

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MAY 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 Monday, May 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 and Willard E. Wilson. Council Member(s) absent: Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker, Vice Chairman. Staff present: Sabrena Posey Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Michael DeWitt, 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 Phillips.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

ORDINANCE #2008-007, AMENDMENT TO THE RULES AND BYLAWS OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments on Ordinance #2008-007, Amendment to the Rules and Bylaws of the Council on Aging Advisory Committee. There were no public comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE #2008-008, SCANA TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments on Ordinance #2008-008, SCANA Tower Lease Agreement. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Moved by Council Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the agenda with the following revisions: (1) Deletion of Item #3.3, Ordinance #2008-009, An Agreement for Development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park and (2) Deletion of Item #13.1.3, Change Orders for the Courthouse Project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 5, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Gray stated that he reviewed the minutes. He stated that there was a correction to the name "Bernie". He stated that the change had been made. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentation(s).

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s) scheduled.

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s) scheduled.

ORDINANCE(S)

ORDINANCE #2008-007, AMENDMENT TO THE RULES AND BYLAWS OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give third reading to Ordinance #2008-007, Amendment to the Rules and Bylaws of the Council on Aging Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE #2008-008, SCANA TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT:

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give third reading to Ordinance #2008-008, SCANA Tower Lease Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

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ORDINANCE #2008-011, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2007-2008 FISCAL BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY:

Administrator Graham stated this was for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget. She stated that this amendment would include grants, revenue received during the year that was not included in the budget, etc. Administrator Graham stated that this was part of the wrap up at the end of the year. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give first reading by title only to Ordinance #2008-011, An ordinance to amend the 2007-2008 Fiscal Budget. 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.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Hampton County Museum Building Repairs and Renovations (Hampton County Historical Society)

Administrator Graham presented the request from the Historical Society for repairs to the Hampton County Museum. Council Member Johnson stated that he served on the committee that raised the funds to construct the "All Wars" Monument. He stated that the Hampton County Museum needs some of the funds for repairs. Council Member Johnson stated that he did not know the exact amount that is in the account, but he said that he thought it was around \$8,000. He stated that the treasurer has the amount. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to transfer the All Wars Veterans Memorial money to the Historical Society. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to proceed with the work at the museum as outlined by Administrator Graham. (See Attachment #2)

Community Animal Shelter of Hampton (CASH) Funding Request

Administrator Graham stated that there was a funding request for an additional \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) from Mr. Clifton, CASH. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) to the Community Animal

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Shelter of Hampton (CASH). Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Phillips asked for an update on the Pit Bull situation. Administrator Graham stated that the hearing was rescheduled for May 21, 2008. Mr. Solomons, County Attorney, stated that Mr. Clifton had provided council with some inaccurate information regarding the hearing. He stated that the hearing would determine who would get custody of the dogs. He said the hold up was that no one wanted to touch the case. He stated that the Solicitor stated that the Magistrate Court would handle it, and the Magistrate said that the Solicitor should handle the case. He stated that finally the case is to be heard in Magistrate's court on May 21, 2008.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CONTRACTUAL MATTER:

Chairman Gray stated that council needed to meet in executive session to discuss a contractual matter. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to go into executive session regarding a contractual matter. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. **After coming out of executive session**, Chairman Gray announced that council reviewed information on a contractual matter and a legal 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 6:40 p. m.