

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY; FEBRUARY 17, 2009; 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, February 17, 2009, 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 Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker, Vice Chairman. and Willard E. Wilson. Staff present: Sabrena Posey Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Kathleen Myers, The Hampton County Guardian and Shellie Murdaugh, Lowcountryus.net. 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:

Council Member Johnson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Parker.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

**THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2009-001, AMENDED HAMPTON COUNTY
RULES AND PROCEDURES:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments on Ordinance #2009-001, Amended Hampton County Rules and Procedures Ordinance. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

REQUEST FOR DONATION FROM LITTLE MISS CONTESTANT:

Ms. Sanford came before council and requested a donation or ad purchase for her daughter. She stated that her daughter is a contestant in the Little Miss Padget and the money raised goes to the children's hospital. Council stated that it was a policy that they not donate to individuals. He stated that she could contact the Administrator for the possibility of an ad.

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MR. ANDREW JOHNSON REGARDING THE LETTER RECEIVED FROM INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR, GENE KLUGH, REGARDING PLACEMENT OF PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF HIS BROTHER E. E. "BITSY" JOHNSON, FIRST COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Johnson came before council and asked that the plaque that was promised to be placed back in 2004 be placed. He stated that he heard that the plaque was going to be placed at the B. T. DeLoach Building. Mr. Johnson stated that the family of E. E. "Bitsy" Johnson would appreciate it if the plaque was placed at the fountain. He stated that Bitsy was responsible for getting the funding for the fountain and was very proud of the fountain. He stated that the most appropriate placement would be at the fountain. Council stated that the Buildings and Grounds committee would meet, look at the plaque and bring a recommendation back to council.

TREASURER'S REQUEST REGARDING THE COUNTY TAKING UP THE SALARY CUTS FOR THE TREASURER AND AUDITOR MADE BY THE STATE:

Mr. Tuten, Treasurer, came before council and asked if council would consider making up the difference for the salary cuts made by the state on the treasurer's and auditor's state portion of their salary. Mr. Tuten stated that some counties are making up the difference for the cuts. Administrator Graham stated that she would like to research the matter and give an update. Council stated that they would get back to the treasurer regarding the matter.

MS. KAY MAXWELL, SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE, REGARDING AN UPDATE:

Ms. Kay Maxwell, SouthernCarolina Alliance, came before council and gave an update.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2009 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adopt the agenda with the following revisions: (1) Add Item #8.2, Appointment - SouthernCarolina Alliance Board of Directors and (2) Add Item #14.2, Executive Session – Personnel Matter. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND FEBRUARY 5, 2009 SPECIAL 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 both sets of the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentation(s).

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APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

HAMPTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD:

Moved by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the recommendation made by the Hampton County Library Board and appoint William T. Armstrong, Jr. and Dianne Bush to the Hampton County Library Board.

SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to appoint DeThane McKenzie Johnson to the SouthernCarolina Alliance Board of Directors replacing Hugh B. Gray. Chairman Gray stated that his work schedule did not allow him to make the noon Meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #2009-001, AMENDED HAMPTON COUNTY RULES AND PROCEDURES:

Chairman Gray stated that the public hearing was held earlier on Ordinance #2009-001, Amended Hampton County Rules and Procedures Ordinance. He state that there was no comments. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give third reading to Ordinance #2009-001, Amended Hampton County Rules and Procedures Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):

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

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT(S):

Council Member Parker – Keep America Beautiful and Keep Hampton Beautiful:

Council Member Parker updated Council about the Keep America Beautiful Campaign and the Keep Hampton Beautiful Program. She stated that she learned so much at the conference and would like to have someone for the KAB to come to a 5:00 p. m. meeting and update council.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

PLACEMENT OF MEMORIAL MARKER FOR E. E. "BITSY" JOHNSON:

Administrator Graham stated Council's Building and Grounds Committee will meet and make a recommendation regarding the placement of the plaque.

OVERTIME (SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT):

Administrator Graham informed council that the sheriff's overtime budget is over. She stated that council had a threshold in place, as recommended by the Employment Attorney, that the method of overtime payment return to fluctuating overtime if overtime exceeded its budget. Administrator Graham stated that the sheriff requested to come to the next council meeting and give a report regarding the overtime. Council agreed.

NUISANCE ORDINANCE UPDATE (MR. RANDY CREWS, BUILDING DEPARTMENT):

Mr. Crews, Building Inspector, came before council and gave an update regarding the cases regarding the Nuisance Ordinance.

CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX RECEIPT:

Administrator Graham presented the CPST Receipt report to council. She stated that collection is still on track. (See attachment #2)

SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE ACTIVITY REPORT:

Administrator Graham presented the activity report.

OTHER ITEMS:

Administrator Graham presented:

- Information on Airport and Clemson
- Letter from Dr. Carmichael
- Update Regarding Technical College of the Lowcountry (TCL) for property transfer – She stated that the South Carolina Budget and Control Board will meet on February 24th at 10:00 a. m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL MATTER(S):

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter and a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. After coming out of executive session, Chairman Gray announced that council discussed a contractual matter and a personnel matter.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p. m.