

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MAY 4, 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, May 4, 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.; Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker, Vice Chairman and Willard E. Wilson. Council Member(s) absent: Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips. 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, 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 Parker.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MR. ERIC JAMES, NUCOR, REGARDING RESOLUTION:

Mr. Eric James came before council and presented a resolution for consideration regarding the spending of Federal Economic Renewal Grants awarded to Hampton County.

MR. HAZEMORE BOLES REGARDING ANNA LAUREL ROAD:

Mr. Hazemore was the spokesperson for the group in regards to getting something done about Anna Laurel Road. He stated that it was in bad condition. He stated that they had spoken to the County Transpiration Committee (CTC) chaired by Mr. Charlie Crews and Blake Hodge, Public Works Director, but nothing has been done. He stated that they were promised that their road would be the next road for rocking but has been overlooked. Chairman Gray stated that Administrator Graham would look into the matter.

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE MAY 4, 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. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APRIL 20, 2009 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 Parker, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

MRS. HAZEL SMITH, ADULT LITERACY EDUCATION:

Mrs. Hazel Smith, Executive Director, Adult Literacy Education, came before council to address the remarks made by Dr. Lietzel, President, Technical College of the Lowcountry, regarding the Literacy Program moving back into the Mungin Center. She stated that the last written correspondence that they received was that they were asked to move out by July 1, 2009. She stated that there was no written correspondence regarding the program relocating back in the Mungin Center after the renovations were completed. Chairman Gray asked that a meeting be held with Dr. Lietzel, Mr. Hazel Smith, Ms. Alice Behlin and Administrator Graham to clarify the matter.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

SITE FOR THE MUD RUN:

Moved by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the Watermelon Festival Committee's resolution regarding the use of the site for the Mud Run. Motion carried unanimously.

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ORDINANCE(S)

**AMENDMENT TO THE SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-003,
AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 2008-013, CHAPTER 1, ADMINISTRATION OF
INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, SECTION 112**

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give second reading with the proposed amendment to the ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE #2009-005 – FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY OF ORDINANCE
#2009-005, AN ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED
INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH JASPER COUNTY
AND BEAUFORT COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK TO BE
GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN JASPER COUNTY:**

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give first reading by title only to Ordinance #2009-005. an ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated industrial and business park in conjunction with Jasper County and Beaufort County, such industrial and business park to be geographically located in Jasper County. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE #2009-006 - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$8,010,000 HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA VARIABLE RATE DEMAND REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS (CAROLINA SOYA, LLC PROJECT), SERIES 2009, THE EXECUTION OF A TRUST INDENTURE, A LOAN AGREEMENT, A TAX REGULATORY AGREEMENT AND A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT, AND THE APPROVAL OF AN OFFERING MEMORANDUM AND A PROMISSORY NOTE AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH:

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give first reading by title only to Ordinance #2009-006, Ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$8,010,000 Hampton County, South Carolina Variable Rate Demand Refunding Revenue Bonds (Carolina Soya, LLC Project), Series 2009, The Execution of a Trust Indenture, A Loan Agreement, A Tax Regulatory Agreement and A Bond Purchase Agreement, and the Approval of an Offering Memorandum and a Promissory note and Other Matters in connection therewith. Motion carried unanimously.

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).

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ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (COUNCIL MEMBER GRAY AND WILSON) REGARDING THE INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS OF PROPERTY TAXES:

Chairman Gray reported that the Administration and Finance Committee met with the Taxing Officials, Treasurer, Auditor, Assessor and Tax Collector, to discuss the installment payments of property taxes. He reported that it was the recommendation of the Taxing Officials that the benefit would not outweigh the cost. Also, the installment program is a prepayment of taxes. A taxpayer would have to pay this year's taxes and prepay on the installment taxes for the upcoming tax year. Also, if all the payments were not completed, the property would still go up for sale and the county would keep the payments made. Council took no action on installment payments of property taxes.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
Third Quarter 2008/2009 Financial Report**

Mike Meyer, Finance Director, presented the Third Quarter 2008/2009 Financial Report to council. He stated that it appeared that it may be a break even year. Council thanked Mr. Meyer for his report. (See attachment #2)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. After coming out of executive session, Chairman Gray stated that council received an update on several items from the County Attorney for the courthouse and other things.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p. m.