

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; OCTOBER 20, 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, October 20, 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 and Aline Newton, Clerk to Council. 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 Council Member Phillips.

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 OCTOBER 20, 2008 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the agenda with the following amendments: (1) Deletion of Item #13.1.2, Update Regarding Ordinance #2008-015 – Sheriff's Failure to Stop Ordinance (County Attorney), (2) Addition of Item #14.1, Personnel Matter, (3) Addition of Item #13.1.5, TCL Grant Match, (4) Addition of Item #13.1.6, State Budget Cut, (5) Addition of Item #11.1, Report from the Finance Officer. Motion carried.

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**ORDINANCE #2008-017, AMENDMENT TO THE TAX APPEALS ORDINANCE
(INCREASING THE MEMBERS FROM THREE (3) TO FIVE (5):**

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to stagger the two additional members' initial terms for one (1) and two (2) years. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Gray stated that he reviewed the minutes and there was one misspelled word (the n and the t was transposed in the word "development"), but it had been corrected. He asked for a motion to adopt. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPOINTMENTS:

Chairman Gray read the names of the appointees from the certificates:

Board of Adjustments and Appeals

Henry C. Brunson
Willie Coker
James Fennell
Elmer McQuire

Council on Aging

Shelia Bowers
Melvin Mathis

Economic Development Commission

Clarence Fennell
DeThane McKenzie-Johnson
Holbrook Platts

MR. ALPHONSO DUNBAR, PROJECT HOPE, REQUEST FOR A BUILDING FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB:

Mr. Dunbar was not present. Chairman Gray stated that he would allow Mr. Dunbar to speak when he arrives.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to appoint Richard Doctor, Labor Representative, and Ronnie Stanley, Business Representative, to the Lowcountry Workforce Investment Board. Motion carried unanimously.

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RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s) presented.

ORDINANCE(S)

SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE #2008-017, AMENDMENT TO THE TAX APPEALS ORDINANCE (INCREASING THE MEMBERS FROM THREE TO FIVE):

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give second reading to Ordinance #2008-017, Amendment to the Tax Appeals Ordinance (Increasing the members from three to five) with one and two year staggered terms for the two additional members.) Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

RESTATE THE 2008-2009 AUDIT BID AMOUNTS:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to restate the 2008/2009 Audit bids to reflect the contract amount for the first year as \$26,225 and the second year as 27,015. Motion carried unanimously. (See Bids attached.)

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):

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

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT:

Council Member Phillips (Chairman of the Committee to look into the Veterans' Affairs Office Space Matter) reported that there was not enough room for the file cabinets in the new location (Courthouse Square 1) and stated that the committee's recommendation is to allow the Veterans' Affairs Office to remain in its present location for the next year or year and a half or until the offices from the Parker Building are relocated to the B. T. DeLoach Building. When these offices are moved to the B. T. DeLoach Building, then the Veterans' Affairs Office will be moved to the Parker Building's first floor. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to accept the committee's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Change Order for the Courthouse Project

Moved by Council Member Johnson to delete PCO #29. Chairman Gray asked that the procedure of going through the whole Change Order be considered before deciding on them individually. Council Member Johnson withdrew his motion. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve Change Order #17 with the approval of Proposed Change Order #111 and #120 under protest and the deletion of Proposed Change Orders #29 and #117. Motion carried unanimously.

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FIRST QUARTER 2008/2009 FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Mike Meyer, Finance Director, presented the 2008/2009 Financial Report to council. (See Attachment #2 – Financial Report) Council asked for an update regarding the treasurer's office going to the recommended program. Council asked that the Administrator contact the treasurer and ask for a timeline in which he might implement the program.

NUISANCE ORDINANCE UPDATE:

Mr. Randy Crews, Building Inspector, presented council with an update on the Nuisance Ordinance.

TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY (TCL) GRANT MATCH:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to wholeheartedly support the Technical College of the Lowcountry Grant Match with hopes of finding additional assistance in the funding. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #3 – Administration's Request for TCL Match)

STATE BUDGET CUT:

Administrator Graham updated Council on an additional budget cut from the state. She stated that the total budget cut from the state will be \$86,403. (See Attachment #4)

MR. ALPHONSO DUNBAR, PROJECT HOPE, REQUEST FOR A BUILDING FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB:

Mr. Dunbar came before council to ask for support for the Boys and Girls Club. Chairman Gray advised Mr. Dunbar to meet with the County Administrator, Sabrena Graham, to discuss the matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray reported out of executive session that Council discussed a personnel 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 7:35 p. m.