

Hampton County Council held a special meeting on Monday, May 17, 2010, 5:00 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**

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Chairman Gray called the meeting to order.

## **INVOCATION**

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Council Member Johnson gave the invocation.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **DISCUSSION OF HOUSING THE MUNICIPAL INMATES FEE:**

Council met with the Members of the Hampton County Town Council, Mayor Rhoden and Council Members Charles Boyles, Pete Hagood, Pete Mixon and Anna Sue Rivers. The sentiment from the Town Council Members was that they did not agree with the Municipal Inmate Fee. Each member stated that they understood the budget crisis from the federal to the local/municipalities. Some stated that they need to work together to come up with a solution instead of passing the cost to the towns. Council Member Rivers stated that some years ago the towns agreed to support the county jail and close their jails. Administrator Graham stated that she understood that the towns were having problems with the Corrections Department as well as the county with meeting standards. She stated that situations have changed over the years and the county needs assistance in covering the cost to house inmates. Council Member Boyles stated that he felt that the towns and the county was not at close. Administrator Graham disagreed with Council Member Boyles' statement. She stated that the county has been participating in the Municipal Association Meetings except for the last one in which County Council had a budget workshop. Council thanked the Hampton Town Council for meeting with them.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p. m.