

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY: MARCH 15, 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, March 15, 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., and Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips. Council Member(s) 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: Michael 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:

Council Member Johnson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Haulsee.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 March 1, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes

ADOPTION OF THE MARCH 15, 2010 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA AND HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Gray asked if there were any changes to the agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the March 15, 2010 Consent Agenda and Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

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PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MS. EULANDA WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR, HAMPTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE:

Ms. Williams came before council to invite council and others to the 2010 Youth Empowerment Summit scheduled for April 24, 2010 Estill High School, Estill, South Carolina.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

CERTIFICATES TO APPOINTEES:

Chairman Gray presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Dobie Hiers for appointment to the Hampton County Fire Board.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS BY MR. JOHN HENDERSON, DIRECTOR OF RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST:

Mr. John Henderson, Director of Risk Management Service with the South Carolina Association of Counties Workers' Compensation Trust, presented the Sustained Excellence Award for maintaining a good safety program and low injury rate and Outstanding Safety Achievement Award for the purchase of ten cooling chairs for the fire department.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT (MRS. MICHELLE KNIGHT, LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS):

Mrs. Michelle Knight, Lowcountry Council of Governments, came before council and discussed the Needs Assessment. Council will provide a list of the prioritized needs by the next council meeting.

APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

KEEP HAMPTON COUNTY BEAUTIFUL BOARD:

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Mr. Louis Davis to the Keep Hampton County Beautiful Board.

RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION FOR THE SITE FOR THE MUD RUN:

Moved by Council member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee to adopt the resolution for the Hampton County Watermelon Festival Mud Run. Motion carried unanimously.

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ORDINANCES

SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE #2010-001, GRANTING EASEMENT FOR A WATER LINE OVER, ACROSS PROPERTY AT THE HAMPTON COUNTY AIRPORT:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to give second reading to revised Ordinance #2010-001, Granting Easement for a Water Line Over, Across Property at the Hampton County Airport. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY TO ORDINANCE #2010-002, HAMPTON COUNTY 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give first reading by title only to Ordinance #2010-002, 2010/2011 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

AWARDING BID FOR THE SPEC BUILDING (MS. SANDY FOWLER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR):

Ms. Fowler came before council and stated that fourteen (14) bids were received. She stated that the bids ranged from 1.5 to 1.8 millions. Ms. Fowler stated that Trident submitted the lowest bid. Chairman Gray stated that this was the same company that built the hospital. Council Member Phillips asked if the county had the funds for the building. Ms. Fowler stated that one million was secured and \$500,000 promised. She stated that the County had up to ninety (90) days to issue a contract. She stated that they will not issue a contract until funds are in hand.

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to award the bid to the lowest bidder Trident Construction. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #1)

COUNCIL=S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #2)

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT(S):

There were no discussion point(s).

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Council Member Haulsee, Member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, presented the proposed Hampton County Courthouse Usage Policy that the Buildings and Grounds Committee developed for use of the Courthouse Grounds by organizations, etc. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the policy with the revisions as suggested by Chairman Gray and the removal of the County Administrator regarding review of application from #21. Motion carried unanimously.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Kennel Funding Update and Request

Council stated that they usually handle budgetary matters during budget workshop but would like CASH to complete the building project. **Moved** Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve \$2,429 (two thousand, four hundred twenty-nine dollars) from the contingency to complete the kennels at the Animal Shelter. Motion carried unanimously.

Rural Infrastructure Fund Grant for Spencer Industries

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to authorize Hampton County to be the pass through agency for the grant for Spencer Industries. Motion carried unanimously.

Update on TCL-Mungin Center Renovation Project

Ms. Sandy Fowler, Director, Economic Development Commission, updated council on the plans for renovation at TCL-Mungin Center.

Capital Project Sales Tax Receipt Summary

Administrator Graham stated that the goal was met in collections for the Capital Project Sales Tax. She stated that the total collected was \$8,826,100.85. (See Attachment #3)

Litter Report for February 2010

Mr. Tim Latham, Litter Officer, came before council and updated regarding litter control in the county. Council expressed their appreciation to Mr. Latham for the job he is doing. Council stated that they can see a difference in the county.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CONTRACTUAL/LEGAL MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, 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 County Attorney updated council regarding a legal matter regarding Big Mama's Road.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p. m.