

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; NOVEMBER 6, 2006; 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, November 6, 2006, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Lisa Ball; Lee S. Bowers; Virgin Johnson, Sr.; Margaret S. Parker, Chairman and Willard E. Wilson, Vice Chairman. Staff present: Sabrena Posey Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Wayne Knuckles, The Hampton County Guardian. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Wilson 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 Vice Chairman Wilson.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

ORDINANCE #2006-016, AMENDMENT TO THE 2005-2006 BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Chairman Parker opened the public hearing to receive public comments for Ordinance #2006-016, 2005-2006 Budget Amendment. Administrator Graham stated that the amendment was for auditing purposes. There were no other comments. Chairman Parker closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE #2006-017, AMENDMENT TO THE MULTI-PARK AGREEMENT:

Chairman Parker opened the public hearing to receive public comments for Ordinance #2006-017, Amendment to the Multi-County Park Agreement with Jasper County. Administrator Graham stated that the amendment was to include Forest Homes in the park and Hampton County would receive the 1% revenue from this inclusion. There were no other comments. Chairman Parker closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE #2006-018, ORDINANCE FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOUTHERN CAROLINA ALLIANCE:

Chairman Parker opened the public hearing to receive public comments for Ordinance #2006-018, Ordinance for full membership in the Southern Carolina Alliance.

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Administrator Graham stated that it was the request of the alliance that Hampton County goes through the same process as the other counties that have membership in the alliance by adopting an ordinance. There were no other comments. Chairman Parker closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2006 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:
Chairman Parker asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Administrator Graham asked that council defer Item #9.1, Resolution to Become a Founding Member of the Lowcountry Alliance, Item #10.1.3, Ordinance Authorizing Hampton County to participate as a Full Member of the Southern Carolina Regional Alliance and Item #10.2.1, Business License Ordinance. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Ball, to adopt the agenda with the requested revisions. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

RECOGNITION OF JEFFERY JARRELL FOR COMPLETING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT CERTIFIED RISK MANAGER:

Mr. Dobie Hiers, Risk Manager, Hampton County, recognized Mr. Jarrell for receiving certification as a risk manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

OCTOBER 16, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Parker asked if there were any changes to the minutes. **Moved** by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

THE LOWCOUNTRY ALLIANCE:

Council deferred the matter.

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ORDINANCES

THIRD (3rd) READING TO ORDINANCE #2006-016, AMENDMENT TO THE 2005-2006 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:

Moved by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give third (3rd) reading to Ordinance #2006-016, Amendment to the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

THIRD (3rd) READING TO THE MULTI-COUNTY PARK ORDINANCE FOR JASPER COUNTY (FOREST HOMES):

Moved by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give third reading to the amendment of the Multi-County Park Agreement as requested by Jasper County. Motion carried unanimously.

THIRD (3rd) READING TO ORDINANCE TO PARTICIPATE AS A FULL MEMBER WITH SOUTHERN CAROLINA ALLIANCE:

Council deferred the matter.

ORDINANCE #2006-013, BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE:

Council deferred 2nd reading to Ordinance #2006-013. Chairman Parker stated that Council Member Bowers stated that he is not able to serve on the Business License Ordinance Committee. Chairman Parker asked if any other council member wanted to volunteer. Council Member Wilson volunteered. Chairman Parker stated that Council Members Johnson and Wilson will meet and make a recommendation.

BIDS

PUBLIC WORKS – BASE COURSE MATERIALS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS:

Administrator Graham presented the bids to council (see attachment #1). **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Bowers, to award the bid to J. R. Wilson, the low bidder, for \$216,450 (two hundred sixteen thousand, four hundred fifty dollars). Motion carried unanimously. The funding will be paid from CTC Transportation funds.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING

**LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (LCOG) REPORT –
CHAIRMAN PARKER:**

Chairman Parker presented her monthly report from the LCOG Board meeting. She stated that there was funding information, general information regarding the workforce development, DOT Transportation Plan regarding the widening of Highway 68, CDBG Grant information and also an invitation to the Revolutionary War Trail on November 11, 2006.

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LITTER LAWS REGARDING COTTON AS REQUESTED BY A CITIZEN:

Chairman Parker stated that she asked that it be researched. She asked the Clerk to Council to report the information received from the Litter Officer, Magistrate(s), etc. It was stated that there was not a law in reference to littering of agriculture products such as cotton, wood chips, etc. Mrs. Marie Strickland, Citizen, thanked Chairman Parker for the information.

COUNCIL'S RULES AND PROCEDURES:

Council decided to wait until February 2007 to proceed with the discussion of the amendment to council's rules and procedures.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Quarterly Financial Report by Mike Meyer, Finance Director

Mr. Meyer came before council and made his report. He stated that there were no red flags. He stated that he was working on the audit's recommendations and had resolved seven by installing controls and two are ongoing. Chairman Parker asked if Mr. Meyer could prepare a chart-type report showing completed, in progress, etc. Mr. Meyer stated that he could. (See attachment #2 – Quarterly Financial Report)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Bowers, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter and economic development matter(s). Motion carried unanimously. **After** coming out of executive session, the following was reported:

PERSONNEL MATTER:

Chairman Parker stated that council received information on a personnel matter. The name of the department could not be divulged, because it involved a department of one. Council gave the Administrator some directions.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER(S):

Chairman Parker stated that the Administrator updated council on several economic development matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Ball, seconded by Council Member Bowers, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Chairman Parker adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p. m.