

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY; JULY 10, 2008; 5:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING
201 JACKSON AVENUE, WEST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held a special meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2008, 5:00 p. m., Council Chambers, B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Virgin Johnson, Sr. and Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips; Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker, Vice Chairman and Willard E. Wilson. Staff present: Sabrena Posey Graham, Administrator and Aline Newton, Clerk to Council. 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:

Chairman Gray gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Phillips.

DECISION REGARDING COURTHOUSE LANDSCAPING

Chairman Gray stated that he would turn the discussion over to Council Member Parker, Chair, Building and Grounds Committee Member. Council Member Parker stated that she has talked several times with Robert of Calibogue. She stated that they have decided to cut back on the plantings, material and paving. Representatives from Calibogue stated that Robert was in North Carolina but would be back Tuesday. Council Member Parker stated that Robert was supposed to bring back final prices with the changes they discussed. Representatives from Calibogue stated that the before price without options was \$255, 580.75 and the price with the discussed changes was \$ 238,919.50. There was discussion between Council and members of Calibogue. After meeting with Representatives of Calibogue, Council stated that the proposal exceeded their resources; therefore, they proposed buying the plans from Calibogue and rebidding the job. Administrator Graham stated that the legality of proceeding with that proposal needed to be discussed, because Council had awarded the contract to Calibogue with the prices to be negotiated. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to authorize the County Administrator to check out the ethicality and legality of purchasing the landscaping plan and putting the job out for bid. Motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p. m.