of the Streetscape project. Discussed placing Town of Farmville, Longwood University and Hampden Sydney College emblems on overlay material.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Mayor S.C. Newman, Jr.

Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk