

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; OCTOBER 19, 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 19, 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:**

Council Member Johnson gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Gray.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

5.1 October 5, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes

**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 19, 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: (1) Add Item #5, Public Hearing Regarding the Change of Scope for the Mungin Center, Technical College of the Lowcountry (TCL). Motion carried unanimously.

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**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CHANGE OF SCOPE FOR THE MUNGIN CENTER PROJECT:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding the change of scope for the Mungin Center Project. Michelle Knight, Lowcountry Council of Governments (LCOG) summarized the project changes. (See Attachment #1) Council stated that they felt that the Mungin Center Project is a positive for Hampton County. 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)**

**MRS. BETTY RUTH CREWS, CHAIR, HAMPTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, REGARDING INSPECTION OF HAMPTON COUNTY MUSEUM'S SECOND FLOOR SUPPORT:**

Mrs.. Betty Ruth Crews came before council regarding permission to have an inspection of the second floor support of the Hampton County Museum. Mrs. Crews stated that the Historical Society needed council to grant them permission, because the museum is owned by the county. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to grant permission to the Historical Society to have the inspection conducted, and the Historical Society will pay for the inspection. Motion carried unanimously.

**NUISANCE ORDINANCE UPDATE:**

Administrator Graham stated that Mr. Crews, Building Inspector, was scheduled to present the update but was sick, so she would present the Nuisance Update. She stated that the report was detailed and color coded. She stated that there was nothing specific or of great concern in the report.

**APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

There were no appointment(s).

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**RESOLUTION(S)**

There were no resolution(s).

**ORDINANCE(S)**

There were no ordinance(s).

**BID(S)**

**BIDS FOR GRINDING:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to accept the recommendation of the Landfill Director and the Finance Director and award the bid for the grinding of wood waste to the lowest bidder, Santee Modular Homes at \$9.85 (nine dollars and eighty-five cents) per ton. Motion carried unanimously.

**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 (1) the possibility of getting a FEMA grant to help with the renovation of the B. T. DeLoach Building. The building would serve as a back up Emergency Operation Center if the grant was awarded; (2) Solicited bids for the project – 16 bids received – Sandy Fowler, Economic Development Director and Dr. William Small, Member, Technical College of the Lowcountry Board, will review the bids (3) Wastewater Study, B. P Barber, will meet on October 7, 2009 with the municipalities, October 6, 2009 had census training; (4) Capital Sales Tax Project Committee, the Town of Estill and Hampton have appointed their members – three of four persons identified for the committee; (5) Farmer's Market looking for a home. The Friends of the Farmers' Market are not eligible to apply for grant. The market will be housed under the Recreation Department – they will not be included in the county budget. She stated that the grant was pending and wanted to share this for information; (6) Ms. Francis Wait, Forestry Commission, has recommended that the several trees

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be removed from the courthouse grounds. She stated that the trees are dead as a result of care or construction; (7) Updated council regarded Legislative Delegation's Grant Writer – Advertised for contract – Deadline is October 30, 2009; (8) Planning Services solicited for Land Use Development Plan and Zoning portion. Bids due November 16, 2009; (9) Began discussions with Solid Waste regarding contract- ten year contract will end.

**Sheriff's Request Regarding Part-Time Personnel**

The Sheriff requested that council allow for three additional part-time personnel when people are out. He stated that these would serve as a pool of people that he can call in to substitute when someone is out. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the request for up to three (3) additional employees and that these people are paid from sources other than the budget. Motion carried unanimously.

**Litter Report for September 2009**

Administrator Graham presented the Litter Report for September 2009 as information.

**State Aid to Local Subdivisions**

Administrator Graham stated that they received notification from the South Carolina Association of Counties that the State Aid to Local Subdivisions figures were calculated in error. She stated that this is just and update that this means that there will be a \$33,000 (thirty-three thousand dollars) loss in revenue. She stated that they are hoping that this will be absorbed in the budget but no action is required now but will keep this matter on the radar.

**First Quarter 2009/2010 Financial Report**

Mike Meyer, Finance Director, came before council and presented the first quarter f2009/2010 Financial Report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**LEGAL MATTER:**

**Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, 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 council discussed three legal matters and it is the consensus of council for the County Attorney to take action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p. m.

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**Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:**

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Aline Newton, Clerk to Council

**Hampton County Council Members:**

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Hugh B. Gray, Chairman

Absent

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Margaret S. Parker, Vice Chairman

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Virgin Johnson, Sr.

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Charles H. Phillips

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Vacant