

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; NOVEMBER 19, 2007; 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 19, 2007, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Virgin Johnson, Sr.; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips; Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker, Vice Chairman and Willard E. Wilson. Staff present: Sabrena Posey Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Shellie Murdaugh, 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 Wilson.

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 NOVEMBER 19, 2007 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the November 19, 2007 County Council Meeting Agenda with the deletion of Item #7.1.2, Presentation to Ms. Ida Ferguson. Motion carried unanimously.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NOVEMBER 5, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Gray asked if there were any changes to the minutes. **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Bernie Zurenda, Retired Director of the Hampton County Department of Social Services

Chairman Gray presented a plaque to Mr. F. Bernard "Bernie" Zurenda, Jr. for dedicated services in the area of social services to Hampton County. Mr. Zurenda thanked council and all who collaborated with him over the years to get things done.

Presentation of Appointment Certificates

Chairman Gray presented appointment certificates to:

- (1) Library Board – Mrs. LaClaire Laffitte
- (2) Economic Development Commission – Mrs. DeThane McKenzie Johnson,
Dr. Lamar E. Priester, Jr. and Mr. Ralph DeLoach

Chairman Gray stated that there were certificates for appointees who were absent:

- (1) Airport Commission - Mr. Perry Bullard Bullard
- (2) Arts Council – Ms. Faith Blumenstock and Ms. Kimberly L. Cope
- (3) Economic Development Commission – Mr. Dan Gooding

Land Conservation Presentation By Mr. Noel D. Thorn, Special Projects Manager, The Nature Conservancy, Charleston, South Carolina and Mr. Lane Morrison, Attorney, Hunter, Maclean, Exley & Dunn Law Firm and Chairman of the South Lowcountry (SOLO) Task Force Regarding

Mr. Noel D. Thorn, Dr. Skeet Burris, Mr. Lane Morrison and Mr. Wise Batten, Jr. made presentations regarding land conservancy in Hampton County.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

LOWCOUNTRY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD:

Moved by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to accept the recommendation of the United Way and appoint Mrs. Marjorie Thomas to the Workforce Investment Board as the Community Based Organization Representative. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

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ORDINANCE(S)

There were no ordinance(s).

BIDS

There were no bid(s) scheduled.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):
Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #1)

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT REGARDING THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE REQUEST:

Chairman Gray reported that the Administration and Finance Committee met at 5:00 p. m., Monday, November 19, 2007 in the Council Chambers of the B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina. He stated that the committee had no recommendation ready for council at this time. He stated that information on the claim load from comparable counties is being requested. Committee Chair Gray stated that the Administration and Finance Committee will meet again at 5:00 p. m. on December 3, 2007, Council Chambers, B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina. He stated that, if the information is available, hopefully, a recommendation will be given to Council at the next council meeting.

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT:

Charrette Update (Council Member Parker)

Council Member Parker gave an update regarding the Charrette. She stated that several members of the Charrette team that came on the first visit came back to share their findings. Council Member Parker stated that the Charrette Team presented the video and will provide the written report in a few weeks. She stated that the next step is to appoint a committee to work on the action plan.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

SouthernCarolina's October Activity Report

Administrator Graham provided SouthernCarolina's October Activity Report to Council as information.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. After coming out of executive session, Chairman Gray stated that Council discussed a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p. m.