

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY; SEPTEMBER 8, 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 Tuesday, September 8, 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; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips and 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 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:

Council Member Johnson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Parker.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

ORDINANCE #2009-007, DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS OF THE ESTILL INDUSTRIAL PARK:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive comments on Ordinance #2009-007, Declaration of Restrictive Covenants of the Estill Industrial Park. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE #2009-008, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE KEEP HAMPTON COUNTY BEAUTIFUL BOARD:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive comments on Ordinance #2009-008, An ordinance to establish the Keep Hampton County Beautiful Board. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE #2009-012, AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #2009-005 AND THE MULTI-COUNTY AGREEMENT WITH JASPER COUNTY:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive comments on Ordinance #2009-012, Amendment to Ordinance #2009-005 and the Multi-County Industrial Park Agreement with Jasper County. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s)

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CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 August 17, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes
5.2 August 17, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes

Moved by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Gray asked if there were any changes to the agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adopt the agenda with the following revision(s): (1) Add Item #8.4, Ms. Beth McNeer, A-H-J Regional Library's Annual Report, (2) Delete Item #4.1, Mr. Vince Viola, Public Comments. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

JULY 20, 2009 AND AUGUST 3, 2009 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 July 20, 2009 and the August 3, 2009 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO APPOINTEES:

Chairman Gray presented Certificates of Appointments to Durena Marcum and Sarah Jo Whitycombe, New Life Center Board.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO RETIREE, WOODROW HARTER, ASSESSOR:

Chairman Gray presented a plaque to Mr. Woodrow Harter, Retired Assessor, for his contribution to Hampton County as Assessor.

PRESENTATION FROM MR. DANNY BLACK, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE AND MS. SANDY FOWLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HAMPTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REGARDING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

Mr. Black stated that he was very excited about projects for Hampton County and the Mega Site. He introduced Sandy Fowler and stated that she would be making the presentation. Ms. Fowler came before council and gave an update regarding the Industrial Park on Hwy. 68 referred to as the Mega Site. She updated council on the collaborations and the progress that is being made regarding economic development and the site. She also stated that they are very excited about the project with Mead Westvaco. Mr. Brody stood and stated that he looked forward to working

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with Hampton County. (See Attachment #1) Members and staff of the Hampton County Economic Development Members present, DeThane Johnson, Chairman, Holbrook Platts, Dr. Lamar Priester and JoAnn Lamprecht, Administrative Assistant, were recognized.

MS. BETH McNEER, DIRECTOR, A-H-J REGIONAL LIBRARY, CAME BEFORE COUNCIL TO GIVE THE LIBRARY'S ANNUAL REPORT:

Ms. McNeer came before council and gave the annual report for the library. (See Attachment #2)

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE #2009-007, DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS OF THE ESTILL INDUSTRIAL PARK:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Parker, to give third reading to Ordinance #2009-007, Declaration of Restrictive Covenants of the Estill Industrial Park. Motion carried unanimously.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE #2009-008, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE KEEP HAMPTON COUNTY BEAUTIFUL BOARD:

Moved by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give third reading to Ordinance #2009-008, Ordinance #2009-008, Ordinance to Establish the Keep Hampton County Beautiful Board. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE TO ORDINANCE #2009-010, AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2009 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Parker, to give second reading to Ordinance #2009-010, an ordinance to adopt the 2009 Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE TO ORDINANCE #2009-011, AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE:

Mr. Randy Crews, Building Inspector, presented on behalf of the Hampton County Planning Commission. Mr. Crews stated that the first reading had been given but wanted to add an amendment to a section. The amendment is rezoning of the existing Industrial Park out to the interstate. He stated that they are started the process to change the zoning on Highway 68. Member of the Planning Commission were present and stated that they wanted to submit their dissents to the recommendation as approved by the Planning Commission. Council Member

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Johnson wanted to know if this only applied to the Industrial Park. Mr. Crews stated that it did unless the Zoning Map is changed. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Parker, to give second reading to the amendment to the Hampton County Land Use Ordinance. Motion carried.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE TO ORDINANCE #2009-012, AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #2009-005 AND THE MULTI-COUNTY AGREEMENT WITH JASPER COUNTY:

Administrator Graham stated that this request came from the City of Hardeeville. Since Hampton County receives 1% revenues from this project and has to approve the same agreement, the amendment has to be made also. She stated that the amendment just cleans up some of the language. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give second reading to Ordinance #2009-012, Amendment to Ordinance #2009-005 and the Multi-County Industrial Park Agreement with Jasper County. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE TO ORDINANCE #2009-013, PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give second reading to Ordinance #2009-013, Proposed Amendment to Zoning Map. 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 #3)

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT(S):

There were no discussion point(s).

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Lowcountry Regional Industrial Park (LRIP) Wetlands Master Plan

Ms. Sandy Fowler, Economic Development Director, stated that she was seeking approval of the Wetlands Master Plan for submission to the Army Corp of Engineers. She stated that the county contracted with Hussey, Gay, Bell and DeYoung and their subcontractor Newkirk Environmental to identify the wetlands and develop an overall master plan for the entire Park. She stated that the master plan outlines the optimal usage of the park. She stated that once approved, this will be the final mitigation allowed for the Lowcountry Regional Industrial Park. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve and

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authorize said company to make application. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #4)

Health of Trees on Courthouse Grounds

Administrator Graham stated that she received a copy of the report from the Forestry Commission regarding the health of the trees on the Courthouse grounds. She stated that the report indicated that the trees may be reacting to the construction. She stated that there were some recommendations as to how to treat the trees. Administrator Graham wanted to know if council wanted the opinion of another professional regarding the trees. Council Member Parker stated that she would like an arborist to look at the trees. **Moved** by Council Member Parker to hire a certified arborist to review and inspect the courthouse vegetation (trees). There was no second. The motion died for a second.

2010 Census Complete Court Committee

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by council Member Parker, to appoint the following to the 2010 Complete Count Committee: Debra Bryant, Delhia Smith, Lester Warren, JoAnn Lamprecht, Mary Butler, Josie Roberts, Town of Yemassee, Lloyd Griffith, Town of Varnville and the authorization of adding others as needed. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Request from Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Smalls requested the hiring of a person to substitute for the Courthouse Security Position. He stated that a retiree holds the position of Courthouse Security which is a part-time position. He stated that the retiree can only earn so much during the year. He stated that the funds are in the budget to pay the substitute. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the sheriff's request. Motion carried unanimously.

Hampton County Grants Administration – Grant Awards from Stimulus Funds

Mike Meyer, Hampton County Finance Director, came before council and presented a list of the grants that Hampton County has received from the stimulus funds. He stated that these are non-match grants, and they have totaled approximately \$900,000 (nine hundred thousand dollars).

Request for Letters of Thanks Be Written

Council Member Phillips asked Administrator Graham to write letters to Representative Bowers for helping to acquire the vehicle for the Council on Aging and also Ms. Way from the Forestry Commission for her assistance on the courthouse tree request.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no executive session matters(s).

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p. m.