

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; APRIL 3, 2006; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 3, 2006, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Lisa Ball; Virgin Johnson, Sr.; Margaret S. Parker, Chairman and Willard E. Wilson, Vice Chairman. Council Member(s) absent: Lee S. Bowers. Staff present: Sabrena Posey Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Mr. Wayne Knuckles, The Hampton County Guardian. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Parker called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Pastor Byrd, County Chaplain, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Parker.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE APRIL 3, 2006 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Parker asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Administrator Graham requested the following revisions: (1) Item 9.1 – Fair Housing Resolution, Resolution #R-2006-004, (2) Proclamation – Recognizing County Government Week (April 23 – 29, 2006). Chairman Parker stated that she wanted to add (3) Report from County Attorney Solomons Regarding the Chairman’s Role in making a motion, seconding a motion and voting. **Moved** by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the agenda with the requested revisions. Motion carried unanimously.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MARCH 20, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Parker asked if there were any changes to the minutes. Chairman Parker stated that she had a question whether the word "financial" was stated in regards to the report in which the Administrator was to provide. Administrator Graham stated that she believed that it was stated as written. Council Member Ball asked about the heading. It was explained that the headings changed in the latter pages for some reason but was corrected for signature. There were no other comments. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adopt the minutes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #2006-003, ORDINANCE REGULATING SALVAGE/JUNKYARDS:

Moved by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give first (1st) reading to Ordinance #2006-003, Ordinance Regulating Salvage/Junkyards. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Parker appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Councilmembers Johnson and Wilson to study the ordinance.

RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION #R-2006-004, FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION:

Chairman Parker read the resolution. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Ball, to adopt Resolution #R-2006-004, Fair Housing Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADOPTION OF THE PROCLAMATION, NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK,
APRIL 23-29, 2006:**

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Ball, to adopt the proclamation recognizing April 23-29, 2006 as National County Government Week. Motion carried unanimously.

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BIDS

There were no bid(s) scheduled.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING

LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (LCOG) REPORT:

Chairman Parker presented the LCOG report. She stated that the four county councils have appointed a steering committee. (See attached LCOG Director's Report).

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT REGARDING CHAIRMAN'S ROLE IN MAKING A MOTION, SECOND AND VOTING:

Attorney Solomons gave his report regarding the Chairman's role in making a motion, second and voting. He stated that the Chairman on a small board has the right to vote and make a motion. He stated that Robert's Rules, 10th edition is the only recognized parliamentary guide. (See the attachment).

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

FY 2006 Budget Transfer

Administrator Graham stated that these are the budget transfer request asked or transfers to cover overages to continue through this year. She stated that the amount over budget for the requested departments has increased. Council Member Wilson stated that he would like to see a list of the equipment being repaired with the age of the equipment, mileage, repairs and amounts. Council Member Ball stated that the equipment is probably being used more since they have a schedule for the maintenance program that the county didn't have before; so the county is actually getting more use from that same equipment. Administrator Graham stated that she would be glad to provide the list requested. Council Member Ball stated that she would also like to get an itemized list from the Veterans Affairs office. She stated that she would like to see if this is what it absolutely has to have. Administrator Graham stated that it was in their packets. She stated that the VA Officer provided detailed information. Chairman Parker stated that about 10 years ago she talked to the state and things could have changed, but she would like Mrs. Graham to check. Chairman Parker stated that she was told that the VA Officer could receive state trainings and that both were not required. She stated that it has been the same for 10 years. She stated that they have a policy for the department heads regarding out of state travel. Council Member Ball stated that she agreed with Chairman Parker that the VA Officer attends either state or national trainings. Administrator Graham will get the information for Council.

Position Authorization

Administrator Graham stated that she needed Council's authorization of a position for a secretary

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that was budgeted in the Public Works department. Council Member Wilson moved not to fill the position of secretary in the public works department. Council Member Ball stated that she felt that this was not the right time to fill that position. Council Member Ball moved not to fill the position. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to reconsider that request at budget time. Motion carried with Council Members Ball, Johnson and Wilson voting "Yea" and Council Member Parker voting "Nay".

Approval of Hiring An Expert in Industrial Inspections for the Carolina Soya Project

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Ball, to grant help on that project. Motion carried with Council Members Ball, Johnson and Parker voting "Yea" and Council Member Johnson voting "Nay".

Sheriff's Out of State Travel Request

Moved By Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the sheriff's out of state travel. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Courthouse Plans

Moved by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to move with the courthouse plans and notify the architect. Motion carried with Council Members Ball, Johnson and Parker voting "Yea" and Council Member Wilson abstaining.

Port Update by County Attorney

County Attorney Solomons reported that the courts made a ruling on the Jasper Port. He stated that they ruled that Jasper County has the authority to build the port, but the Ports Authority has condemnation rights.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Parker stated that Council needed to have an executive session to discuss economic development matters. **Moved** by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to go into executive session. Motion carried unanimously. Session began 7:15 p. m. and ended 7:35 p. m.

After coming out of executive session, Chairman Parker stated that Council discussed several economic development matters, and gave the Administration direction on each one.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Ball, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Chairman Parker adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p. m.