

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; AUGUST 4, 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, August 4, 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; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips and Willard E. Wilson. 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 and Shellie Murdaugh AllHits92.1 Radio. 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)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE AUGUST 4, 2008 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Parker, to approve the agenda with the following revisions: (1) Addition of Item #13.1.3, Position Authorization for the Hampton County Fire Department and (2) Deferral of Item #7.1, Hampton County 2007 Fire/Rescue Annual Report (Gene Rushing, County Fire Chief). Motion carried unanimously.

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PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentation(s).

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE TO FIRE BOARD APPOINTEE:

Mr. Wooten was not present.

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s) scheduled.

ORDINANCE(S)

ORDINANCE #2008-012, AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, SECTION 7.12, MOBILE HOMES:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Parker, to give second reading to Ordinance #2008-012, an amendment to the Unified Land Development Ordinance, Section 7.12, Mobile Homes. County Attorney Solomons proposed that the word "and" be added after 1st and 3rd paragraph. Council Members Phillips and Parker agreed to amend the motion to add the word "and" after the 1st and 3rd paragraph. Motion carried with Council Members Gray, Parker and Phillips voting in favor and Council Member Johnson abstaining. (Council Member Wilson arrived.)

ORDINANCE #2008-014, GRANT UTILITY EASEMENT FOR THE TOWN OF YEMASSEE:

Administrator Graham presented the request for the granting of a utility easement for the Town of Yemassee. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give second reading to Ordinance #2008-014, Granting of Utility Easement for the Town of Yemassee. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE #2008-015, ORDINANCE REGARDING FAILURE TO STOP FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT:

Sheriff Small briefed council on the proposed ordinance. Sheriff Small stated that when something happens; people have a tendency to come in to assist, etc. and this poses a problem for law enforcement to control and investigate the situation. He stated that hen a person is told to stop, this ordinance will allow Law Enforcement to fine persons who are "on foot" and do not stop when ordered by an officer. Council stated that they thought that this was a law anyway for persons to stop when an officer ordered them to do so. There was a short discussion. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give first reading to Ordinance #2008-015. Motion carried unanimously.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

JULY 21, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

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

BIDS

BIDS FOR LANDFILL GRINDING:

Administrator Graham presented the bids for landfill grinding to council. She stated that Finance Director, Mike Meyer, and Recycling Coordinator, John Stanley, opened and reviewed the bids. She stated that they recommended that the lowest bidder, LRC Construction, be awarded the contract. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to award the Landfill Grinding contract to LRC Construction for the low bid of \$18,330 (\$10 per ton). Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):

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

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT:

Council Member Parker Regarding the Charrette

Council Member Parker stated a presentation was made at the Municipal Association meeting to inform municipalities as to where the charrette process is and to look at the logo. She stated that she got a report that the response was very positive. She stated that a sheet was sent to towns to complete and are to be returned. Council Member Parker stated that she would like to invite the donors to the next meeting which is scheduled for September 18, 2008 at 5:15 p. m. to update them on the progress of the charrette and to thank them. She stated that she would like to possibly serve dinner, etc.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Change Orders for Courthouse Project

Administrator Graham stated that Mr. Raymond McGill, Moseley Architects, would present the change orders. Mr. McGill presented the following: (See Attachment #2).

Change Order #14:

PCO #63 & 67: **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve payment of PCO #63 (\$2,811 – Bronze plaque and

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new aluminum signage at existing building) and #67 (\$168 – 20' of 3" conduit for irrigation) Motion carried unanimously.

PCO #83: **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the payment of PCO #83 in the amount of \$8,783 (eight thousand, seven hundred eighty-three dollars) under protest. Council Member Parker stated that she felt that the architects' drawings and measurements were the cause for revisions to the judge's benches, etc. - there was no room for attorney tables or anything else. Council Member Phillips stated that he feels that the architects realize that council is unhappy with the change orders. Motion carried unanimously.

PCO #85: **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the payment of PCO #85. Mr. McGill, Architect, stated that this was at the request of the owner (Sallyport – Pedestal for card reader). Motion carried unanimously.

PCO #89: **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve PCO #89 (omit dimmer at courtroom), a deduction of \$450.00 (four hundred fifty dollars). Motion carried unanimously.

PCO #91: **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve PCO #91 (omit refinishing two existing pews), a deduction of \$1,660.00 (one thousand, six hundred sixty dollars). Motion carried unanimously.

Capital Projects Sales Tax (CPST) Receipt Summary

Administrator Graham reported that the CPST for the fourth quarter (April – June 2008) is \$389,493.43. She stated that the total collected since the inception of the tax is \$6,597,415.44. (See attachment #3)

Position Authorization for Hampton County Fire Department

Moved By Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the position authorization for a full-time person (½ Dispatch and ½ Fire) for the fire department. Motion carried unanimously. (See attachment #4)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CONTRACTUAL MATTER:

Chairman Gray stated that council needed to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to go into executive session. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray stated that Council reviewed an offer on property and received a briefing on a possible partnership with Beaufort-Jasper Water Authority.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p. m.