

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; SEPTEMBER 15, 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, September 15, 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, AllHits92.1 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 Borum gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Phillips.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

**APPLICATION TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
CDBG (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT) FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO
THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOR THE LOWCOUNTRY:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding an application to the South Carolina Department of Commerce, CDBG (Community Development Block Grant), for improvements to Technical College of the Lowcountry (TCL) - Mungin Center. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**ADOPTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2008 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA:**

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 2, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

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

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE TO PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTEE:

Chairman Gray presented the Certificate of Appointment for appointment to the Hampton County Planning Commission to Allison Cantrell. Council thanked Ms. Cantrell and Mrs. O'Cain, Chairman, Hampton County Planning Commission, for their service to Hampton County as commission members.

RESOLUTION(S)

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT:**

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the resolution as presented authorizing the submission of a Community Block Grant Application. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

**ORDINANCE #2008-016, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
MULTI-COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG ALLENDALE, BAMBERG,
BARNWELL AND HAMPTON COUNTIES, TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPANSION OF
THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PARK:**

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give second

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reading to Ordinance #2008-016, Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the multi-county park agreement by and among Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell and Hampton Counties, to authorize the expansion of the boundaries of the park. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE #2008-017, AMENDMENT TO THE TAX APPEALS BOARD
ORDINANCE (INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS FROM THREE TO
FIVE):**

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give first reading to Ordinance #2008-017, Amendment to the Tax Appeals Board Ordinance to increase the number of members to five. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

No bid(s) scheduled.

COUNCIL=S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):

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

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT:

Council Member Parker Regarding the Charrette

Council Member Parker stated that the next Charrette Logo Committee is scheduled for September 18, 2008, 5:15 p. m.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Change Order for the Courthouse Project

Administrator Graham stated that the change orders were not ready for presentation. Council will have a special meeting on Monday, September 22, 2008, at 6:00 p. m. to discuss the pending change orders.

Grant Award from the Department of Archives and History

Administrator Graham announced that the Hampton County Historical Society received a \$10,000 grant from Preserve America. She stated that there is a 50% match that the Historical Society will pay.

Southern Carolina Alliance July and August 2008 Activity Reports

Administrator Graham presented the July and August 2008 Activity Reports from Southern Carolina Alliance as information.

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Donation of Property

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to accept the lots and waive the taxes on the lot. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CONTRACTUAL MATTER(S):

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray stated that council was updated on a couple of economic development opportunities and contractual matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p. m.