

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY; JANUARY 19, 2010; 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, January 19, 2010, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Christopher B. Haulsee, 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.

(**Note:** Hampton County Council toured the house that was donated by Speights and Runyan at 5:00 p. m.)

**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 Haulsee.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AND ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 19, 2010 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:**

Chairman Gray asked if there were any changes to the agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve the Consent Agenda and adopt the agenda with the deletion of a personnel matter under executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

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**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE #2009-014, AMENDMENT TO THE  
HAMPTON COUNTY UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE ZONING  
MAP:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive comments regarding Ordinance #2009-014, Amendment to the Hampton County Unified Land Development Ordinance Zoning Map which is the rezoning of approximately 30 acres of property from residential to industrial. He stated that two readings were already given, and there were no objections to Ordinance #2009-014. Council Member Haulsee inquired regarding the classification from residential to industrial if council would have control over what goes in it. Chairman Gray stated that R and L Carrier owns the whole tract. With no other comments, Chairman Gray closed the public hearing regarding Ordinance #2009-014.

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE #2009-015, AMENDMENT TO THE  
HAMPTON COUNTY RULES AND PROCEDURES ORDINANCE:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive comments regarding Ordinance #2009-015, Amendment to the Hampton County Rules and Procedures Ordinance. He stated that two readings had already been given, and there were no objections to Ordinance #2009-015. Council Member Haulsee stated that you would not want to keep someone off who had the talents and expertise to offer. He stated that someone who owned a business and paid taxes would not be able to serve. Chairman Gray stated that they could serve as a non-voting member. Chairman Gray stated that non-residents could serve in a non-voting capacity. With no other comments, Chairman Gray closed the public hearing regarding Ordinance #2009-015.

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**DeThane McKenzie Johnson**

Mrs. Johnson came before council to deliver good news. She stated that their tractor had been stolen, and the Sheriff's Department was very quick in recovering the tractor. She stated that she wanted to commend the Sheriff's department for doing a good job. Also, she stated that they had to use the Emergency Medical Service (EMS), and they also provided good service. Mrs. Johnson stated that she did not know if the county had anything to do with the Hampton Regional Medical Center's Emergency Room, but she stated that they provided good service as well. Council thanked Mrs. Johnson for her comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

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**PRESENTATION(S)**

**PRESENTATION TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPOINTEE,  
MRS. DONNA GOHAGAN:**

Chairman Gray stated that Mrs. Gohagan could not be present tonight.

**REQUEST FROM THE TOWN OF HAMPTON FOR A SEWER LINE EASEMENT  
(MR. CASKELL HUDSON):**

Mr. Hudson came before council to make a request for a sewer line easement over county property. Chairman Gray stated that the town and county always try to work together. He stated that the county attorney needs to research it prior to council making a decision. Council referred the matter to the County Attorney.

**FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 (McGREGOR AND  
COMPANY):**

Mrs. Lori Salley, McGregor and Company, came before council to present the 2008/2009 Fiscal Year Audit. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to accept the audit as information.

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

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING:**

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Mr. Neil Sullivan to the Hampton County Council on Aging Board.

**KEEP HAMPTON COUNTY BEAUTIFUL (KHCB) BOARD:**

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Mr. Miles M. Elliott to the Keep Hampton County Beautiful Board.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

There were no resolution(s).

**ORDINANCES**

**THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2009-014, AMENDMENT TO THE HAMPTON  
COUNTY UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE ZONING MAP:**

Chairman Gray stated that a public hearing was held earlier, and there were no objections to Ordinance #2009-014. Council Member Phillips stated that since there were no objections to Ordinance #2009-014, he would **move** to give third reading to Ordinance #2009-014, Amendment to the Hampton County's Unified Land Development Ordinance. It was seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

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**THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2009-015, AMENDMENT TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY RULES AND PROCEDURES ORDINANCE:**

Chairman Gray stated that the public hearing for Ordinance #2009-015 was held and there were no objections to the ordinance. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to give third reading to Ordinance #2009-015, Amendment to the Hampton County Rules and Procedures. 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).

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Litter Report for December 2009**

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

**Use of Courthouse Grounds for Watermelon Festival**

Council discussed the request from the Watermelon Festival Committee to locate the festival at the courthouse. Council stated that if they lifted the ban, there needed to be guidelines to protect the grounds. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to lift the ban on the use of the courthouse grounds by groups. Motion carried unanimously. Council referred the task of coming up with a Usage Policy for the courthouse grounds to Council's Buildings and Grounds Committee.

**Removal of Trees on Courthouse Grounds**

Administrator Graham informed council that the dead trees on the courthouse grounds were removed today.

**Municipal Association Meeting**

Administrator Graham reminded council about the Municipal Association Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2010 at 7:00 p. m. at Shari's Restaurant in Estill.

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**Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission (CPSTC)**

Administrator Graham reminded council that the CPSTC will meet on February 11, 2010 and if they have any suggestions, submit them to the committee.

**South Carolina County Managers Conference**

Administrator Graham stated that she will be out of the office on Thursday, and Friday due to attendance of the conference. She stated that she was asked to serve as a panelist regarding Finance/Revenue.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no matter(s) to be discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p. m.