

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JULY 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 Monday, July 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., and Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, 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. 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:

Chairman Gray gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Haulsee.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AND JULY 19, 2010 AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 3.1.1 June 21, 2010 County Council's Special Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 June 21, 2010 County Council's Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.3 June 28, 2010 County Council's Special Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.4 Litter Report
- 3.1.5 SouthernCarolina Alliance Quarterly Report
- 3.1.6 Ordinance #2010-009, Voluntary Donation of Property to the Town of Hampton
- 3.1.7 Ordinance #2010-011, Amendment to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (Item #3.1.7 moved to Item #10.3.2)

Motion carried unanimously.

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PUBLIC HEARING(S)

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE #2010-005, AMENDMENT TO THE
RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR THE QUAD-COUNTY PARK:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2010-005, Amendment to the Restated Agreement for the Quad-County Park. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE #2010-006, AMENDMENT TO THE
HAMPTON COUNTY UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE ZONING MAP:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2010-006, Amendment to the Hampton County Unified Land Development Ordinance Zoning Map.

Mr. Donny Klaugman stated that he came because he did not know what effect the zoning change would have on his property. He stated that he has had problems with hunter trespassing and littering his property. He stated that he was asked to sell his property and didn't. After not selling his property, he noticed an increase on trespassing and littering on his property. He stated that he has reported the trespassing and littering to the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Klaugman wanted to know if this zoning change would affect his property. Mr. Crews, Building Inspector, stated that it would not. With no other comments, Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

APPROVAL OF MINTUTES

**APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 21, 2010 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 21, 2010
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AND THE JUNE 28, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES:**

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the June 21, 2010 Council's Special Meeting Minutes, June 21, 2010 Council's Meeting Minutes and the June 28, 2010 Council's Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION(S)

**PRESENTATION OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX (CPST) COMMISSION
REPORT:**

Administrator Graham presented to Council the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission Report. She stated that the CPST Commission was appointed by Council on November 16, 29 and has been working diligently to provide a recommendation of prioritized projects for Phase II of the one cent sales tax. She stated that Commission members are Anna Sue Rivers, The Town of Hampton, Alice Hazel, James Black, Kevin Brown, Jeff Willis and James Williams, The Town of Estill. She stated that Coast Architects of Charleston were contracted to assist in developing a capital improvements

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plan based on the Commission's prioritized list. She stated that the Commission's prioritized list of projects includes:

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| 1. Health Department | 3. Library |
| 2. Recreation | 4. Law Enforcement |

Council Member Johnson wanted to know if the Miley Station was not included. Administrator Graham stated that it was not. Council Member Phillips wanted to know the reason why the Miley Station was not included. The issue was also if the Miley Station was built, there would be concerns regarding manning the station. Administrator Graham stated that the total estimated Capital Projects Costs is \$8,776,139.50 (Eight million, seven hundred seventy-six thousand, one hundred thirty-nine dollars and fifty cents). She stated that council needs to approve the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission report of prioritized projects for Phase II of the one cent sales tax. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to receive as information and put on the agenda for a vote later. Motion carried with Chairman Gray voting against. (See Attachment #1 – CPST Commission's Report)

ORDINANCE(S)

THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE 2010-005, AMENDMENT TO THE RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR THE QUAD-COUNTY PARK:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give third reading to Ordinance #2010-005, Amendment to the Restated Agreement for the Quad-County Park. Motion carried unanimously.

THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2010-006, AMENDMENT TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE ZONING MAP:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve third reading to Ordinance #2010-006, Amendment to the Hampton County Unified Land Development Ordinance Zoning Map.

SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE #2010-007, ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES FOR HOUSING MUNICIPAL PRISONERS IN THE HAMPTON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER:

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to give second reading to Ordinance #2010-007, Establishment of an Agreement Between Hampton County and Municipalities for Housing Municipal Prisoners in the Hampton County Detention Center. Motion carried unanimously.

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SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE #2010-008, AMENDMENT TO THE 2009-2010 BUDGET:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to give second reading to Ordinance #2010-008, Amendment to the 2009-2010 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY TO ORDINANCE #2010-010, APPROVAL OF PROJECTS FOR THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX REFERENDUM FOR NOVEMBER 2010:

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give first reading by title only to Ordinance #2010-010, Approval of Projects for the Capital Projects Sales Tax Referendum for November 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING TO ORDINANCE #2010-011, AMENDMENT TO THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE:

Mr. Randy Crews, Building Inspector, came before council regarding the amendment to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance as required by the State of South Carolina. He stated that he would like to meet with the towns and explain that a Memorandum of Agreement for the county is needed to be able to administer the flood maps for them. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to give second reading to Ordinance #2010-011, Amendment to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #2 – Chairman's Update)

CODIFICATION PROJECT UPDATE:

The Clerk to Council updated council regarding documents being sent regarding the Codification Project. The next update will be given at the first meeting in October.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

REQUEST FOR USE OF FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 CONTINGENCY FUNDS FOR THE ELECTION COMMISSION:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to transfer \$25,010 from the 2009-2010 Contingency Fund to the Election Commission to cover expenses for the special election to fill a vacant County Council's seat and for a run-off election in the Coroner's race. Motion carried unanimously.

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM AND HAMPTON COUNTY:

Administrator Graham stated that Lowcountry Regional Home Consortium is funded by the United States Government under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, specifically the HOME Investment Partnership Program. The program is managed by LCOG. Hampton County has participated in this program in prior years. She stated that the agreement states that Hampton County will rehabilitate four (4) owner occupied houses located throughout the County. HOME funds will be used towards the rehabilitation of the units. The project will benefit approximately seven (7) people, 100% are low to moderate income qualifying. All units must be brought up to Hampton County's Codes. LCOG will provide the general administrative services for this grant. She stated that Council is asked to approve the Rehabilitation Agreement with LCOG HOME Consortium recommending S&F Engineering Company as the contractor for the rehabilitation work. She stated that LCOG has worked with S&F in the past and has been pleased with their work. Administrator Graham stated that Hampton County has the option to solicit bids and find its own contractor. She stated that she recommended council accepts LCOG's recommendation of S&F Engineer as LCOG will be administering the grant. The total program budget is \$112,500. Council Member Johnson wanted to know if it was possible for someone from Hampton County to be the contractor. Council stated that if it was a possibility that someone from Hampton County could bid on the project, then that would be wonderful Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to inquire to find out if Hampton County can bid the work and give the contractors in Hampton County an opportunity to bid. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to participate in the HOME Program. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY RECORDS ONLINE:

Administrator Graham stated that the taxing official and their staff is working to put property records online. She stated that this would allow people to pay online using the Pay Pal System.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray reported that the County Attorney, Mr. Solomons, updated Council on a legal matter.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to adjourn at 7:20 p. m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Aline Newton, Clerk to Council

Members of Hampton County Council:

Hugh B. Gray, Chairman

Charles H. Phillips, Vice Chairman

Christopher B. Haulsee

Virgin Johnson, Sr.

Vacant