

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY; FEBRUARY 19, 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, February 19, 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, Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker, Vice Chairman and Willard E. Wilson. 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 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 Wilson.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

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

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2008-001, an ordinance to adopt an ordinance summons for Hampton County. There were no public comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

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

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2008-002, an ordinance to amend the ordinance that established the multi-county park agreement with Allendale County. There were no public comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

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PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

Ms. Mary Ann Sowell, Hampton County Museum

Ms. Sowell came before council and asked that council support the Historical Society in its efforts to preserve the museum and its contents (historical documents, spinning wheel, etc.). She stated that the Historical Society would like the museum to be a joint venture between the Historical Society and the county. Council thanked Ms. Sowell and stated that they would be having an update regarding the museum later in the meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2008 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the February 19, 2008 county council meeting agenda with the addition of Item #14.2, Economic Development Matter under executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FEBRUARY 4, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Gray stated that he reviewed the minutes and there was one misspelled word that has been corrected. He asked for a motion to adopt. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

MR. DOBIE HIERS, RISK MANAGER, REGARDING SAFETY AWARDS RECEIVED:

Mr. Dobie Hiers, Risk Manager, came before council and presented the awards received from the South Carolina Workmen's Compensation Trust. The awards were received for timely reporting and the implementation of a program Safety Vest Program, the wearing of safety vests by public works, Emergency Medical Service, etc. Mr. Hiers stated that the awards received belonged to everyone, because they reported injuries in a timely manner and cooperated in wearing the safety vests.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Chairman Gray presented a certificate of appointment to Wise Batten, Hampton County Planning Commission. Mr. Batten thanked council for appointing him to the Planning Commission.

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RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

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

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Parker, to give third reading to Ordinance #2008-001, 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 Wilson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give third reading to Ordinance #2008-002, an ordinance to amend the ordinance that established the multi-county park agreement with Allendale County. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE #2008-005, AMENDMENT TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY RULES AND PROCEDURES ORDINANCE (REVISING THE BOARD APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES):

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Parker, to give second reading to Ordinance #2008-005, amendment to the Hampton County Rules and Procedures Ordinance (Revising the Board Appointment Procedures). Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, SECTION 7.1.1, AUTOMOTIVE WRECKING, SALVAGE AND JUNKYARDS (MR. WILLIAM R. CREWS, JR, BUILDING INSPECTOR):

Mr. Crews came before council and presented the amendments to Section 7.1.1 There was discussion regarding the grandfather clause and the notification to all who would be affected by this ordinance. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give first reading to the amendment to the Unified Land Development Ordinance, Section 7.1.1, Automotive Wrecking, Salvage and Junkyards. Motion carried unanimously.

BIDS

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #1)

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COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT:

There were no discussion points.

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

Veterans' Affairs Office's Request for Funding

Chairman Gray stated that the Administration and Finance Committee met at 5:00 p. m. today to discuss a funding request from the Veterans' Affairs Office. He stated that the committee could not come to a decision; therefore, the committee was bringing the Veterans' Affairs Office funding request back to full council for a decision. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve \$2,866 (two thousand, eight hundred sixty-six dollars) for certification training for two employees in the Veterans' Affairs Office and for the appropriated funds to come out of contingency. Motion carried with Council Members Johnson, Phillips and Wilson voting in favor and Council Members Parker voting against.

**REPORT FROM THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REGARDING THE
COURTHOUSE GROUNDS, THE HAMPTON COUNTY MUSEUM AND OTHER
COUNTY BUILDINGS:**

Committee Chair Parker updated Council regarding the building projects (See Attachment #2 – Buildings and Grounds Report). **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the minor repairs to the Hampton County Museum. Motion carried unanimously.

HAMPTON COUNTY 2008-2009 GOALS:

Moved by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adopt the goals listed for 2008-2009 and the desired results. Motion carried unanimously.

**DECISION REGARDING THE PLAQUE HONORING THE SHERIFFS OF HAMPTON
COUNTY:**

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the design and cost as presented at the previous meeting for the sheriffs' plaque, and funding is to come from the contingency fund for the Sheriffs' Plaque Project. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Courthouse Project - Change Order #3 (Mr. Richard Madison, Project Manager, Building Hampton County Department)

Chairman Gray stated that there was a correction to the cover sheet. It referenced Change Order #2 in the recommendation, and it should state Change Order #3. Mr. Madison came before council regarding Change Order #3. He stated that the change order would reduce the cost of the project by \$5,556. Mr. Madison also stated that there would be other change orders coming. He stated that one would pertain to dealing with the discovery of a fuel tank on the courthouse grounds. **Moved** by Council Parker, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve Change Order #3 resulting in a project reduction of \$5,556 (Five thousand, five hundred fifty-six

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dollars). Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment # 3 – Change Order)

Capital Projects Sales Tax Receipt Summary

Administrator Graham presented the Capital Projects Sales Tax Receipt Summary to council. She stated that if the collections continue as is, then the 8.1 million for the project would possibly be collected before the seven year period is up. Council thanked Administrator Graham for her report. (See Attachment #4 – CPST Receipt Summary).

SouthernCarolina Alliance's January 2008 Activity Report

Administrator Graham presented SouthernCarolina Alliance's January 2008 Activity Report to council as information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Parker, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter and an economic development matter. Session began 7:33 p. m. and ended 7:55 p. m. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. After coming out of executive session, Chairman Gray reported that an economic development matter was presented to council regarding interest from a company, and a personnel matter was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p. m.