

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY: FEBRUARY 16, 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, February 16, 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 Sullivan gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Gray.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5.1 February 1, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 5.2 February 1, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AND ADOPTION OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 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 Parker, to approve the Consent Agenda and adopt the February 16, 2010 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE #2009-016, MEGA PARK**

**AGREEMENT:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding the MEGA Park. Mrs. Sandy Fowler, Executive Director, Hampton County Economic Development Commission, stated that this was a development agreement between Hampton County and Mead/Westvaco (MWW) which will govern the future use and development of the front 1,380 (one thousand, three hundred eighty) acres of the "Mega Site". She stated that state statute

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required that two public hearings be held. This is the second public hearing as required by law. Also, Mr. Gary Morris with Sinkler and Boyd was present, Hampton County's Legal Representation. She stated that there were some issues, but Mr. Morris and Mead/Westvaco have worked them out and everyone feels comfortable with the Development Agreement. There were no public comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**Recognitions**

Chairman Gray recognized Sheriff T. C. Smalls and Mr. George Knight, newly elected Chair, Hampton County Planning Commission

**Ms. Jackie Coard on Behalf of Ms. Audrey Hopkins, Mount Mariah Outreach Center**

Ms. Jackie Coard came before council on behalf of the Mount Mariah Outreach Center. She asked for a donation to continue their work. Council asked Ms. Coard to get with the Administrator, because this was a budget item and needed to be discussed during the budget process.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

**HAMPTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPOINTEE:**

Chairman Gray presented Certificates of Appointment to Gail Padgett, Hampton County Library Board, William F. Barnes, III, Hampton County Planning Commission and Neil Sullivan, Hampton County Council on Aging.

**APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**HAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEAL:**

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Buddy H. "Wallie" Hiers, Jr. and Marc O. Priester to the Hampton County Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

**HAMPTON COUNTY SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE BOARD:**

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Mrs. DeThane M. Johnson to the SouthernCarolina Alliance Board.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

There were no resolution(s).

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**ORDINANCES**

**THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2009-016, MEGA PARK AGREEMENT:**

**Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to give third reading to Ordinance #2009-016, MEGA Park Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

**BID(S)**

**AWARDING BID TO DATA WORKS PLUS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A LIVE ACAN THAT WAS FUNDED WITH A GRANT FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY'S JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR HAMPTON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER:**

Chairman Gray stated that the Detention Center would be using the grant from the Justice Department to purchase a fingerprinting system. Council Member Haulsee stated that it was like the fingerprinting machines that you see scan on shows like CSI, etc. It scans and matches prints from all databases. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to award the bid to Data Works Plus for the purchase of a LIVE Scan for the Hampton County Detention Center that is funded through a grant from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety's Justice Assistance Grant Program. 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):**

There were no discussion point(s).

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT:**

Council Member Parker stated that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met with the Hampton County Museum Board to discuss renovations at the museum, and the Watermelon Festival Board to discuss the Courthouse Grounds Usage Policy.

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Hampton County Goals 2010/2011**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Parker, to approve the Hampton County Goals for 2010/2011. Motion carried unanimously.

**Litter Report for January 2010**

Administrator Graham presented the Litter Report for January 2010 as information. Council asked the Administrator to thank the Litter Officer for a job well done. Council asked that the Litter Officer and the Recycling Director come to the next meeting to thank them personally.

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**Second Quarter 2009/2010 Financial Report**

Mr. Mike Meyer, Finance Director, presented the second quarter 2009/2010 Financial Report.  
(See Attachment #2)

**Credit Card Usage Policy**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to adopt the Hampton County Credit Card Usage Policy with the amendment to include the vendor's name on the receipt and date. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**PERSONNEL MATTER:**

**Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to go into executive session. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray stated that the supervision of the Clerk will remain under council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p. m.