

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JUNE 15, 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, June 15, 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.; Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker, Vice Chairman; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips and Willard E. Wilson. Staff present: Sabrena Posey Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Michael DeWitt, 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 Wilson.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2009-005, AN ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH JASPER COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN JASPER COUNTY:

Chairman Gray open the public hearing to receive public comments on Ordinance #2009-005, an ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated industrial and business park in conjunction with Jasper County, such industrial and business park to be geographically located in Jasper County. There were no public comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

REPRESENTATIVE CURTIS BRANTLEY REGARDING A RESPONSE TO LETTER WRITTEN BY CHAIRMAN GRAY IN REFERENCE TO HOUSE BILL #4020:

Representative Brantley came before council to address the letter received from Chairman Gray and Council regarding Bill, H-4020. He explained to council that he co-sponsored this bill with the Beaufort County Delegation in which he is a part without reading the bill. He stated that he had the confidence in his counterparts that they would not present a bill that would cause

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division among the counties. He explained that the bill in question H-4020 would convey to Beaufort County standing to bring legal action against a county whose geographic boundaries are contiguous to Beaufort's when a contiguous county's traffic congestion or stormwater runoff adversely affects the citizens of Beaufort County. Representative Brantley stated that he is withdrawing his name from the bill and also relayed that the bill was killed in the Senate. Council thanked Representative Brantley for coming and explaining his position.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE JUNE 15, 2009 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Gray asked if there were any changes to the agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adopt the agenda with the following revisions: (1) Addition of Item #13.1.2, Economic Development Report from Sandy Fowler, Executive Director, Economic Development Commission and (2) Addition of Item #14.1, Legal Matter (County Attorney A. G. Solomons, Jr.). Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

JUNE 1, 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 June 1, 2009 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentation(s).

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION REGARDING CERTIFICATION OF KEEP HAMPTON COUNTY BEAUTIFUL AS AN AFFILIATE OF KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL:

Council Member Parker stated that Keep Hampton County Beautiful would like to be a committee of council. She stated that they have a choice of being a 501(3)(c) but prefer becoming a committee of council. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adopt the resolution certifying Keep Hampton County Beautiful as an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. Motion carried unanimously.

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ORDINANCE(S)

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Chairman Gray stated that a public hearing was held at the beginning of the meeting, and there were no public comments. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give third reading to Ordinance #2009-005, an ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated industrial and business park in conjunction with Jasper County, such industrial and business park to be geographically located in Jasper County. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY TO ORDINANCE #2009-006, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE, SERIES 2009, OR SUCH OTHER APPROPRIATE SERIES DESIGNATION, OF HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (HAMPTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT), IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,850,000, FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE NOTE; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO PRSCRIBE CERTAIN DETAILS RELATING TO THE NOTE, PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTE AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THEREOF:

Chairman Gray stated that first reading to Ordinance #2009-006 was being requested by title only. Council Member Wilson asked if the Miley Station was included. Administrator Graham stated that it was not. She stated that they were trying to keep the debt limit to the previous amount. Council inquired regarding the proposal of a joint venture with Colleton County for the station. Administrator Graham stated that the Administrator was out sick but believes that there is not a location that would benefit Colleton and Hampton. Council Member Johnson stated that a fire station needs to be built for Miley. Council Member Wilson asked if the equipment could not be included in the proposed bond to cut the cost of building a station in Miley. There was a short discussion. **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give first Reading by title only to Ordinance #2009-006, An Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of a general obligation bond anticipation note, Series 2009, or such other appropriate series designation, of Hampton County, South Carolina (Hampton County Fire Protection District), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$1,850,000; fixing the form and details of the note; authorizing the County Administrator to prescribe certain details relating to the note; providing for the payment of the note and the disposition of the proceeds thereof, and other matters relating thereto. Motion carried unanimously. Administrator Graham informed Council that there was a possible grant opportunity to build a fire station in Miley. She stated that it would only cover the building.

BID(S)

AWARDING OF BID FOR PICKUP AND TRANSPORTATION OF WASTE TIRES FROM THE LANDFILL:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Parker, to accept the Solid Waste Manger's recommendation and award the bid for pickup and transportation of waste tires

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from the landfill to the low bidder, Kiln Direct, at \$123/ton. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):
Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #1)

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT(S):
Keep Hampton County Beautiful (Council Member Parker)

Council Member Parker gave an update regarding Keep Hampton County Beautiful. She stated that they would like to become a committee of council. Council Member Parker stated a meeting to develop bylaws, etc. is set for June 29, 2009 at 9:00 a. m. in the Clemson Kitchen.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Litter Report for May 2009

Administrator Graham presented the May 2009 Litter Report as information.

Economic Development Report (Ms. Sandy Fowler, Executive Director, Economic Development Commission)

Mrs. Fowler came before council and discussed the spec building and wetlands master plan. She mentioned that Carsonite has moved away out of the Multi-County Park; therefore there is a spec building available. Mrs. Fowler stated that the proposed spec building would be built on the Mega site, this is the industrial park that is located across from the multi-county park. She stated that it has rail access. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Parker, to build the Spec Building on the Mega site. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to go into executive session. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. After coming out of executive session, Chairman Gray stated that council was updated on a legal matter County Attorney Solomons and by consensus gave the County Attorney the authority to accept service on a lawsuit.

ADJOURNMENT

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