

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY; FEBRUARY 22, 2011; 5:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING
201 JACKSON AVENUE, WEST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2011, 5:00 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 and Shedron Williams. 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.

INTRODUCTION:

Chairman Gray introduced Boy Scout Troop #668 from Estill:

Leader – Ms. Sara Hanna

Scout Master – Mr. Greg Jones

Scouts – Jake Boswell

Gill Griner

Mitchell Hanna

Alex Jones

Tyler Morehead

Chairman Gray stated that the scouts are working toward their Civics Badge.

PRESENTATION(S)

MS. FRANNIE HEIZER, ATTORNEY, McNAIR LAW FIRM, REGARDING THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX PROCEDURES:

Ms. Heizer came before council and distributed handouts talked about Capital Projects Sales Tax and to get the process started. Mrs. Heizer stated that there are a number of taxes that the legislature authorizes the counties to impose. She stated that all of them are based or founded upon the successful referendum. She stated that the legislature requires that this type of referendum only be held in general elections, so the opportunity to this coincides with the even year elections. She stated that the next opportunity would be 2012 to get the referendum on the ballot. The revenue generated from the CPSTA can be spent directly on capital projects or can be used to pay debt service on bonds. Mrs. Heizer reminded council that there was a formula in which had to be used to determine the make-up of the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission. She stated that based on the formula, the Town of Hampton would make an appointment, and then the appointee from the town of Hampton would appoint the additional two municipal representatives (the representatives cannot come from the Town of Hampton – they would have to come from one of the other municipalities within the county.) Also, the county would make the additional three appointments. The commission would consist of six (6) members. Mrs. Heizer also stated that the commission would frame the

question and decide on the projects. She stated that this could not be changed by council, but if council had concerns or recommendations after receiving the questions, project list, they could refer it back to the commission for reconsideration and if in agreement, the commission could revise their recommendation. There were several questions that rose in which Mrs. Heizer is to research and get back to council. Council thanked

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Mrs. Heizer for her presentation. (See Attachment #1 – Handout)

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p. m.