

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; AUGUST 2, 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, August 2, 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 Phillips.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AND AUGUST 2, 2010 AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the

Consent Agenda: 3.1.1 July 19, 2010 County Council's Meeting Minutes

and the Hampton County Council's August 2, 2010 Agenda with the following revisions:
(1) Addition of Item #10.3.1, First Reading By Title Only to the Corrective Deed for the Town of Yemassee and (2) Addition of Item #4.5, Public Hearing for Ordinance #2010-004, Lease Agreement for the Annex Building of the Donated Property to Speights and Runyan for Office Space. Motion carried unanimously.

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PUBLIC HEARING(S)

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE #2010-007, ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES FOR HOUSING MUNICIPAL PRISONERS IN HAMPTON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2010-007, Establishment of an Agreement Between Hampton County and Municipalities for Housing Municipal Prisoners in Hampton County Detention Center. Chairman Gray recognized Mayor Wright, Town of Brunson, Mayor Goodwin, Town of Yemassee and Council Member Mixson. Comments were made in regard to the towns paying the fee to house prisoners constituted double taxation. Council Member Haulsee stated that if an inmate was held over for General Sessions Court, then the towns would not be charged, because it would be the county's responsibility. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE #2010-008, AMENDMENT TO THE 2009-2010 BUDGET:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2010-008, Amendment to the 2009-2010 Budget. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE #2010-010, APPROVAL OF PROJECTS FOR THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX REFERENDUM FOR NOVEMBER 2010:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2010-010, Approval of Projects for the Capital Projects Sales Tax Referendum for November 2010. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE #2010-011, AMENDMENT TO THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2010-011, Amendment to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 19, 2010 MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Gray stated that approval of the minutes would be deferred until the next meeting.

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PRESENTATION(S)

PHAMPTON COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE 2009 ANNUAL REPORT (FIRE CHIEF GENE RUSHING):

Administrator Graham asked that the report be deferred. Chief Rushing was not present.

MS. DIANE BUSH, MEMBER, HAMPTON COUNTY LIBRARY, REGARDING LIBRARY:

Ms. Bush came and spoke in favor of the expansion of the Library.

MS. BETH McNEER REGARDING LIBRARY:

Ms. McNeer came before council and gave a report regarding the usage of the library.

YOUTH SPORTS COMMISSIONER REGARDING CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX ON RECREATION:

Mr. Craig Gooding, Youth Baseball Commissioner, Mr. D. Pittinger and several others came to speak on behalf of the Youth Sports. They stated that they would like to see recreation moved up to the Number one on the Capital Projects Sales Tax's Project List and also that the project be changed to a multi-sport complex built to serve the whole county. It was stated that Hampton County has no county-owned sports facility for the youth.

MS. TERRY SEABROOK, PARTNERSHIP SPECIALIST, UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU, REGARDING THE 2010 CENSUS:

Ms. Seabrook came before council and gave an update regarding the 2010 Census. She cited improvements in the reporting for Hampton County. Council thanked Ms. Seabrook for her report.

CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX COMMISSION REPORT:

Administrator Graham presented the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission Report to council. She stated that the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission (Anna Sue Rivers, Alice Hazel, James Black, Kevin Brown, Jeff Willis and James Williams) was appointed by Council on November 16, 2009 and has been working diligently to provide a recommendation of prioritized projects for Phase II of the one cent sales tax. She stated that Coast Architects of Charleston was contacted to assist in developing a capital improvements plan based on the Commission's prioritized list. She stated that the CPST Commission's Prioritized List of Projects included (1) Health Department, (2) Recreation, (3) Library and (4) Law Enforcement. She stated that Council received the report as information at the July 19, 2010 meeting but approval is needed in order for the process to continue. Council Member Haulsee wanted to know if council accepted the recommendations from the Commission, could they change the priority or would they need to do so in the acceptance of the report? Administrator Graham with the advice of the County Attorney stated that they could accept

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the recommendation and make changes during the third reading. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to accept the report. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTIONS)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2010-004, LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE ANNEX BUILDING OF THE DONATED PROPERTY TO SPEIGHTS AND RUNYAN FOR OFFICE SPACE:

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to give third reading to Ordinance #2010-004, Lease Agreement for the Annex Building of the Donated Property to Speights and Runyan for Office Space. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

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

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

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SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE #2010-009, VOLUNTARY DONATION OF PROPERTY TO THE TOWN OF HAMPTON:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to give second reading to Ordinance #2010-009, Voluntary Donation of Property to the Town of Hampton. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND 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 Haulsee, to amend the recommendation of the Capital Sales Tax Project Commission and move recreation to #1 and allocate more funds to recreation and guild a county multi-sport complex. There was no second. The motion died for a second. There were no additional motions offered. No action was taken on Ordinance #2010-010.

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

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give second reading to Ordinance #2010-011, Amendment to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY TO ORDINANCE FOR CORRECTIVE DEED FOR THE TOWN OF YEMASSEE:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give first reading by title only to Ordinance for the Corrective Deed for the Town of Yemassee. Motion carried

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

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

YEMASSEE REGIONAL PLAN:

Administrator Graham stated that Mr. Noel Thorn presented the Yemassee Regional Plan to County Council on June 28, 2010. She stated that the Yemassee Regional Planning Committee is seeking approval from the governmental agencies to continue working on this project. The county representatives involved in the work to date include Chairman Gray, Administrator Graham, Economic Development Director, Sandy Fowler and Economic Development Chair, DeThane Johnson. Mr. Thorn is to meet with the Hampton County Planning Commission and Economic Development Commission on August 16, 2010 at 5:00 p. m.

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REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION OF FLOOD ORDINANCE:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to enter into intergovernmental agreements with the municipalities. Motion carried unanimously.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM AND HAMPTON COUNTY:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the Rehabilitation Agreement with S&F Engineering Company as the project manager for the project. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR BOARD STIPEND:

Administrator Graham presented to council on behalf of the Registration and Elections Board a request for the county to consider supplementing the stipend paid to them by the State. She stated that the State has recently stopped paying the stipend to the Board of Elections members and would like Council to consider supplementing the amount until the State can begin paying them again. Mrs. Beverly Cook, Hampton County Board of Elections and Voter Registration, stated that she declined to request the stipend. No action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no matter(s).

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adjourn at 7:45 p. m. Motion carried unanimously.