

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MARCH 21, 2011; 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 21, 2011, 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 and 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.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Pastor Byrd gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Haulsee.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the Consent Agenda:
3.1.1 March 7, 011 County Council's Meeting Minutes
3.1.2 Litter Report

and the March 21, 2011 County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions:

- (1) Defer Item 13.1.1, Agreement with Company Two, (Ms. Sandy Fowler, Executive Director, Hampton County Economic Development Commission,
- (2) Add Item 13.1.3, Savings Report and
- (3) Add Item 13.1.4, Notification of Intention to File Petition to Close Road (Dirt road that is known as Woodbury Lane located in Hampton County starting at the intersection of Shellie Road and Woodbury Lane for approximately .9 miles to the Allendale County Line).

Motion carried unanimously.

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PUBLIC HEARING(S)

ANNUAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) NEEDS ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARING:

Ms. Michelle Knight, Lowcountry Council of Governments (LCOG), was present to receive any comments regarding the public hearing for the Annual Community Block Grant (CDBG) Needs Assessment for Hampton County. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the prioritized list as presented. (See attachment #1 – Prioritized List) Motion carried with Council Members Gray, Johnson, Phillips voting in favor and Council Member Haulsee abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

PRESENTATION OF THE DEED TO THE PALMETTO THEATER TO FRIENDS OF THE ARTS AND MR. ROB HARRELSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HAMPTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL:

Chairman Gray presented the deed for the Palmetto Theater to the Friends of the Arts and Mr. Rob Harrelson, Executive Director, Hampton County Arts Council.

PRIORITIZATION OF NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROJECTS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING BY LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (LCOG) REPRESENTATIVE:

Council approved the prioritized list as presented by Lowcountry Council of Governments (LCOG) and Administrator Graham after the public hearing.

APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

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ORDINANCE(S)

SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE #2011-001, AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER A PARCEL TO COMPANY TWO AND RECEIVE A PARCEL FROM COMPANY TWO:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give second reading to Ordinance #2011-001, An Ordinance to Transfer a Parcel to Company Two and Receive a Parcel from Company Two. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE #2011-003, AMENDING THE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ORDINANCE:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give second reading to Ordinance 2011-003, Amending the Fire Protection District Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY TO ORDINANCE #2011-004, HAMPTON COUNTY 2011-2012 FISCAL BUDGET:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to give first reading by title only to Ordinance #2011-004, Hampton County 2011-2012 Fiscal Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

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).

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Agreement with Company Two

Council deferred the matter until the next meeting.

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Agreement between the Consortium of Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper Counties Local Elected Officials and the Lowcountry Workforce Investment Board and the Administrative Entity, Lowcountry Council if Governments

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the agreement between the Consortium of Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper Counties Local Elected Officials and the Lowcountry Workforce Investment Board and the Administrative Entity, Lowcountry Council if Governments. Motion carried unanimously.

Savings Report

Administrator Graham reported a savings in the following departments:

- (1) Economic Development – Sandy Fowler, Economic Development Director, received a \$5,000 grant from SCANA to pay Economic Development Commission's Strategic Plan. These are funds that will not have to come out of the county's coffers,
- (2) Finance - The Finance Director, Mike Meyer, in review of the electric accounts along with the consultant realized a savings of \$2,150 per year by changing from one class to another at the Detention Center, a savings of \$7,600 in interest when the fire bond was refinanced, also the energy audit of the county accounts from 2009-2011 realized a savings of \$31,500 with an ongoing savings of \$13,560 per year.
- (3) Risk Management – Administrator Graham recognized Dobie Hiers, Risk Manager. She stated that he has done a good job with the workmen's compensation program as Risk Manager. The experience modifier is the lowest that it has ever been, .76 which will produce a savings of \$25,000 this year. Administrator Graham qualified the statement by saying that the SCAC Board of Trustees has not met yet to approve the figures for workmen's compensation.

Notification of Intention to File Petition to Close Road (Dirt road that is known as Woodbury Lane located

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to offer no objection to the Notification of Intention to File Petition to Close Road, A dirt road known as Woodbury Lane located in Hampton County, South Carolina, starting at the intersection of Shellie Road and Woodbury Lane running in a Westerly/Northwesterly direction across lands of Carolyn B. Long (TMN: 113-00-00-006), John C. Dubose and Susan C. Dubose (TMN: 113-00-00-004) and land of Ben Hal Lo, LLC (TMN: 112-00-00-001) for approximately 4,869 feet/.9 mile to the Allendale County line. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no matter(s) to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

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