

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; MARCH 7, 2011; 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, March 7, 2011, 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 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.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION:**

Chairman Gray gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Master Clayton Johnson, Jr.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

- 3.1.1 February 22, 2011 County Council's Special Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 February 22, 2011 County Council's Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 Non-Discrimination Policy

and the March 7, 2011 County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions:

- (1) Deletion of Item #1. Presentation of Certificate for Hampton County Planning Commission,
- (2) Addition of Item #7.2.1, Presentation of the PalmettoPride Spirit Award for Enforcement to Mr. Tim Latham, Hampton County Litter Enforcement (Ms. Sarah R. Lyles, Keep South Carolina Beautiful),
- (3) Addition of Item #10.3.1, First Reading By Title Only to Ordinance 2011-003, Amending the Fire Protection District Ordinance and
- (4) Addition of Item #14.1, Personnel Matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

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**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

There were no public comment(s).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

**PRESENTATION OF THE DEED TO THE PALMETTO THEATER TO FRIENDS OF THE ARTS AND MR. ROB HARRELSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HAMPTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL:**

Mr. Harrelson was not present. The presentation was deferred.

**PRESENTATION OF THE PalmettoPride SPIRIT AWARD FOR ENFORCEMENT TO MR. TIM LATHAM, HAMPTON COUNTY LITTER ENFORCEMENT (MS. SARAH R. LYLES, KEEP SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUTIFUL)**

Ms. Sarah R. Lyles, Keep South Carolina Beautiful, presented the PalmettoPride Spirit Award for Enforcement to Mr. Tim Latham, Hampton County Litter Enforcement.

**NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING BY MRS. BARBARA JOHNSON, LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (LCOG):**

Mrs. Barbara Johnson, Representative, Lowcountry Council of Governments, came before council and presented slideshow presentation of the Needs Assessment for the Community Development Block Grant Funding. After the presentation, Mrs. Johnson received input from council discussed the needs and provided a listing to Mrs. Johnson. Council will provide a prioritized list at the next scheduled council meeting.

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

There were no appointment(s).

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

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**ORDINANCE(S)**

**SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE #2011-002, (FORMALLY ORDINANCE #2010-015), AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH NON-RESIDENT FEES FOR THE DELIVERY OF FIRE SERVICES AT THE SCENE OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS:**

Mr. Chris Altman, Director, Emergency Services, came before council regarding Ordinance #2011-002. Mr. Altman stated that there are more 911 calls that require the fire department to answer. He stated that based on council's challenges to raise revenue, non-residents who travel through the county are not being charged. Folks will not be charged if the services are not used. Council Member Phillips asked wanted to know how would they be billed. Mr. Altman stated that they will have to provide proof of insurance; if they do not have insurance, then they will bill the individual. Mr. Altman explained that the billing would be in-house. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give second reading to Ordinance #2011-002 (Formally Ordinance 2010-015), An Ordinance to Establish Non-Resident User Fees for the Delivery of Fire Services at the Scene of Motor Vehicle Accidents. Motion carried unanimously.

**FIRST READING TO ORDINANCE #2011-003, AMENDING THE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ORDINANCE:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to give first reading by title only to Ordinance 2011-003, Amending the Fire Protection District Ordinance. 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):**

**THANK YOU TO CHAIRMAN GRAY FOR HIS RADIO SECTION REGARDING INFORMING THE**

**PUBLIC ABOUT COUNTY GOVERNMENT:**

Council Member Phillips thanked Chairman Gray for his radio section. He stated that it informs the public regarding county government and is very good public relations for the county.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BASKETNBALL TEAMS IN THE COUNTY:**

Council Member Haulsee stated that all six teams in the county made it to state playoffs. He stated that he just wanted to recognize that accomplishment.

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**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Recommendation on Amending the Housing Municipal Inmates Agreement**

Administrator Graham reported that Mr. Jerry Cook came to the February 22 council meeting and asked council's consideration of amending the Housing Municipal Inmates Agreement with the towns to allow a period of forty-eight (48) to seventy-two (72) hours before the \$25 fee would be imposed. She stated that council asked her to provide a recommendation in response to this request. Administrator Graham recommended that council leave the Housing Municipal Inmates Agreement with the towns as is with a period of twenty-four (24) hours allowed before the \$25 (twenty-five dollars) is imposed. She stated that she has spoken to Mayor Goodwin, and he had no great concern. Chairman Gray stated that council has already factored in the revenue to have a balanced budget. Administrator Graham stated that there has not been enough time to see how the agreement is working. Council Member Haulsee stated that he would like to give the agreement time to see how it plays out. By general consensus, council accepted Administrator Graham's recommendation for the agreement to remain as is.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gary reported the following:

**PERSONNEL MATTER:**

Chairman Gray reported that council finalized the Plan of Work for the clerk.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p. m.