

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; APRIL 21, 2008; 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, April 21, 2008, 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: Wayne Knuckles, 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)

LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL HOME CONSORITUM'S THIRD YEAR ANNUAL ACTION PLAN:

Ms. Barbara Johnson, Manager, Lowcountry Council of Governments Affordable Housing, held the public hearing to receive public comments regarding the Lowcountry Regional HOME Consortium's third year annual plan. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

1. Dr. Anne McNutt	Technical College of the Lowcountry
2. Ms. Peach Morrison	Lowcountry & Resort Island Tourism Commission
3. Ms. Rochelle Ferguson	Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority (Palmetto Breeze)
4. Ms. Beth McNeer	Allendale-Hampton-Jasper (AHJ) Regional Library

All presenters updated council regarding their agencies. They encouraged council to support their submitted budget requests, but also thanked Council for their past and present support.

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE MAY 7, 2008 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Moved by Council Parker, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the agenda with the addition of Item #7.2, Presentation from the Ms. Joye Foster, Hampton County Arts Council. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APRIL 1, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Gray stated that he was not present at the meeting. Council Member Phillips stated that he read the minutes. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

APRIL 21, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Gray stated that he reviewed the minutes. He asked for a motion to adopt. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

MRS. DELIA CASKEY, DIRECTOR, KEEP JASPER BEAUTIFUL – KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL PRESENTATION:

Mrs. Caskey along with Ms. Dallas Youngblood, Jasper County Public Works, came before council and informed council about the Keep Jasper Beautiful (KJB) Program. Mrs. Caskey explained how Jasper County set up their program. She and Ms. Youngblood explained how the departments worked together to fight litter. After hearing the presentation, it was **moved** by Council Member Parker for Hampton County to become a Keep America Beautiful county. Council Member Phillips wanted to know what you would have to do money wise to be a KAB. Ms. Caskey stated that a coordinator would have to be hired, but there were grants, etc. to pay for programs, etc. Council Member Wilson stated that he would like to discuss the matter during budget workshop. Council Member Phillips stated that he would like to consider the matter during budget workshop also. Council Member Parker stated that she would **rescind** her motion until budget time. Chairman Gray stated that the matter would be discussed during budget workshop.

MS. JOYE FOSTER, HAMPTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL, REGARDING THE SUB-LEASE WITH THE COUNTY FOR THE PALMETTO THEATER:

Ms. Foster came before council and stated that the sub-lease for the theater had expired since 1998 and needed to be renewed. She requested that Council and the Arts Council get together to create a new sub-lease. Administrator Graham stated that she would be glad to get with Ms. Foster and create a document to present to council for consideration. Council agreed to allow the Administrator to meet with Ms. Foster and come up with an agreement to present to council.

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APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s) scheduled.

RESOLUTION(S)

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the resolution proclaiming the week of May 19, 2008 as National Public Works Week. Motion carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY SERVICES WEEK (MAY 18, 2008 – MAY 24, 2008):

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adopt the resolution proclaiming the week of May 18-24, 2008 as Emergency Services Week. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

ORDINANCE #2008-006, 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give second reading to Ordinance #2008-006, 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE #2008-007, AMENDMENT TO THE RULES AND BYLAWS OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Moved by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give second reading to Ordinance #2008-007, Amendment to the Rules and Bylaws of the Council on Aging Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE #2008-008, SCANA TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT:

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give second Reading to Ordinance #2008-008, SCANA Tower Lease Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE #2008-009, AN AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK:

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give second reading to Ordinance #2008-009, An Agreement for Development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE #2008-010, GRANTING OF AN EASEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CONDUITS FOR COMCAST ACROSS THE COURTHOUSE GROUNDS:

Moved by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give first reading to Ordinance #2008-010, Granting of an Easement for the Installation of Conduits for Comcast across the Courthouse Grounds. Motion carried unanimously.

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BIDS

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #1)

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT:

There were no discussion points.

**INVITATION TO THE TOWN OF FURMAN'S MAYFEST PARADE, MAY 3, 2008,
10:00 AM:**

Chairman Gray stated that his vehicle was available for the MayFest Parade. Council Members Gray, Johnson, Phillips and Wilson will participate. Council Member Parker stated that she would be out of town.

REQUEST FROM SENATOR MATTHEWS TO COME AND GIVE UPDATE:

Council Member Parker stated that she was contacted by Senator Matthews. She stated that he wanted to come and give an update. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Parker, to host a legislative update to be hosted by county council and spearheaded by Council Member Parker. She stated that Senator Matthews would like to come on May 5, 2008, 4:30 p. m.

SHERIFFS' PLAQUE UPDATE:

The Clerk to Council presented the information for the sheriffs' plaque. Council Member Wilson commented that the request to council was for recognition of Rudy Loadholt as the first Black sheriff. He stated that a council committee from the previous council recommended that All sheriffs be recognized, and this plaque is a result of that recommendation. He stated that the plaque does not address the original request of recognizing Rudy Loadholt as the first African American Sheriff. Council stated that the plaque is recognizing Rudy Loadholt as the first African American Sheriff. Council stated that they will move with the plaque and look at the original request at a later time. **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the format for the sheriffs' plaque. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Nuisance Ordinance Update

Mr. Randy Crews, Building Inspector, came before council and updated council regarding the status of citations issued regarding the Nuisance Ordinance. Council thanked Mr. Crews for his report.

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Change Orders for the Courthouse Project

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Parker, to approve under protest a change directive in the amount of \$4,400 for courthouse project's drainage for the down spouts. Motion carried unanimously. The directive is being paid under protest to determine who is responsible for the cost of the change.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CONTRACTUAL MATTER:

Chairman Gray stated that council needed to meet in executive session to discuss a contractual matter. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Parker, to go into executive session regarding a contractual matter. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. **After coming out of executive session**, Chairman Gray announced that council discussed a contractual matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p. m.