

**CITY OF TALLADEGA**  
**CITY COUNCIL CALLED SPECIAL MEETING**  
30 January 2009

The City Council of the City of Talladega met in a Called Special Meeting on Friday, 30 January 2009, at 2:00 p.m., in the City Hall Auditorium, the regular place for such meetings. The meeting was called to order and the following were present: Council President Horace Patterson, Councilman Donnie Miller, Councilman Lance Grissett, Councilman Eddie Tucker, Councilman Jimmy Davis, Mayor Brian York and City Manager Michael Stampfler.

A representative of *The Daily Home* newspaper was present for the meeting.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Davis to excuse Councilman Tucker's absence from the January 26<sup>th</sup> Called Meeting. AYES: All.

Council President Patterson stated that the purpose of this called special meeting was to voice deep concern and disappointment in the federal property (Coosa River Annex) being awarded to the City of Lincoln instead of the City of Talladega (letter dated 1/27/09 to Mr. Wayne Hall, Talladega County Administrator, copied to Mayor Brian York – contents of letter is given below).

“Dear Mr. Hall:

As you are aware from our previous conversations, we have received three applications for the continued public park and recreation use of the Coosa River Storage Annex. Because Talladega County is not willing to provide the public park and recreation activities and facilities agreed to in the County's 2003 Federal Lands to Parks' application, it has become necessary to transfer this 2,832-acre parkland to another eligible governmental agency.

We have completed our review of these applications and we have approved one of them. The City of Lincoln, Alabama has submitted a detailed plan to develop this property into a multi-purpose outdoor recreation area. By copy of this letter we are notifying the Honorable Carroll L. Watson, Mayor, City of Lincoln, that we have approved their application for this property. Their Program of Utilization is well-prepared and their development schedule is reasonable for a small community to take on. Of significance is that Lincoln's application has received the endorsement from the Honorable Bob Riley, Governor of the State of Alabama and from the Honorable Barnett Lawley, Commissioner, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. In addition to these letters of endorsement, Lincoln has received letters of commitment from 12 supporting organizations, businesses, and individuals who are anxious to see a trail-oriented park developed and opened to the public in a timely manner, and are willing to assist the City with this development. We believe that this level of outside support will ensure that this property will be developed as planned for public park use.

Although only one applicant has been approved to receive title to this property, the two remaining applicants (the City of Talladega and the International Motor Sports Hall of Fame) may wish to join in with the City of Lincoln in order to assist with planning, development, operation, and maintenance of this outstanding parkland. We would certainly encourage such an intergovernmental partnership for this property.

As we requested in our May 16, 2008 letter to Mr. Kelvin Cunningham, it will be necessary for Talladega County to transfer the property to the City of Lincoln. We sincerely appreciate the Talladega County Commissioners' willingness to transfer the land to another eligible public agency. As you are aware, a well-developed public park will be an asset to all of the citizens of Talladega County.

To assist Talladega County with this transfer, we are enclosing three examples of recent transfer deeds. Please complete the specific information as required by County and City regulations and provide us with a draft copy. Our Solicitor will complete your draft deed and will provide you with the final deed for Talladega County and the City of Lincoln to sign and record. If you have any questions, please contact me at 404-562-3175, or via e-mail at Bill\_Huie@nps.gov. Sincerely, William L. Huie, Program Manager, Federal Lands to Parks, Southeast Region”

Councilman Eddie Tucker during the meeting made a phone call to Mr. Huie and during the phone conversation discussed the property's location and accessibility issues. Phone was then passed on to Council President Patterson who continued the conversation with Mr. Huie. After ending the phone call, Council President Patterson indicated that Mr. Huie was open to receiving additional information from the City of Talladega concerning the City's application for the property.

There was a great deal of discussion concerning the City's application spearheaded by Mayor Brian York and Councilman Donnie Miller. Councilman Miller indicated that the initial application was detailed and that it had the support of Senator Preuitt and others. Council President Patterson stated that the course of action was to prepare resolutions concerning the property transfer. Then the City must obtain letters of support for the City of Talladega's application and to solicit the involvement and help of the community in voicing their support of this property acquisition. Council President Patterson also requested that the City Manager send out letters to Senator Prueitt and others with copies of the resolutions.

**Resolution #1791** City of Talladega unanimously requests that the application of the City of Lincoln for the Coosa River Storage Annex property be rejected by Mr. William Huie, Program Manager Federal Lands to Parks Southeast Region, and that the City of Talladega application be approved.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Tucker to approve Resolution #1791. Roll Call. AYES: All.

**Resolution #1792** City of Talladega requests that the County of Talladega not transfer the Coosa River Storage Annex property to the City of Lincoln.

Motion by Councilman Grissett with a second by Councilman Tucker to approve Resolution #1792. Roll Call AYES: All.

Councilman Tucker requested that all letters and copies of resolution we sent out as soon as possible.

No further business was before the Council and the meeting was adjourned.

#### **AUTHENTICATION**

I, Elizabeth Cheeks, Acting City Clerk of the City of Talladega, Alabama, do hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the City Council of Talladega, Alabama, which met in a Called Special Meeting on Friday, 30 January 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall in the City of Talladega, Alabama.

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Elizabeth Cheeks  
Acting City Clerk