

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; OCTOBER 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, October 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. and Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips. Council Member(s) absent: Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker, Vice Chairman. 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 Phillips.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2009 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Gray asked if there were any changes to the agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adopt the agenda with the following revision(s): (1) Add Item #10.2, Hampton County Health Day Proclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

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PUBLIC HEARING(S)

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE #2009-010, THE 2009
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2009-010, the 2009 Comprehensive Plan. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE #2009-011, AMENDMENT TO THE
UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2009-011, Amendment to the Unified Land Development Ordinance. Administrator Graham asked that the definition for Interstate Industrial District be removed prior to third reading. With no further comments, Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE #2009-013, PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2009-013, Proposed Amendment to Zoning Map. Mr. John Holloway read and presented a letter (See Attachment #1) opposing the proposed amendment to the Zoning Map. There were no further comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

PRESENTATION OF NEW ASSESSOR, MR. LESTER WARREN:

Administrator Graham presented Mr. Lester Warren to council and the public. She stated that Mr. Warren was replacing Mr. Woodrow Harter, Retired Assessor. Mr. Warren stated that he was thankful that he was given the opportunity to serve the public.

APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

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RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA APPROVING THAT CERTAIN LEASE-FINANCING TRANSACTION BY JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA ON BEHALF OF THE LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO:

Mr. Lawrence E. Flynn, III came before council to present the resolution. He stated that Lowcountry Council of Governments (LCOG) is making improvements to its administrative facilities which are located in Jasper County, South Carolina. Jasper County is financing the project for the COG. The resolution is a method used to inform all member institutions regarding the financing method for the improvements. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the resolution of the County Council of Hampton County, South Carolina approving that certain lease-financing transaction by Jasper County, South Carolina on behalf of the Lowcountry Council of governments; and other matters relating thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

HAMPTON COUNTY HEALTH DAY PROCLAMATION:

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adopt the proclamation declaring October 10, 2009 as Hampton County Health Day. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE #2009-010, THE 2009 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give third reading to Ordinance #2009-010, the 2009 Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give third reading to Ordinance #2009-011, Amendment to the Unified Land Development Ordinance, without the inclusion of the definition of "Interstate Industrial District". Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give third reading to Ordinance #2009-013, Proposed Amendment to Zoning Map. Motion carried unanimously.

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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:

Update

Administrator Graham updated council regarding the Census training and reminded council regarding SouthernCarolina's Industry Appreciation Day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to go into executive session to discuss a legal 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 it was the consensus of the council to hire Mr. Lee Bowers, Attorney at Law, to handle a legal matter, because the County Attorney has a conflict of interest.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p. m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:

Aline Newton, Clerk to Council

Hampton County Council Members:

Hugh B. Gray, Chairman

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Absent
Margaret S. Parker, Vice Chairman

Virgin Johnson, Sr.

Charles H. Phillips

Vacant