

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MAY 5, 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 Monday, May 5, 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.; Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker, Vice Chairman and Willard E. Wilson. Council Member(s) absent: Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips. 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 Chairman Gray.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CLOSE-OUT HEARING:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing. Ms. Barbara Johnson, Manager, Lowcountry Council of Governments, conducted the public hearings to receive public comments regarding program performance and accomplishments conducted under a community block grant (CDBG) project known as DBG) project known as CDBG #4-RP-06-010, a 2006 Regional Planning Grant and (2) The Submittal of an application to the South Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Grant Programs for a Community Block Development Block Grant in the amount of \$50,000 on behalf of Hampton County. There were no public comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

1. Rob Miller – Mr. Rob Miller came before council and introduced himself to council and the public as a Candidate for the United States House of Representatives, Congressional District #2.

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Moved by Council Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the agenda with the addition of Item #13.1.4, Courthouse Intersection and (2) Deletion of Item #13.1.1, Solid Waste Management Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 5, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

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

PRESENTATIONS

UPDATE FROM SENATOR CLEMENTA PINCKNEY, DISTRICT 45, SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE:

Senator Pinckney came before council and updated them regarding school funding, predatory Lending, etc. He also stated that he felt that a meeting of this nature should be done on a quarterly basis. Council thanked Senator Pinckney.

MR, BERNIE ZURENDA, INTRODUCTION OF MR. DAVID BUTLER, NEW AREA REPRESENTATIVE FOR CONGRESSMAN JOE WILSON:

Mr. Zurenda came before council and introduced Mr. David Butler, New Area Representative for Congressman Joe Wilson. Mr. Butler stated that he was new area representative and if constituents of Congressional District #2 had any concerns, questions, to please contact him.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s) scheduled.

RESOLUTION(S)

WATERMELON FESTIVAL RESOLUTION:

Administrator Graham stated that the Watermelon Festival Committee submitted a resolution for the Mud Run to be held on June 22, 2008. Administrator Graham stated that this was an annual request. Council asked if the event was covered by insurance and was the insurance sufficient. Administrator Graham stated that it was. **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the resolution regarding the Mud Run as presented by the Watermelon Festival Committee with the requirement that proof of insurance is presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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ORDINANCE(S)

ORDINANCE #2008-010, GRANTING OF AN EASEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CONDUITS FOR COMCAST ACROSS THE COURTHOUSE GROUNDS:

Moved by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give second Reading to Ordinance #2008-010, Granting of an Easement for the Installation of Conduits for Comcast across the Courthouse Grounds. 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)

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT:

There were no discussion points.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

FY 2007-2008 Quarterly Financial Report

Mr. Mike Meyer came before council to present the 2007-2008 Quarterly Report. (See attachment #2 – Quarterly Financial Report)

Change Orders for Courthouse Project

Mr. Donnie Pittman, Engineer for Moseley Architects, Courthouse Project, came before council to discuss the change orders. Mr. Pittman discussed several items on the change orders. He stated that the cost for the item dealing with the relocation of the water heater, they would be willing to take half the responsibility, but the credit would have to go through the same process as all other change orders. There was discussion from council regarding the oversights and whose responsibility it was for these oversights to require change orders. **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve Change Orders # 9 and #10 under protest with further investigation as to who is responsible. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #3 - Change Orders #9 and 10)

Change Order for Intersection 278 and Lee Avenue Project

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve Change Order #1 for the Intersection Highway 278 and Lee Avenue Project. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #4 – Change Order #1)

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

CONTRACTUAL MATTER:

Chairman Gray stated that council needed to meet in executive session to discuss a contractual matter. **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to go into executive session regarding a contractual matter. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. **After coming out of executive session**, Chairman Gray announced that council discussed a contractual matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p. m.