

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; JUNE 6, 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, June 6, 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: Michael Meyer, Finance and Human Resource Director, Acting Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Michael DeWitt, The Hampton County Guardian and Shellie Murdaugh, LowcountryUs.Net. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order.

Chairman Gray stated that Administrator Graham would not be present, because she is on vacation.

Chairman Gray recognized all elected officials present, Mayor Goodwin and Town Council Members, Town of Yemassee. He also recognized the Coroner.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION:**

Pastor Byrd, Chaplain, Hampton County, gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Haulsee.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

3.1.1 May 16, 2011 County Council's Meeting Minutes

and the June 6, 2011 County Council Meeting with following revisions: (1) Add Item 8.1, Appointments, (2) Add Item #10.3.1, First Reading by Title Only to Ordinance #2011-012, Rezoning Parcel #069-00-00 and (3) Delete Item #13.1.2, Request to Rezone Parcel #069-00-00-017 from Residential Conservation Development to Industrial Development District. Motion carried unanimously.

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**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2011-005,  
AMENDMENT TO THE ROAD MAINTENANCE VEHICLE FEE ORDINANCE:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2011-005, Amendment to the Road Maintenance Vehicle Fee Ordinance. There were no public comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2011-007,  
CONSENT TO RECORD COVENANTS:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2011-007, Consent to Record Covenants. There were no public comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**MAYOR J. L. GOODWIN, TOWN OF YEMASSEE, REGARDING OPPOSITION TO  
THE ABULANCE BASE IN YEMASSEE BEING CLOSED:**

Mayor Goodwin came before council and stated that he, town council members and citizens were against the closing of the base in Yemassee. He stated that Yemassee is the farthest away from the hospital. Mayor Goodwin stated that to do this to help the budget is morally wrong. If this is the case, then the county needs to seek funds to keep it open. He stated that they did not need to see the tail lights of the ambulance leaving. He stated that there needs to be no test; the decision needs to be reconsidered, and the ambulance needs to be put back in service.

**CITIZENS WHO SPOKE IN OPPOSITION OF THE AMBULANCE BASE IN  
YEMASSEE BEING CLOSED:**

1. Paul Holmes
2. Charlotte Murray
3. Martha Hill
4. James Watson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

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**PRESENTATION(S)**

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT:**

Chairman Gray presented the Certificate of Appointment to Wendy McKenzie Wolverton, Hampton County Marketing and Tourism Advisory Commission, as an Ad Hoc Member.

**MR. PAUL HOLMES, REGARDING OPPOSITION TO THE CLOSING OF THE AMBULANCE BASE IN YEMASSEE:**

Mr. Holmes came before council and gave a presentation as to why the base should not close in Yemassee. He presented petitions with approximately 1,000 names opposing the closing of the base in Yemassee. (See Attachment #1 – Presentation)

**SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE'S ACTIVITIES REPORT:**

Ms. Kay Maxwell, SouthernCarolina Alliance, came before council to give a report on the activities of the alliance. (See Attachment #2)

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

There were no appointment(s).

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**MUD RUN RESOLUTION:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adopt the Mud Run Resolution. Motion Carried unanimously.

**RELOCATION OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTION OFFICE AND ABSENTEE PRECINCT TO THE B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING:**

County Attorney Solomons stated that Hampton County is still subject to the Voters' Rights Act and have to get pre-clearance from the Department of Justice to relocate Voter Registration and Election Office and Absentee Precinct to the B. T. DeLoach Building. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to adopt the resolution to relocate the Voter Registration and Election Office and Absentee Precinct to the B. T. DeLoach Building. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT THAT OUTLINES THE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE SOUTHERNCAROLINA COMMERCE PARK INCLUDING THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE NEW ROAD TO THE SPEC BUILDING:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the resolution to enter into an agreement that outlines the Infrastructure Development for the Southern Carolina Commerce Park Including the Right of Way for the New Road to the Spec Building. Motion carried unanimously.

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**REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR MATCH FOR THE COUNCIL ON AGING'S 2011-2012 PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Members Phillips, to adopt the resolution to approve the match funding (\$10,750) for the purchase of service agreement with the South Carolina Department of Transportation. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

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

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give third reading to Ordinance #2011-005, Amendment to the Road Maintenance Vehicle Fee Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

**THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2011-007, CONSENT TO RECORD COVENANTS:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give third reading to Ordinance #2011-007, Consent to Record Covenants. Motion carried unanimously.

**SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE #2011-008, AMENDMENT TO THE 2010-2011 GENERAL FUND BUDGET:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give second reading to Ordinance #2011-008, Amendment to the 2010-2011 General Fund Budget . Motion carried unanimously.

**SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE #2011-011, DEEDING OF PROPERTY TO LeCRUSET 9 APPROXIMATELY 12 ACRES FOR EXPANSION):**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give second reading to Ordinance #2011-011, Deeding of Property to LeCruset (Approximately twelve Acres for Expansion). Council Member Haulsee wanted to know if the timber could be harvested before deeding the property. Ms. Fowler, Executive Director, Economic Development Commission, reported that she had checked into the matter, and no timber that could be harvested. Motion carried unanimously.

**FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY OF ORDINANCE #2011-012, REZONING OF PARCEL #069-00-00-017 FROM RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT:**

Council Member Phillips stated that he understood that the recommendation from the Planning Commission was from a vote of three (3) in favor and three (3) abstentions. He asked why there were abstentions. It was stated that one was a member of the family that owned the property for the rezoning and the other member's property adjoined the property that was requested to be rezoned and the other member abstained because that member felt that there was not enough information to make a decision. Also, it was reported that there were a few residents who opposed the rezoning of the property, because they thought placing a storage facility in their community would bring crime to their community. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member, Phillips, to give first Reading by Title Only of Ordinance #2011-012, Rezoning

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of Parcel #069-00-00-017 from Residential Conservation Development to Industrial Development. 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 #3)

**COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT(S):**

There were no discussion point(s).

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**2011-2012 Workers' Compensation Experience Modification Ranking**

Mr. Meyer presented council with the 2011-2012 Workers' Compensation Experience Modification Ranking. He stated that Hampton County is in third place on experience modification ranking. The lower modification experience, the lower the premiums for the workers' compensation insurance.

**Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement**

Sheriff Smalls came before council and stated that due to a ruling that came down from the Supreme Court, all mutual aid agreements have to sign off by the county along with the Sheriff. He stated that in the past, before this ruling, only the sheriff had to do so. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve the mutual aid agreement with Lexington and Calhoun Counties and to give the County Administration authority to sign the law enforcement mutual aid agreements. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LEGAL MATTER(S):**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to go into executive session to discuss legal matter(s). Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray stated that the County Attorney updated council regarding legal matter(s).

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p. m.

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:**

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Aline Newton, Clerk to Council

**Hampton County Council Members:**

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Hugh B. Gray, Chairman

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Charles H. Phillips, Vice Chairman

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Christopher B. Haulsee

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Shedron Williams