

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; JUNE 2, 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, June 2, 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.; Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker, Vice Chairman; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips and Willard E. Wilson. Staff present: Sabrena Posey Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Michael DeWitt, The Hampton County Guardian and Shellie Murdaugh, WBHC Radio. 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 Parker.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

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

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2008-006, 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget. There were no public comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

There were no public comment(s).

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF THE JUNE 2, 2008 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the agenda with the following revisions: (1) Addition of Item #12.3, Building and Grounds Committee Regarding Courthouse Landscaping. Motion carried unanimously.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**May 19, 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 Johnson, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentation(s).

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

There were no appointment(s) scheduled.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**PRESERVE AMERICA COMMUNITY DESIGNATION RESOLUTION:**

Administrator Graham asked Council to designate Hampton County as a Preserve America Community by adopting the resolution. She stated that the designation will allow Hampton County to be eligible for certain grants. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Parker, to adopt the Preserve America Community Designation Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

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

Chairman Gray stated that Council just had a public hearing on Ordinance #2008-006, and there were no public comments. He stated that the budget amounts were as follows:

General Fund	\$12,437,815
Fire Fund	367,150
Council on Aging	541,545
E-911	120,000
Clerk of Court Incentive Fund	88,155
CTC Fund	380,000
Airport Commission	10,000
School District #1	6,582,970
School District #2	4,305,877

Chairman Gray stated that there is a 3 mil increase (2 for County and 1 for Fire), and some of the increase is due to the increasing cost of fuel. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded

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by Council Member Johnson, to give third reading to Ordinance #2008-006, 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget. Council Member Parker stated that the millage is low because of the Administrator and Finance Director and Department Heads. She stated that the budget was well done and well thought out. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE #2008-011, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2007-2008 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give second reading to Ordinance #2008-011, an ordinance to amend the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

**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:**

**Council Member Parker**

Council Member Parker encouraged everyone to go to the Farmers' Market Grand Opening. She stated that they have tried to change the look a little to encourage people to shop at the Farmers' Marker.

**Council Member Wilson**

Council Member Wilson stated that he represented Council at the Lowcountry Community Action Agency at their Fun Day. He stated that it was a very nice event.

**Council Member Johnson**

Council Member Johnson wanted to know if Nevamar changed ownership. He also wanted to know if it is owned by an individual. He asked if Nevamar is living up to the tax incentive agreement regarding the number of people that they are to employ. Administrator Graham stated that based on the report submitted by them, they are meeting their requirements.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REGARDING LANDSCAPING THE COURTHOUSE GROUNDS:**

Council Member Parker, Chair, Buildings and Grounds Committee stated that the Buildings and Grounds Committee could not come to a consensus; therefore, they would like to bring the issue back to full council. Also, Council Member Parker made a public disclosure that one of landscape companies that submitted a proposal on the project had an indirect association with her husband's law firm. She wanted to dismiss herself from the discussions. Council scheduled a special meeting for Monday, June 9, 2008, to make a decision regarding the courthouse landscaping.

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**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Change Orders for the Courthouse Project**

**Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the Change Order #11 with the investigation of the reasons for two alterations to the judge's benches. Motion carried unanimously. (Attachment #2- Change Order #11)

**Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Observed Holiday Schedule Approval**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the 2008-2009 Holiday Schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

**Employee Pay Adjustments in Fiscal Year 2009 Budget**

**Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the employee pay adjustments in Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget. Motion carried with Council Members Johnson, Parker and Wilson voting in favor and Council Members Gray and Phillips voting against. Council Member Gray and Wilson stated that they voted against the pay adjustments, because they stated that they could not see voting themselves a pay adjustment during their tenure. (Attachment #3)

**Capital Projects Sales Tax Receipt Summary**

Administrator Graham presented the Capital Projects Sales Tax Receipt Summary. (Attachment #4)

**Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Authorized Positions Approval**

**Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Authorized Positions. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment # (Attachment #5)

**Miscellaneous Inquiries**

Council Member Phillips some residents don't have 911 addresses. Mr. Crews, Building Inspector, stated that everyone has 911 addresses. He stated that even if they receive their mail at the post office, they still have a 911 address.

Attorney Solomons updated council regarding the Pit Bull situation. He stated that the hearing date has been rescheduled.

Council Member Wilson wanted to know if the 911 lettering can be a little larger. He stated that he noticed that Jasper County's road names have larger lettering than most places, and he wanted to know if Hampton County could do the same.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**CONTRACTUAL MATTER:**

Chairman Gray stated that council needed to meet in executive session to discuss a contractual matter. **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to go into executive session regarding a contractual matter. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by

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Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. **After coming out of executive session**, Chairman Gray announced that council agreed to respond to an offer in 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 7:20 p. m.