

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; JANUARY 5, 2009; 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, January 5, 2009, 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: None. 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 Gray.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

County Attorney Solomons administered the Oath of Office to Council Members Virgin Johnson, Sr. and Council Member Willard E. Wilson.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENT OF STAFF**

**Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

By secret ballot, Council voted to elect Hugh B. Gray as Chair and Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker as Vice Chair of County Council.

**Appointment of Staff**

**Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to retain staff members in their capacity. Motion carried unanimously. Staff is as follows:

County Administrator – Sabrena P. Graham

Clerk to Council – Aline Newton

County Attorney - Algernon G. Solomons, Jr.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

There were no public comment(s).

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 5, 2009 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the agenda with the following revisions: (1) Defer Item #8.1, Certificates of Appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 30, 2008 SPECIAL 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 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**MRS. ANNE RICE, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA (USC) LEADERSHIP,  
REGARDING THE TOURISM STUDY:**

Mrs. Anne Rice, USC Leadership, came before council and presented highlights of the Tourism Study that was conducted by International Tourism Research Institute.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

There were no appointments.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

There were no resolution(s).

**ORDINANCE(S)**

**ORDINANCE #2009-001, HAMPTON COUNTY RULES AND PROCEDURES  
ORDINANCE:**

**Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give second reading to Ordinance #2009-001, Hampton County Rules and Procedures Ordinance, with page

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29 referring to page 23 to make the top of 23 the same and “can have” a discussion on first reading. 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).

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX (CPST) REVENUE:**  
Administrator Graham presented council with the CPST Revenue Report for the third quarter ending in September 2008. She stated that collections still looked good. (See attachment #2 – Report)

**Updates and Requests**

County Council's Retreat – February 6-7, 2009

Courthouse Dedication Ceremony – Friday, February 13, 2009 – 1 PM

Calibogue – Administrator will ask Calibogue to look into correcting the stain on the brick made by sprinkler. Council Member Parker reminded Administrator Graham to make sure that Brunson approves what is used on the brick to clean the stain.

Council Member Wilson stated that he would like Council to discuss the request made by Mr. Sean Murdaugh regarding tax installment payments. Chairman Gray stated that Council will discuss this matter at the retreat.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**PERSONNEL MATTER(S):**

**Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. Council discussed the hiring the Economic Development Director, Dr. Small, as a consultant on an as needed basis, and Council also discussed the preference of department directors living in the county.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p. m.