

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MARCH 16, 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 Monday, March 16, 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. and Willard E. Wilson. Council Member absent: Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker, Vice Chairman Staff present: Sabrena Posey Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Micheal DeWitt, The Hampton County Guardian. 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 MARCH 16, 2009 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Gray asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were no changes. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MARCH 2, 2009 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 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

MR. RANDY KRAUSE, EMBARQ, REGARDING PRESENTATION OF CHECK:

Mr. Krause, Embarq, presented a \$25,000 check to council for economic development. Council thanked Mr. Krause.

MS. TERESA WILLIAMS, HAMPTON COUNTY AUDITOR, UPDATE ON ENFORCEMENT OF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION LAWS IN HAMPTON COUNTY:

Ms. Williams, County Auditor, came before council passed out a handout and updated council on the enforcement of Vehicle Registration Laws in Hampton County.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

ORDINANCE #2009-003, AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #2008-013, CHAPTER 1, ADMINISTRATION OF INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, SECTION 112:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give second reading to Ordinance #2009-003, Amendment to Ordinance #2008-013, Chapter 1, Administration of International Building Code, Section 112, with the stated changes as proposed by the County Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE #2009-004, 2009/2010 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Johnson, to give first reading to Ordinance #2009-004, 2009/2010 Fiscal Year Budget by title only. Motioned carried unanimously.

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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):
There were no discussion point(s).

PLACEMENT OF MEMORIAL MARKER (COUNCIL MEMBER PARKER):
Council Member Parker was not present due to illness. Council Member Johnson filled in as the alternate member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Council Member Johnson and Phillips met. Council Member Phillips stated that it is the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Committee to have the marker placed at the B. T. DeLoach Building since Mr. E. E. "Bitsy" Johnson was the first county administrator. He stated that the marker would stay in storage until the renovations to the B. T. DeLoach Building are completed.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Comprehensive Plan – Review of Introductory and Population Sections (Ms. Allison Cantrell, Member, Hampton County Planning Commission)

Ms. Allison Cantrell, Member, Hampton County Planning Commission, and Mrs. Lawton C. O'Cain, Chair, Hampton County Planning Commission were present for the presentation of the Introductory and Population Sections of the Comprehensive Plan for Hampton County. Mrs. Cantrell presented the Introductory and Population Sections to council. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson to accept the presentation as information. Motion carried unanimously.

Litter Report for January and February 2009

Administrator Graham presented the Litter Report to Council for January and February 2009 as provided by the Code Enforcement Officer, Tim Latham. Council asked the Administrator to invite Mr. Latham to one of council's meetings to introduce him to the public.

Sheriff's Department Overtime

Council will meet in committee to discuss the sheriff's overtime issue. The committee consisting of Council Members Phillips and Wilson will meet on March 19, 2009 at 4:00 p. m.

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Update on Detention Center Annex

Administrator Graham stated that the approval was given to occupy the Detention Center Annex. She stated that she would like to delay the date to occupy due to budget issues until the next fiscal year.

Technical College of the Lowcountry's Luncheon at the Mungin Center

Administrator Graham reminded council about the luncheon that is scheduled to welcome Dr. Tom Lietzel, President, Technical College of the Lowcountry. She stated that the luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at noon at the Mungin Center, Varnville, South Carolina.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no executive session matters.

ADJOURNMENT

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