

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; JUNE 19, 2006; 6:00 P. M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 19, 2006, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Lisa Ball; Lee S. Bowers; Virgin Johnson, Sr.; Margaret S. Parker, Chairman and Willard E. Wilson, Vice Chairman. 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. 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 Byrd, County Chaplain, gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Parker.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

There were no public comment(s).

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF THE JUNE 19, 2006 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:**

Chairman Parker asked if there were any changes to the agenda. The following revisions were requested: (1) deferral of the Salvage Ordinance Committee Report. **Moved** by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the agenda with the requested revision. Motion carried unanimously.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**JUNE 5, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

Chairman Parker asked if there were any changes to the minutes. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Bowers, to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**OAKWOOD PRODUCTS, INCORPORATED ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Administrator Graham stated that she was happy to announce that Oakwood Products, Incorporated was locating to Hampton County. Mr. Dick Tracey accompanied by associates gave a presentation regarding the company (see handout). Others present for the announcement were the Town of Estill Representatives - Thomas Owens (Mayor), Anderson Taylor (Mayor Pro Tempore) and J. J. Orr (Administrator); Southern Carolina Alliance - Danny Black (CEO) and Carl Gooding (Member); Economic Development Commission - William Small (Chairman), Holbrook Platts (Member), Marjie Thomas (Member) and Ralph DeLoach (Member). Chairman Parker, on behalf of council, presented to Oakwood Representatives appreciation gifts for locating their company, Oakwood Products, Incorporated in Hampton County.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

There were no appointment(s).

**RESOLUTION(S)**

There were no resolution(s) scheduled.

**ORDINANCES**

**THIRD (3<sup>rd</sup>) AND FINAL READING TO HAMPTON COUNTY'S FISCAL YEAR  
2006-2007 BUDGET:**

Administrator Graham stated that Council held a worksession and at that worksession, they increased the library's contribution by \$5,000 and decreased the contingency fund by \$5,000. She stated that this did not change the final totals of the budget. She stated that the information on the overtime requested was distributed today, because there was difficulty in receiving the information from some counties. **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget as outlined by the Administrator. Chairman Parker stated that hopefully there will be no millage increase. Motion carried unanimously.

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**ORDINANCE # 2006-008, ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT THE REASSESSMENT PROGRAM:**

Mr. Harter, Tax Assessor, came before council and gave his presentation. He stated that the legislature is considering a constitutional amendment to put a 15% cap on property assessment increases. He stated that it has not passed the legislature yet but feels that council needs to adopt the ordinance to implement the reassessment program. Council discussed the matter. **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Ball, to give First (1<sup>st</sup>) Reading to Ordinance #2006-008, the ordinance to implement the reassessment program. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE 12 ACRES TO LeCREUSET:**

**Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Bowers, to give First (1<sup>st</sup>) Reading to the ordinance to provide 12 acres of property in the industrial park to LeCreuset. Council Member Johnson asked if the county was giving the property to LeCreuset. It was affirmed that the property was being given to LeCreuset. Motion carried.

**BIDS**

There were no bid(s) scheduled.

**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING**

**SALVAGE / JUNKYARD ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The matter was deferred.

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Holiday Schedule**

**Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Ball, to adopt the holiday schedule (see attachment #2). Motion carried unanimously.

**Request From the Hospital to Waive Building Permit**

Administrator Graham asked that Council defer the matter. She stated that Mr. Dave Hamill, CEO, Hampton Regional Medical Center, made the request to waive the building permit cost for the hospital project. Council Member Bowers asked if this was done for anyone else. He stated that this would set precedence. Council requested that the matter be placed on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting.

**Workmen's Compensation Report**

Administrator Graham presented the report to council for information.

**Nuisance Ordinance Update**

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Administrator Graham updated council regarding the nuisance ordinance.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Parker stated that an executive session was needed for economic development matters, a contractual matter and a personnel matter. **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to go into executive session to discuss economic development matters, a contractual matter and a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously. Session began 6:50 p. m. and ended 8:00 p. m. **After coming out of executive session**, Chairman Parker stated that council received an update on several economic development matters, and gave direction to the Administrator and to the Alliance. She stated that council gave direction to the Administrator and that they discussed a personnel matter but could not divulge the department.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Ball, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Chairman Parker adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p. m.