

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; SEPTEMBER 18, 2006; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING
201 JACKSON AVENUE, WEST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, September 18, 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: 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)

ORDINANCE #2006-010, MILLAGE ORDINANCE:

Chairman Parker opened the public hearing to receive public comments on Ordinance #2006-010, Millage Ordinance. Administrator Graham stated that a special meeting to override the millage was held as a precautionary measure, but the rate did not exceed the 3.4 CPI. She stated that the increase was only 1.5. Administrator Graham published the following millage rates:

Millage Summary				
	County	Fire	North School	South School
Millage for Last Year	189	12	208	298
Rollback Millage Limitation including 3.4% CPI	194	13	222	314
Proposed Millage 06/07	189	13	202	294
Change	0	+1	-6	-4

There were no public comments. Chairman Parker closed the hearing.

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PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

Marie Strickland: Highway Clean Up of Cotton Trash
Heyward Breland: Water Capacity Use Program – Opposes it. More burden on individual/residential well owner.
Marion Smith: Water Capacity Use Program – Supports it.
Lynn Youmans: Water Capacity Use Program – Have no problem with it.
Lynn Youmans: Opposed to the Business License in its present form.
Gary Youmans : Ditto to Mr. Lynn Youmans (Opposed to the Business License Ordinance in its present form.)
Marie Malphrus: Water Capacity Use Program – In favor of something being done about wells going dry.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2006 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Parker asked if there were any changes to the agenda. The following revisions were requested: (1) Addition of Item #10.3.1, Ordinance #2006-016, Amendment to Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget. Administrator Graham stated that this is being done as clean up in regards to the audit recommendations, (2) Addition of Item #12.2, Estill Library Hours and (3) Change from contractual matter to contractual matters under executive session. **Moved** by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adopt the agenda with the requested revisions. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentation(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 5, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Parker asked if there were any changes to the minutes. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Bowers, to approve the minutes. Chairman Parker stated that there was a repetition of the public comments. Motion carried with the removal of the repetition.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

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RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH:

Chairman Parker read the resolution. **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adopt the resolution proclaiming the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

THIRD (3rd) AND FINAL READING TO ORDINANCE #2006-010, MILLAGE ORDINANCE:

Moved by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give third (3rd) reading to Ordinance #2006-010, Millage Ordinance. Chairman Bowers stated that the millage was published during the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND (2nd) READING TO ORDINANCE #2006-013, BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE:

Chairman Parker stated that she has received a lot discussion regarding the business license ordinance. Administrator Graham stated that she received more information that she was looking into and would ask that council defer the second reading of the Business License Ordinance. **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, to table and preferably refer to a committee. The motion died for a second. By acclamation, Council deferred the second reading to the Business License Ordinance and referred the matter to an Ad Hoc committee consisting of Council Members Bowers and Johnson. The committee will have a meeting and receive public input also. Council Member Bowers stated that he would get with Council Member Johnson and talk with Sabrena tonight, and they will set a meeting.

FIRST (1st) READING TO ORDINANCE #2006-016, AMENDMENT TO FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 BUDGET:

Moved by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give first (1st) reading to an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

BIDS

There were no bid(s) scheduled.

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COUNCIL'S BRIEFING

SCHEDULING OF THE RULES AND PROCEDURES WORKSHOP:

Chairman Parker asked if council had any problems with any of the dates that she provided. They stated that they did not. Chairman Parker stated that she would pick one of the dates and set the meeting.

ESTILL LIBRARY HOURS:

Chairman Parker stated that it was requested to have the Estill Library open the same days as the Hampton Library. Council Member Ball wanted to know if there was a need for more days at the Estill Library? **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the amount of funding needed to keep the Estill Library open 35 hours per week and for the appropriation to come out of contingency and for a tally of the users of the library be kept for a month. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Hampton County Fire/Rescue 2005 Annual Report

Rural Fire Chief Gene Rushing gave the 2005 Annual Fire Report. (See Attachment)

Water Capacity Use Program

Administrator Graham stated that she had no new information. She stated that she asked that if council had any questions, etc. to contact her, and she received no inquiries. Council Member Ball stated that she read that the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) did not need council's approval to implement the Water Capacity Use Program. Administrator Graham stated that they did not, but they asked for a letter from County Council. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to participate in the Water Capacity Use Program. Council Member Bowers stated that he did not think becoming a member would cure the problem (Residents' wells going dry). Council Member Ball stated that some things were misrepresented by DHEC in their presentation in regards to information being collected regarding water usage, etc. She stated that the report that they presented included old information. Motion carried with Council Member Ball opposing.

NACO Prescription Drug Card Program

Administrator Graham updated council on the progress of the NACO Prescription Drug Card Program.

Report Regarding Courthouse Security

Mrs. Mylinda Nettles, Clerk of Court, stated that she was presenting on behalf of Judge Smoak. She stated that council was sent a letter with the concerns of Judge Smoak in regards to security for the courthouse and some of his suggestions or recommendations. Council referred the matter to a committee. An Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Council Members Parker and Wilson will meet with Judge Smoak, Clerk of Court, Mylinda Nettles and the Administrator to discuss the courthouse security matter.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Parker stated that there was a need for an executive session to discuss economic development contractual matters and a personnel matter (Department of One). **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to go into executive session. Motion carried unanimously. Session began 7:10 p. m. and ended 7:43 p. m. **After coming out of executive session**, Chairman Parker stated that council was updated on economic development matters and council gave the Administrator directives.

Personnel Matter (Department of One)

Chairman Bowers stated that they promised her that if she did a good job, then they would pay her. **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Ball, to give Administrator Graham a 2% increase in salary. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Chairman Parker adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p. m.