

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JUNE 20, 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 20, 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.

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 Phillips.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

- 3.1.1 June 6, 2011 County Council's Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 Litter Report

and the June 20, 2011 County Council Meeting with following revisions: (1) Add Item #12.3, Discussion of the ORV (Quick Response Vehicle) Test, (2) Add Item #13.1.3, Spec Building Award and (3) Add Item #14.1, Legal Matter(s). Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

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PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

**CITIZENS WHO SPOKE IN OPPOSITION TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES BASE
BEING CLOSED IN YEMASSEE:**

1. Mr. Paul Holmes, Citizen, Town of Yemassee
2. Mr. W. Del Davidson, Citizen, Town of Yemassee
3. Honorable J. L. Goodwin, Mayor, Town of Yemassee
4. Mr. Jimmy Cook, Citizen, Town of Yemassee

came before council to voice their opposition to the closing of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Base in Yemassee. They asked council to not cut their EMS in Yemassee and to search for revenues in other places other than cutting the EMS in Yemassee.

**CITIZENS WHO SPOKE IN OPPOSITION TO ORDINANCE #2011-012, REZONING OF
PARCEL #069-00-00-017 FROM RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT TO
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**

1. Ms. Mamie Wilson, Neighboring Land Owner
2. Mr. Bobby L. Williams, Neighboring Land Owner

came before council to voice their concern regarding the rezoning of the property to place a storage facility in their neighborhood. They stated that they were concerned about the effect it would have on their taxes, the traffic and possible crime this facility would bring, etc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

There were no presentation(s).

APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

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ORDINANCE(S)

SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE #2011-012, REZONING OF PARCEL #069-00-00-017 FROM RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Randy Crews, Building Inspector, Hampton County, stated that he came before council on behalf of the Hampton County Planning Commission to request second reading to Ordinance #2011-012, Rezoning of Parcel #069-00-00-017 from Residential Conservation Development to Industrial Development. Mr. Council **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to defer second reading to Ordinance #2011-012, Rezoning of Parcel #069-00-00-017 from Residential Conservation Development to Industrial Development, until the July 18, 2011 meeting. 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)

Chairman Gray recognized elected officials, the Auditor, Honorable Teresa Williams; Sheriff, Honorable T. C. Smalls; Mayor, Town of Yemassee, Honorable J. L. Goodwin and all the Yemassee Town Council Members.

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT(S):

There were no discussion point(s).

DISCUSSION OF THE QRV (QUICK RESPONSE VEHICLE) TEST:

Council had a discussion regarding the concerns of the citizens in Yemassee. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to discontinue the QRV Test in forty-five (45) days, July 15, 2011 and on July 18, 2011 Council will make a decision to return service after the County Administrator, Sabrena Graham, gives an evaluation of the test at the July 18, 2011 county council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Update on Code Enforcement Officer's Enforcement of Vehicle Registration Laws

The Honorable Teresa Williams, Auditor, came before council and gave an update on the progress of the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the Vehicle Registration and other matters. Council thanked Ms. Williams for the report and Mr. Elliott, Code Enforcement Officer, for a job well done.

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Grant Awards

Administrator Graham reported that Hampton County received two grants from the South Carolina Department of Commerce to assist two existing industries with expansion projects; Elliott Sawmilling Company was awarded a Rural Infrastructure Fund Grant in the amount of \$150,000 for rail improvements and Le Creuset of America, Inc. was awarded an Economic Development Set-Aside Fund Grant in the amount of \$100,000 for clearing and grading the site for the expansion project.

Spec Building Award

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to accept the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Loan in the amount of \$500,000 at zero percent interest with a ten year payback to begin in twenty-five months as a part of the funding to construct a Spec Building in the Southern Carolina Commerce Park. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LEGAL MATTER(S):

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to go into executive session to discuss legal matter(s). Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray stated that the County Administrator and the County Attorney brought council up to speed on a couple of legal matters.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:

Aline Newton, Clerk to Council

Hampton County Council Members:

Hugh B. Gray, Chairman

Charles H. Phillips, Vice Chairman

Christopher B. Haulsee

Virginia Johnson, Sr.

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