

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; DECEMBER 1, 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, December 1, 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 and Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Michael DeWitt, The Hampton County Guardian and Shellie Murdaugh, Lowcountryus.net. 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 #2008-015, ORDINANCE REGARDING THE FAILURE TO STOP FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT:

Chairman Gray stated that the public hearing for Ordinance #2008-015, Ordinance Regarding Failure to Stop for Law Enforcement, was canceled. He stated that the ordinance will be discussed after the first of the year.

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:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments on Ordinance #2008-016, an 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. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

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

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2008-017, an amendment to the Tax Appeals Ordinance (Increasing Members from three to

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five). There were no comments for or against the ordinance. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

Mr. S. Claus

Mr. Claus came before council and wished them a happy holiday and distributed gifts.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2008 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adopt the agenda with the following revisions: (1) Addition of an executive session regarding an economic development matter, (2) Deletion of Item #3.1, Ordinance #2008-015, Ordinance Regarding Failure to Stop for Law Enforcement, (3) Deletion of Item #10.1.1, Third Reading to Ordinance #2008-015, Ordinance Regarding Failure to Stop for Law Enforcement. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NOVEMBER 24, 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

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT TO ANITA PADGETT,
APPOINTEE TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL:**

Chairman Gray presented a certificate of appointment to Anita Padgett, Appointee to the Hampton County Arts Council.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointments.

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

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ORDINANCE(S)

ORDINANCE #2008-015, ORDINANCE REGARDING THE FAILURE TO STOP FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT:

Chairman Gray stated Ordinance #2008-015, Ordinance Regarding Failure to Stop for Law Enforcement, would only be placed on the agenda at the request of the County Attorney or the Sheriff.

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 Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give third reading to Ordinance #2008-016, an 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 ORDINANCE (INCREASING MEMBERS FROM THREE TO FIVE):

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give third reading to Ordinance #2008-017, an amendment to the Tax Appeals Ordinance (Increasing Members from three to five). Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE #2008-018, FEE IN LIEU OF TAX PROPOSED FOR CAROLINA SOYA EXPANSION BY TITLE ONLY:

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give first reading by title only to Ordinance #2008-018, Fee In Lieu of Tax Proposed for Carolina Soya Expansion. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were 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(S):
There were no discussion point(s).

COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2009:

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to accept the 2009 meeting schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

**COUNCIL ON AGING TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT (MS. ANN AYER,
DIRECTOR, COUNCIL ON AGING):**

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the resolution regarding the Council on Aging Transportation Agreement. Motion carried unanimously. (See attachment #2)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to go into executive session to discuss an economic development matter. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p. m.