

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; OCTOBER 6, 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, October 6, 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 and Willard E. Wilson. Council Member(s) absent: Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker, Vice Chairman. 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 Byrd gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Wilson.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

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

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2008-010, Granting of an Easement for the Installation of Conduits for Comcast Across the Courthouse Grounds 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 OCTOBER 6, 2008 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to accept the changes as amended: agenda with the following revisions: (1) Delete the word agenda from Item #6.1, (2) *Defer tem #10.2.1, Ordinance #2008-017, Amendment to the Tax Appeals Ordinance (Increasing the members from three to five) (3) Delete Item #13.1.1, Change Order for the Courthouse Project – the Architects did not have the change orders ready for presentation and (4) Items #14.1, Change contractual matter to legal matter. Motion carried with Council Member Johnson voting against.

***ORDINANCE #2008-017, AMENDMENT TO THE TAX APPEALS ORDINANCE
(INCREASING THE MEMBERS FROM THREE (3) TO FIVE (5):**

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to stagger the two additional members' initial terms for one (1) and two (2) years. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

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

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Council accepted the recommendations and voted by secret ballot to make the following appointments:

Board of Adjustments and Appeals

Henry C. Brunson
Willie Coker
James Fennell
Elmer McQuire

Council on Aging

Shelia Bowers
Melvin Mathis

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Economic Development Commission

Clarence Fennell
DeThane McKenzie-Johnson
Holbrook Platts

RESOLUTION(S)

PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH:

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adopt the Proclamation Declaring October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AMBASSADOR:

By acclamation, Council adopted the resolution naming Wendy Wolverton, Penny Branch Golf Club, as Economic Development Ambassador. Chairman Gray presented the resolution to Mrs. Wolverton.

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

Chairman Gray stated that the public hearing was held at the beginning of the meeting, and there were no comments. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give third reading to Ordinance #2008-010, Granting of an Easement for the Installation of Conduits for Comcast Across the Courthouse Grounds. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

BIDS FOR INMATE MEDICAL CARE:

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to award the bid for the Inmate Medical Care to the low bidder, Southern Health Partners for \$294,470 for a three year period. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #2)

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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.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
Change Order for the Courthouse Project

Administrator Graham stated that the Architects did not have the change orders ready for presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Wilson excused himself from executive session. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray reported out of executive session that County Attorney Solomons recused himself from a legal matter regarding the county. Council Member Wilson also excused himself from the executive session matter. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to hire Marty Harvey, Attorney, to replace County Attorney Solomons on the matter in which he recused himself. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p. m.