

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY; AUGUST 31, 2006; 5:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING
201 JACKSON AVENUE, WEST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held a special meeting on Thursday, August 31, 2006, 5:00 p. m., Council Chambers, B. T. DeLoach Building, 201 Jackson Avenue, West, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Virgin Johnson, Sr.; Margaret S. Parker, Chairman and Willard E. Wilson, Vice Chair. Council Member(s) absent: Lisa Ball; Lee S. Bowers. Staff present: Sabrena Posey Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: None. 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:

Council Member Johnson gave the invocation.

PURPOSE OF VOTING ON OVERRIDING THE MILLAGE RATE LIMITATION TO ALLOW AN INCREASE ABOVE THAT OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI):

Chairman Parker stated that the purpose of the special meeting was to vote on the overriding the millage rate limitation to allow an increase above that of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the 2006-2007 Budget Year. Administrator Graham stated that this was being done as a precautionary measure. She stated that they did not anticipate the millage going up above the CPI. Administrator Graham read the meeting had to be held in accordance with SC Codes 6-1-320, C. She stated that because this was an assessment year, the CPI could not go above the rollback millage. Administrator Graham stated that this was recommended at a meeting that the Finance Director and Auditor attended. She stated that the Department of Revenue recommended that the governing body hold the special call meeting regardless of whether they truly intended to increase the millage above the rollback plus the CPI. Council Member Johnson stated that this was being done in case; he stated that the taxes are not going up. He stated that he just wanted to know; because he wanted to be sure what he was telling the people was the truth. He stated that if you don't tell the truth, then people will not trust you, and he wanted to be sure that what he is telling his constituents is the truth. Administrator Graham stated that the millage proposed at second reading has changed a little.

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Administrator Graham read the following:

Millage Summary				
	County	Fire	North School	South School
Millage for Last Year	189	12	208	298
Rollback Millage Limitation including 3.4% CPI	194	13	222	314
Proposed Millage 06/07	189	13	202	294

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the millage override. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Chairman Parker adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p. m.