

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MAY 18, 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 18, 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 Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips. 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: Michael 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 Phillips.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MS. TERRY SEABROOK, PARTNERSHIP SPECIALIST, UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU:

Ms. Seabrook came and updated council and the public on the activities of the census and encouraged everyone to be counted. Council thanked Ms. Seabrook for her presentation.

MR. CHARLIE LAFFITTE, CITIZEN, REGARDING SPEEDING COUNTY VEHICLES:

Mr. Laffitte came before council regarding speeding county vehicles. He asked that council check into the matter and try to slow them down. He stated if something pulls out in front of these vehicles, there could be a very bad accident. Council asked Administrator Graham to look into the matter and report her findings to council.

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE MAY 18, 2009 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Gray asked if there were any changes to the agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the agenda with the following revisions: (1) Move Item #13.1.1, Yemassee Revitalization Corporation to Item #7.0, Yemassee Revitalization Corporation, (2) Delete Item #9.2, Resolution Approving the Issuance of Industrial Development Refunding Revenue Bonds by Carolina Soya and (3) Delete Item #9.3, Resolution Regarding the Federal Economic Stimulus Renewal Grant to Hampton County. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MAY 4, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND MAY 11, 2009 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 Johnson, to approve the May 4, 2009 minutes and the May 11, 2009 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

MS. SUE SLEDZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, YEMASSEE REVITALIZAION CORPORATION REGARDING THE YEMASSEE REVITALIZATION CORPORATION (YRC):

Ms. Sledz came before council to inform them about the Yemassee Revitalization Corporation (YRC) was formed in 2008 as a grassroots community revitalization organization. She stated that YRC is a 501(c) 3 organization. Ms. Sledz presented to council the mission of the Yemassee Revitalization Corporation which is to restore and beautify downtown Yemassee, education regarding the history and culture of the Yemassee area, and preserve the environment surround Yemassee.

UPDATE ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (MS. GINNIE KOZAK, PLANNING DIRECTOR, LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS):

Ms. Ginnie Kozak, Planning Director, Lowcountry Council of Governments, came before council and presented Sections 6, Community Facilities, Section 8, Transportation and Section 9, Priority Investment, of the Comprehensive Plan.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

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RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IN BEAUFORT:
Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the resolution supporting the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

ORDINANCE #2009-005 – SECOND READING 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:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give second reading 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.

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):
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL (COUNCIL MEMBER PARKER):
Council Member Parker updated council regarding the Keep America Beautiful Program and stated that there will be a meeting on June 1, 2009 regarding the certification process.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
Capital Projects Sales Tax Receipt Summary

Administrator Graham reported that collections were a little under but are still on target to meet the collections goal for the capital projects.

Litter Report for April 2009

Administrator Graham presented the Litter Report for April 2009.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to go into executive session to discuss economic development matter(s). 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 Sandy Fowler, Executive Director, Hampton County Economic Development Commission, advised council of economic development opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p. m.