

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; December 7, 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, December 7, 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. 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 Chairman Gray.

CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 November 16, 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 DECEMBER 7, 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 adopt the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

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There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES AND CERTIFICATES:

Chairman Gray along with DeThane M. Johnson, Chairman, Economic Development Commission, presented plaques to outgoing members of the Hampton County Economic Development Commission, Bill Hager and Marjorie Thomas, for their dedicated service.

Chairman Gray presented certificates of appointment to:

All Wars Memorial Advisory Committee – J. C. Clifton and Ronald Reynolds
Keep Hampton County Beautiful Board – Jean DeLoach and DeThane M. Johnson.

APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

APPOINTMENT(S) TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL, HAMPTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE HAMPTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION:

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Ethel Denmark and Michael DeWitt to the Hampton County Arts Council; Collins Lane, Gregg M. Brunson and Joe Gray Peeples to the Hampton County Economic Development Commission and Lois Pendarvis Harper to the Hampton County Planning Commission.

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #2009-014, AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE ZONING MAP:

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Chairman Gray stated that R & L Trucking applied for rezoning of property off Highway 68 outside of Yemassee. Council Member Phillips asked if there were any complaints. Administrator Graham stated that there were none. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give second reading to the amendment to the Unified Land Development Ordinance Zoning Map. Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY RULES AND PROCEDURES:
Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give second reading to the amendment to the Hampton County Rules and Procedures. Motion carried unanimously. The amendment addresses the residency requirements for board/commission members.

FIRST READING TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY MEGA PARK AGREEMENT:
Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give first reading to the MEGA Park Agreement by title only. 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).

ADOPTION OF 2010 COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR:
Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the amended 2010 Council Meeting Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
SouthernCarolina Alliance Activity Report
Administrator Graham stated that she was providing the report as information.

Litter Report for November 2009
Mrs. Graham presented the Litter Report for November 2009 as information. She also provided an explanation regarding council's inquiry regarding the difference in charges listed in the last Litter Report. She stated that one was a citation and the other was a warning.

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Request From Sheriff's Department for Part-Time Resource Officer

Mr. Mike Meyer, Finance Director, came before council to present the Sheriff's request. He stated that the position would be part-time with 32 hours per week. The officer will be placed at Estill High School. He stated that the position will be fully funded by the school. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Parker, to approve the part-time Resource Officers position not to exceed 32 (thirty-two) hours per week via a contractual agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Retiree Benefits Report

Mr. Mike Meyer, Finance Director, came before council and presented them with a study on the retirees' benefits. He stated that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) required that an actuarial study of retiree benefits be completed to determine the county's liability for retiree health care benefits in the future years. He stated that Hampton County contracted with Gabriel Roeder Smith and Company (GRS) to conduct the study. Mr. Meyer stated that the Finance Staff provided employment and benefits data to GRS that was used as the basis of the study. He stated that the study has been completed in accordance with the requirement. Mr. Meyer stated that this is presented to council to study, because it will be an item discussed in budget workshop.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no legal matter(s) to discuss.

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.