

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; APRIL 4, 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, April 4, 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:

Pastor Byrd gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Phillips.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt the Consent Agenda: 3.1.1 March 21, 2011 County Council's Meeting Minutes

and the April 4, 2011 County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions:

- (1) Change Item #10.2.1, Ordinance #2011-002, To Establish Non-Resident User Fees for the Delivery of Fire Services at the Scene of Accidents to Item #10.3.1,
- (2) (2) Add Item #7.2, Update on the Technical College of the Lowcountry Project by Mr. Hayes Wiser.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

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:

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Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding 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. Mr. Lee Ellis, Ellis Insurance Agency, wanted clarification on who would be charged if the resident was at fault in an accident, Council assured Mr. Ellis that the person responsible for the accident would be charged if they were not residents of the county, but if they were residents of the county and responsible for the accident, no one would be charged in the accident. Ms. Debbie Elrod, State Farm Insurance, opposed Ordinance 2011-002. She stated that the insurance rates would increase when there were claims for fire services at the scene of a motor vehicle accident. She also stated that she felt that the passage of this ordinance would not promote people to come to the county in regards to tourism, etc. 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)

AGENCIES/ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS REGARDING BUDGET REQUEST(S):

The following agencies came before council to thank council for the current funding and asked that the submitted request be granted:

- AHJ Library (Ms. Beth McNeer)
- Palmetto Breeze (Ms. Mary Alice Springs)
- Solicitor (Ms. Tameka Legette)
- Technical College of the Lowcountry (Dr. Tom Lietzel and Mr. Hayes Wiser)
- Lowcountry and Resort Island Tourism (Mr. Jim Wescott)
- Community Animal Shelter (Mr. J. C. Clifton)
- Department of Social Services (Ms. Bridgette Gray-Peeples) – Mrs. Gray made a specific plea for \$7,010 to purchase six scanners.

UPDATE ON THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY (TCL) PROJECT BY MR. HAYES WISER:

Mr. Wiser came before council and gave an update regarding the TCL Project. He stated that the bids for the project all came in over. They had to rebid the project. He stated that hopefully the bids will come in under next time. Council asked about the grants. He stated that they are still intact for the project.

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APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint the following:

Hampton County Marketing and Tourism Advisory Board

Robert J. Brown
Henry Alexander Campbell
Allison Cantrell
Sally S. Dobson
Marie S. Ellis
Paula Flowers
Susan D. McKenzie
Ad Hoc Members:
Terri Boone
Felicia Y. Carter

Hampton County Planning Commission

Winston A. "Trip" Lawton, III

Keep Hampton County Beautiful Board

Miles Elliot
DeThane McKenzie Johnson

RESOLUTION(S)

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adopt the Proclamation recognizing April as National County Government Month. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 100th BIRTHDAY OF THE TOWN OF FURMAN:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt the Proclamation congratulating the Town of Furman on its Centennial Celebration and declare April 17, 2011 as the Town of Furman Day in celebration of its 100th Birthday. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2011-002, TO ESTABLISH NON-RESIDENT USER FEES FOR THE DELIVERY OF FIRE SERVICES AT THE SCENE OF ACCIDENTS:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to give third reading to Ordinance #2011-002, To Establish Non-Resident User Fees for the Delivery of Fire Services at the Scene of Accidents. Motion carried unanimously.

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FIRST READING TO ORDINANCE #2011-005, AMENDMENT TO THE ROAD MAINTENANCE VEHICLE FEE ORDINANCE:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give first reading to Ordinance #2011-005, Amendment to the Road Maintenance Vehicle Fee 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):

There were no discussion point(s).

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

There was no report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no matter(s) to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p. m.