

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY; JANUARY 22, 2008; 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 Tuesday, January 22, 2008, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Virgin Johnson, Sr.; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips and Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker, Vice Chairman. Council Member(s) absent: Willard E. Wilson. Staff present: Sabrena Posey Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Shellie Murdaugh, The Hampton County Guardian. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Pastor Byrd gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Gray.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

AN ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN COLLETON COUNTY AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS 1976-4-1-10, ET. ESQUIRE AS AMENDED:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments on an ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated industrial/business park in conjunction with Colleton County, such industrial/business park to be geographically located in Colleton County and established pursuant to SC Code of Laws of 1976 4-1-10, et. Esquire as amended. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

Mr. J. C. Clifton, Hampton County Animal Shelter, Regarding Donations

Mr. J. C. Clifton, Director, Animal Shelter, came before council and updated council regarding donations received for kennels, etc.

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 22, 2008 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the January 22, 2008 county council meeting agenda with the following revisions: (1) Move Item #13.1.1 to Item #7.2, (2) Add Item #7.3, Airport Report by Lee Ellis and (3) Delete Item #12.4.2, Buildings and Grounds Committee Report – The committee will have the report at the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

JANUARY 7, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Gray stated that he reviewed the minutes, and asked for a motion to adopt. **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

**DONATIONS MADE TO THE COUNCIL ON AGING SENIOR CENTER
(MR. NEIL SULLIVAN, COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEMBER):**

Mr. Neil Sullivan, Chair, Hampton County Council on Aging Advisory Board, and Members, Glaydys Moore and Melvin Mathais, came before council and reported that CVS Pharmacy donated Glucose Monitoring kits to place in each senior center and also to present to Ann Ayer, Director, Council on Aging, first aid kits for each of the senior sites.

FISCAL YEAR 2007 AUDIT REPORT (MS. LORI SALLEY):

Ms. Salley, C. C. McGregor, came before council and presented the Fiscal Year 2007 Audit. Ms. Salley stated that the audit received an unqualified opinion.

AIRPORT REPORT (MR. LEE P. ELLIS, CHAIRMAN):

Mr. Ellis came before council and gave an update regarding the improvements and activities at the airport.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

APPOINTMENTS:

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint the following:

Aging Board: **James A. Williams**

Airport Commission: **Lee P. Ellis, Charles A. Laffitte, Jr. and Fred E. Mixson, Jr.**

Library Board: **Linda C. Crawford, Carroll Richard and Jean Small**

Planning Commission: **Wise H. Batten, Jr., George Knight and Lawton Clarke O'Cain**

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RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

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Moved by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give third reading to an ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated industrial/business park in conjunction with Colleton County, such industrial/business park to be geographically located in Colleton County and established pursuant to SC Code of Laws of 1976 4-1-10, et. Esquire as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE #2008-001, AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE SUMMONS FOR HAMPTON COUNTY:

Public Works Director, Blake Hodge, came before council to present the ordinance to adopt an ordinance summons for Hampton County. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Parker, to give second reading to an ordinance to adopt an ordinance summons for Hampton County. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE #2008-002, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE THAT ESTABLISHED THE MULTI-COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT WITH ALLENDALE COUNTY:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give second reading to an ordinance to amend the ordinance that established the multi-county park agreement with Allendale County. Motion carried unanimously.

BIDS

There were no bid(s) scheduled.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):
Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #1)

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT:
There were no discussion points.

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**REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
REGARDING THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE REQUEST:**

Veterans' Affairs Office's Request for Part-time Employee To Be Changed to Full Time

Chairman Gray stated that the Administration and Finance Committee received a request from the Veterans' Affairs Office to change a part-time employee to a full time employee. Chairman Gray reported that the committee could not come to a consensus so the issue was being brought back to full council. **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to leave the two full time and one part-time staff members as is and not approve additional time be funded. Motion carried with Council Members Gray, Parker and Phillips voting in favor and Council Member Johnson voting against.

Veterans' Affairs Office's Request for Approval of Expended Overtime and Overtime for Remainder of Fiscal Year

Moved by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to halt overtime in the Veterans' Affairs Office. Motion carried with Council Members Gray, Parker and Phillips voting in favor and Council Member Johnson voting against.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Update Regarding South Carolina's Department of Transportation (SCDOT) Grants (Mr. Blake Hodge, Public Works Director)

Mr. Blake Hodge, Public Works Director, came before council and reported that they are approximately one third near completion on all SCDOT projects. (See Attachment #2 for report)

REACH SC – South Carolina's Emergency Notification System (Ms. Suzanne Peoples, Emergency Preparedness Director)

Ms. Suzanne Peoples, Emergency Preparedness Director, presented the REACH SC (South Carolina's Emergency Notification System). **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to participate in the REACH SC Program; a program that can be used to notify citizens in specific geographic locations by telephone of an impending hurricane, disaster, etc. if needed. .

Southern Carolina Alliance December 2007 Activity Report

Administrator Graham presented the Southern Carolina Alliance's December 2007 Activity Report as information to council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no executive session matters.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p. m.