

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY; MAY 17, 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 Monday, May 17, 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.

**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.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to move Item #3.1.2 to Item #13.2 and approve the Consent Agenda:

- 3.1.1 May 3, 2010 County Council Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 ~~Codification Report~~ (Moved to Item #13.2)
- 3.1.3 Capital Projects Sales Tax Report
- 3.1.4 Litter Report

and the May 17, 2010 County Council Meeting Agenda with the addition of executive session matters, Item #15.1, Legal Matter and Item #15.2, Personnel Matter. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE #2010-002, HAMPTON COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 BUDGET:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2010-002, Hampton County

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Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE #2010-003, HAMPTON COUNTY ROAD USER MAINTENANCE FEE:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2010-003, Hampton County Road User Maintenance Fee. There were no 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 CERTIFICATES TO BOARD APPOINTEES:**

Chairman Gray presented certificates to Mr. Lee Ellis, Hampton County Airport Commission, Ms. Dawn N. Winn and Ms. Angela H. Hutto, Hampton County Library Board.

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

**HAMPTON COUNTY FIRE BOARD:**

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Kenny Harrison to the Hampton County Fire Board.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

There were no resolution(s).

**ORDINANCES**

**THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2010-002, HAMPTON COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 BUDGET:**

Administrator Graham stated that council met with all the municipalities regarding the Housing Municipal Inmates Fee. Administrator Graham stated that the county needs to begin looking at sharing the cost for the Public Defender's Office; the state cut the budget. She stated that the service has to be provided. Mrs. Graham stated that \$10,000 (ten thousand

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dollars) is in the budget for the Public Defender's Office. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give third reading to Ordinance #2010-002, Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

**THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2010-003, HAMPTON COUNTY ROAD USER MAINTENANCE FEE:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give third reading to Ordinance #2010-003, Road User Maintenance Fee. Motion carried unanimously. The fee will be a separate line item on the vehicle tax notice.

**SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE #2010-004, LEASE WITH SPEIGHTS/RUNYAN:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give second reading to Ordinance #2010-004, Lease with Speights/Runyan Law Firm to Lease the Annex Building. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Solomons, County Attorney, stated that the lease is from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012. He stated that the amount of the lease is \$2,800 (two thousand, eight hundred dollars) per month. 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):**

**Thanks to Sheriff's Department for Presence at Relay for Life**

Council Member Haulsee thanked the Sheriff's Department for the department's presence at the Relay for Life event.

**CODIFICATION PROJECT:**

The Clerk to Council updated council on the codification project. The next update will be given at the second meeting in July.

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Contract with Lowcountry Council of Governments for the Hampton County Unified Land Development Ordinance**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve the contract with Lowcountry Council of Governments (LCOG) in the amount of \$12,500 (twelve thousand, five hundred dollars) to work with the Hampton County Building Department and Staff to prepare an updated Hampton County Unified Land Development Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously. Administrator Graham stated that the process will take approximately twelve months.

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**Hampton County Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Observed Holiday Schedule Approval and**

**Authorized Personnel Positions**

**Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the holiday schedule and authorized positions. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**LEGAL MATTER AND PERSONNEL MATTER:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter and a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

**Legal Matter**

Chairman Gray stated that council discussed a legal matter.

**Personnel Matter**

Council Member Parker stated that she is resigning as Vice Chair as of tonight and from council as of June 15, 2010. She stated that she was moving to Bluffton and was in transition and the transition is now complete. Council stated that they will miss Council Member Parker. Chairman Gray stated that election of a new Vice Chair will take place at the next meeting. Eligible candidates are Council Members Haulsee, Johnson and Phillips.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p. m.