

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JANUARY 4, 2010; 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, January 4, 2010, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Christopher B. Haulsee, Virgin Johnson, Sr., Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker, Vice Chairman and Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips. 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:

Pastor Byrd gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Parker.

OATH OF OFFICE

HONORABLE ANNA SUE RIVERS DELIVERS THE OATH OF OFFICE TO CHRISTOPHER B. HAULSEE:

Mr. Haulsee receives the Oath of Office from the Honorable Anna Sue Rivers while his wife holds the Bible.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 December 7, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes
- 5.2 December 7, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 5.3 December 29, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 4, 2010 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 addition of a personnel matter under executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

**PRESENTATION TO MR. RALPH DeLOACH FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:**

Chairman Gray along with Mrs. DeThane M. Johnson, Chairman, Economic Development Commission, presented a plaque to Mr. Ralph DeLoach, an outgoing Member of the Economic Development Commission, for his dedication and service to the Economic Development Commission.

**HAMPTON COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER (MR. J. C. CLIFTON, DIRECTOR,
ANIMAL CONTROL):**

Mr. Clifton came before council to make a request for funding to complete the kennels at the Hampton County Animal Shelter and a request for an additional part-time employee. **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Johnson, for Mr. Clifton in months to come to see if he can find out if he will pursue the other possibilities for the additional funds from the donors, and after he reporting the results, council will consider his request then.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES:

Chairman Gray presented certificates to Mr. Gregg Brunson, Hampton County Economic Development Commission and Mr. Michael DeWitt, Hampton County Arts Council.

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APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

LIAISON APPOINTMENT(S) TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL:

Mr. Gray presented the Liaison Appointments of Council to Council. (See Attachment #1)

APPOINTMENT TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Donna D. Gohagan to the Hampton County Economic Development Commission.

RESOLUTION(S)

PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 8, 2010 AS BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA CENTENNIAL DAY:

Moved by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the proclamation proclaiming February 8, 2010 as Boy Scouts of America Centennial Day. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinance(s).

BID(S)

BID FOR COUNCIL ON AGING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:

Mr. Meyer came before council and stated that council is being requested to award the bid for the Council on Aging Transportation Services. Mr. Meyer stated that bids were solicited as required; bids were reviewed by the Director of the Council on Aging, the Council on Aging Advisory Board and the Finance Director. He stated that the agreement is for the 2010 calendar year with the option to renew for up to four (4) one (1) year periods. He stated that the funding will be provided by the Department of Transportation. Mr. Meyer stated that the bids were as follows: (1) Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority (LRTA) for \$3,240 (three thousand, two hundred forty dollars) per month and (2) Caring Coach, LLC for \$5,000 (five thousand dollars) monthly. Mr. Meyer stated that the recommendation from the Council on Aging Director, Council on Aging Advisory Board and the Finance Director is to award the contract for transportation services for the 2010 calendar year to the current service provider and apparent low bidder, Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority (LRTA). **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the low bidder as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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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).

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Council's Photo Shoot

Administrator Graham asked council to go by Economic Development Commission's Office for council's photo shoot. The time is 11:45 a. m. – 12:30 p. m. on January 13, 2010, to get their pictures taken.

Council's 2010 Retreat

Administrator Graham stated that council will hold their retreat on February 6, 2010 from 8:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. The location to be announced. Council stated that they like the location last year. They asked the Clerk to Council to check the availability of the Lake Warren Community Building for the retreat.

Damaged Trees on Courthouse Grounds

Administrator Graham stated that there were three damaged trees on the courthouse ground due to construction. She stated that she has received a quote of \$1,775 to have the trees removed. She stated that the trees pose a safety issue. She stated that she has made an appointment to have the damaged trees on the courthouse grounds removed and replaced.

Watermelon Festival Committee's Request

Administrator Graham stated that she has a request from the Watermelon Festival Committee for the next meeting.

Dead Palmetto Tree at Courthouse

Mr. Haulsee stated that there is a dead Palmetto Tree on the front of the courthouse.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to go into executive session. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. After coming out of executive session, Chairman Gray stated that Council discussed 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 7:50 p. m.