

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; APRIL 6, 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, April 6, 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 and Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker, Vice Chairman. Council Member(s) absent: Willard E. Wilson. Staff present: Sabrena Posey Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Micheal DeWitt, The Hampton County Guardian. 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)**

There were no public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**HONORABLE J. L. GOODWIN, MAYOR, TOWN OF YEMASSEE, REGARDING ISSUES:**

Mayor Goodwin was not present.

**MRS. ANNE RICE, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA – SALKEHATCHIE, REGARDING SALKEHATCHIE STEW:**

Mrs. Rice came before council and passed out flyers about the Salkehatchie Stew. She stated that it was a \$100,000 investment for the region not including the volunteer hours, etc. Mrs. Rice stated that people should support and get excited about Salkehatchie Stew (A stage production of stories about people in our region).

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**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF THE APRIL 6, 2009 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:**

Chairman Gray asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were no changes. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Parker, to adopt the agenda with the following revisions: Council adopted the agenda with the following revisions: (1) Add Item #13.1.2, Discussion of the Sheriff's Overtime Request and (2) Add Item #14.1, Personnel Matter. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MARCH 16, 2009 REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AND MARCH 23, 2009 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

**MRS. DeTHANE McKENZIE JOHNSON, CHAIR, HAMPTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, REGARDING THE SOUTHERN CAROLINA ALLIANCE GROUP'S VISIT/MEETING WITH STATE LEGILATORS ON MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>:**

Mrs. DeThane Johnson came before council and gave an update regarding the trip to Washington with Southern Carolina Alliance Group. She stated that the trip was funded by private donors. Mrs. Johnson stated that they met and spoke with legislative staff, etc. and felt that they were very responsive to the needs of this region. Council thanked Mrs. Johnson for her update.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

There were no appointment(s).

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> AS CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION DAY:**

Mrs. Bridgett Gray-Peeples, Director, Hampton County Department of Social Services, came before council and gave a brief background as to why the day is proclaimed and handed out Blue Ribbon pins as a symbol of support of the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Mrs. Peeples stated that the proclamation is a campaign to raise the awareness of citizens about child abuse and neglect prevention. Council thanked Mrs. Peeples for her presentation. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adopt the proclamation proclaiming

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April 17, 2009 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Day. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray presented the proclamation to Mrs. Peeples.

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Parker, to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

There were no ordinance(s).

**BID(S)**

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(S):**

There were no discussion point(s).

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Comprehensive Plan – Review of Natural Resources and Historic Resources Sections**

Mrs. Lawton O'Cain, Chair, Planning Commission, came before council and gave an overview of two sections of the Comprehensive Plan dealing with natural resources and historic resources.

**Discussion of the Sheriff's Overtime Request**

Council stated that they did not want to do so and stated that the Sheriff has been doing a good job controlling overtime but cannot control situations that require overtime. Council decided to change the sheriff's department back to fluctuating overtime in order to manage the overtime cost.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**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 Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. After coming out of executive session, Chairman Gray stated that council

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discussed a personnel matter.

**INTRODUCTION OF TIM LATHAM, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:**

Administrator Graham introduced Mr. Latham to council and the public. Mr. Latham stated that he is thankful to serve in this position. Council thanked Mr. Latham for coming.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p. m.