

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MARCH 23, 2009; 5:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING
201 JACKSON AVENUE, WEST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held a special meeting on Monday, March 23, 2009, 5:00 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: 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

Council Member Wilson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Gray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL'S REPORT(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT REGARDING SHERIFF'S OVERTIME REQUEST:

Council Member Phillips and Wilson served on the Sheriff's Overtime Ad Hoc Committee. Council Member Wilson reported that the committee met on March 23, 2009 at 4:00 p. m. in Council Chambers of the B. T. DeLoach Building with Sheriff Smalls and two of his deputies, Chief Deputy Billy Jarrell and Captain Anthony Russell. Also in attendance was County Administrator Graham. Council Member Wilson stated that they discussed the sheriff's overtime issue. He stated that the sheriff shared with them that he had approximately \$400,000 due to the sheriff's department from the federal government. Council Member Wilson stated that the Sheriff did not have a definite date as to when these funds would be received. He also stated that the sheriff had monies due him from the stimulus package totaling \$34,198. He stated that they could not use this for overtime but the funds could be used for other line items, and the Sheriff could use transfers to cover the overtime. Again, they did not have a date for this money's arrival. Council Member Phillips conferred with Council Member Wilson's report. Council stated that they did not feel that they could not go back to the citizens for additional funding. Council discussed the matter and stated that they felt that the Sheriff was doing what he could to keep the overtime down, but the recent circumstances caused the increased use of overtime. Council asked the Administrator Graham what her recommendation was. She stated that it was one that she did not like making, but she would recommend going back to the

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fluctuating overtime. Council Member Wilson speaking on behalf of the committee stated that the sheriff was to contact the agencies in which the monies were due and report back to council with a specific date of receipt and the amount to be received, but if Council did not receive the requested information, then the Sheriff's department would return to the fluctuating overtime. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Parker, to ask Sheriff Smalls to provide in writing from the funding agency a specific date and time in which the money will be arriving from the stimulus money (\$34,198) by April 3, 2009 at 12:00 noon. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p. m.