

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; DECEMBER 6, 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, December 6, 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, 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 Phillips.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adopt the Consent Agenda:

- 3.1.1 November 15, 2010 County Council's Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 Litter Report

and the December 6, 2010 Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2010-018,
AMENDMENT TO THE 2010-2011 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2010-018, Amendment to the 2010-2011 Fire District Budget. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

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**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2010-019,
AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #2010-007, AGREEMENT FOR HOUSING
MUNICIPAL PRISONERS:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2010-019, Amendment to Ordinance #2010-007, Agreement for Housing Municipal Prisoners. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2010-020,
CREATION OF THE HAMPTON COUNTY TOURISM AND MARKETING ADVISORY
BOARD:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2010-020, Creation of the Hampton County Tourism and Marketing Advisory Board. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

**MRS. JAN BELLINGER, PROGRAM COORDINATOR, GUARDIAN AD LITEM
PROGRAM:**

Mrs. Jan Bellinger, Program Coordinator, Guardian Ad Litem Program, came before council to enlighten the public about the Guardian Ad Litem Program and the changes in the law regarding the advocate representation. She also sent out a plea for volunteers for the program. Council thanked Mrs. Bellinger for her presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

**PRESENTATION TO CORONER GORDON RHODEN FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA
CORONER'S ASSOCIATION (MR. ED ALLEN, CORONER, BEAUFORT COUNTY):**

Mr. Ed Allen, Beaufort County Coroner and Training Officer, South Carolina Coroner's Association, came on behalf of the Executive Board of the Coroner's Association to present a plaque to Coroner for his caring and professional service to the citizens of not only Hampton County but the State of South Carolina for his service.

**PRESENTATION TO CORONER GORDON RHODEN FROM THE HAMPTON
COUNTY COUNCIL:**

On behalf of the Council and Citizens of Hampton County, Chairman Gray presented a plaque to Coroner Rhoden for his dedicated and caring service to Hampton County.

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PRESENTATION TO CORONER GORDON RHODEN FROM THE HONORABLE BILL BOWERS, REPRESENTATIVE, SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
On behalf of the Hampton County Delegation, Representative Bill Bowers presented to Coroner Rhoden a certificate of service for his thirty-two years of service to Hampton County as Coroner. Representative Bowers also commented that as representative you get a lot of complaints. He stated that all the years as a representative, he has never received a complaint regarding the coroner's office. He stated that this spoke well of Coroner Rhoden and his professional service.

APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

**THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2010-018, AMENDMENT TO THE 2010-2011
FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET:**

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to give third reading to Ordinance #2010-018, Amendment to the 2010-2011 Fire District Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

**THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2010-019, AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE
#2010-007, AGREEMENT FOR HOUSING MUNICIPAL PRISONERS:**

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give third reading to Ordinance #2010-019, Amendment to Ordinance #2010-007, Agreement for Housing Municipal Prisoners. Motion carried unanimously.

**THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2010-020, CREATION OF THE HAMPTON
COUNTY TOURISM AND MARKETING ADVISORY BOARD:**

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give third reading to Ordinance #2010-020, Creation of the Hampton County Tourism and Marketing Advisory Board. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

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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):

Council Member Haulsee

Council Member Haulsee stated that he visited the Hampton County Museum. He commented that they have done a fantastic job over at the museum and recommends that if you have visited, to visit the museum.

REQUEST FROM MR. JOHN FOSTER FOR ROAD TO BE DEEDED TO HIM AS A PRIVATE ROAD (ROAD IS AN EXTENSION OF MURDAUGH STREET BETWEEN JOHNSON STREET AND CRAPSE STREET):

Mr. A. G. Solomons, County Attorney Solomons updated council regarding the request. He stated that Mr. Foster would have to follow the guidelines as outlined in the State Statue. County Attorney Solomons will write a letter to Mr. Foster informing him of this.

HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S 2011 MEETING CALENDAR:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the 2011 Hampton County Meeting Calendar.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Grants Administration Updates to Council

Mrs. Paula Bishop, Hampton County Grants Coordinator, came before council to give an update regarding the grants that Hampton County has received. (See Attachment #2)

Savings Report

Administrator Graham reported a savings of \$16,000 in the Tax Collector's Office as a result of reformatting the advertisement in the paper for the Tax Sale.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no executive session matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p. m.