

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY; SEPTEMBER 2, 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, September 2, 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 and Aline Newton, Clerk to Council. Media present: Anne Kennedy. 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 #2008-012, AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, SECTION 7.12, MOBILE HOMES:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments on third reading to Ordinance #2008-012, an amendment to the Unified Land Development Ordinance, Section 7.12, Mobile Homes. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE #2008-014, GRANTING A UTILITY EASEMENT TO THE TOWN OF YEMASSEE:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments on third reading to Ordinance # 2008-014, granting a utility easement to the Town of Yemassee. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

Mr. Wesley Murdaugh

Mr. Murdaugh came before council to request an appeal. Council stated that the Council has advertised for membership but have no members on the Appeals Board. Council informed Mr. Murdaugh that they will try to schedule his appeal in a month's time. Mr. Murdaugh thanked council.

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2008 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:
Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the agenda with the following revisions: (1) Addition of Item #11.2, Bid for Gang Enforcement Grant (Vehicle for Law Enforcement) and (2) Deletion of Item #13.1.1- No change orders. . Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

AUGUST 18, 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.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING COMMISSION:
There was a short discussion regarding the appointing process. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Parker, to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and appoint Allison Cantrell to the Hampton County Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

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:
Chairman Gray stated that the public hearing regarding Ordinance #2008-012 was held earlier, and there were no comments positive or negative. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Parker, to give third reading to Ordinance #2008-012, an amendment to the Unified Land Development Ordinance, Section 7.12, Mobile Homes. Motion carried unanimously.

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ORDINANCE #2008-014, GRANTING A UTILITY EASEMENT TO THE TOWN OF YEMASSEE:

Chairman Gray stated that the public hearing regarding Ordinance #2008-014 was held earlier, and there were no comments "for" or "against". **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give third reading to Ordinance # 2008-014, granting a utility easement to the Town of Yemassee. There were no comments. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE #2008-016, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MULTI-COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG ALLENDALE, BAMBERG, BARNWELL AND HAMPTON COUNTIES, TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPANSION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PARK:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give first reading to Ordinance #2008-016, Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the multi-county park agreement by and among Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell and Hampton Counties, to authorize the expansion of the boundaries of the park – "Project Canoe". Motion carried unanimously.

BIDS

BID FOR LANDFILL COMPACTOR:

Mr. Mike Meyer, Finance Director, and Solid Waste Director, John Stanley, stated that they reviewed the bids for the landfill compactor and recommend the low bidder, Road Machinery Services, Inc. for \$148,500. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to accept the low bidder as recommended by the Finance Director and Solid Waste Director of \$148,500 from Road Machinery Services, Inc. for the reconditioned landfill compactor. Motion carried unanimously. (See attachment #1)

BID FOR GANG ENFORCEMENT GRANT VEHICLE:

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Director to award the bid to the low bidder and award the bid to Bobby Jones for the bid amount of \$25,189. Motion carried unanimously. (See attachment #2)

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #3)

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT:

Council Member Parker Regarding the Charrette

Council Member Parker stated that the next Charrette Logo Committee is scheduled for September 18, 2008, 5:15 p. m.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

3% BUDGET REDUCTION FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD:

Administrator Graham stated that the county received notification that counties will have a 3% reduction in revenues. She stated that based on the strength of preliminary financial results of the county presented from year-end, Finance and Administration recommends that we absorb this \$39,587 reduction in anticipated revenue from the Fund Balance in the General Fund unless revenues from operation for the year prove sufficient to absorb the reduction. Administrator Graham stated that this is presented as information for council – no action is needed.

APPEAL OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE CALCULATION METHOD:

Mr. Randy Crews, Building Inspector, came before council and clarified the issue regarding the impending appeal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CONTRACTUAL MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to go into executive session to discuss 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. Chairman Gray stated that council reviewed an offer on property.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p. m.