

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JANUARY 3, 2011; 6:30 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 3, 2011, 6:30 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, Shedron Williams. 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. Chairman Gray announced that the Oath of Office Ceremony was held at 6:00 p. m. in the Council Chambers of the B. T. DeLoach Building. The Oath of Office was delivered to the following by County Attorney A. G. Solomons, Jr.:

Hampton County Council

Hugh B. Gray
Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips
Shedron D. Williams

Hampton County Coroner

Ernie J. Washington, Sr.

Hampton County Deputy Coroner

Jon Scott Donathan

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Chairman Gray gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Master Kyri Williams.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENT OF STAFF

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Council voted by secret ballot to elect Hugh B. Gray as Chairman.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:

Council voted by secret ballot to elect Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips as Vice Chairman.

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APPOINTMENT OF STAFF:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to reappoint the following staff:

County Administrator - Sabrena Posey Graham

Clerk to Council - Aline Newton

County Attorney - Algernon Solomons, Jr.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND THE CONSENT AGENDA:

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

3.1.1 December 6, 2010 County Council's Meeting Minutes

and the January 3, 2011 Agenda. 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)

MS. LORI SALLEY, AUDITOR, MCGREGOR AND COMPANY, PRESENTATION OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010:

Ms. Lori Salley, Auditor, McGregor and Company, came before council and presented the audit. Council Ms. Salley stated that the overall audit was goods. Council was pleased with the audit presented.

APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

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RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

There were no ordinance(s).

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #1)

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT(S):

Council Member Phillips

Council Member thanked the department heads and the Administrator and Finance Director for doing a fantastic job regarding the audit.

Council Member Williams

Council Member Williams thanked everyone who supported him and gave him the opportunity to serve.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Sheriff's Department Staff Request

Sheriff Smalls requested three (3) part-time deputies with no increase to his budget. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the request from the Sheriff for three part-time deputies with no cost to the county. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Teresa Williams, Auditor, Report on Enforcement Officer's Collections

Mrs. Williams, Auditor, reported on the activities of the Enforcement Officer's activities regarding out of state tags.

Detention Center Staff Restructuring

Mr. Kelvin Jones, Detention Center Director, requested the restructuring of his department at a savings to the county. Council approved Mr. Jones' request. (Attachment #2 – Request). **Moved** by Council Member

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Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the request from the Detention Center's Director. Motion carried unanimously.

B. T. DeLoach Renovation Project Update

Administrator Graham updated council regarding the B. T. DeLoach Renovation Project. She stated that the intent was to move offices from rented property. Administrator Graham reported that space would have to be rented to relocate Clemson Extension.

Savings Report

Administrator Graham reported that the Clerk of Court, Mylinda Nettles, has implemented a direct deposit of child support payments. She stated that this reduces the cost of envelopes, stamps, etc. with a cost savings to the county of approximately \$6,500.

UPDATES

UPDATE REGARDING DEMOLITION OF BUILDING BEHIND THE OLD ARMORY:

Administrator Graham stated that Public Works Director, Blake Hodges, stated that he can do it in house.

MEDIATION:

Chairman Gray asked about the mediation. Attorney Solomons stated that no date is set for the mediation or the courthouse mediation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no executive session matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p. m.