

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY; JANUARY 2, 2007; 6:15 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING
201 JACKSON AVENUE, WEST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2007, 6:15 p. m., Council Chambers, B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Lee S. Bowers; Virgin Johnson, Sr.; Margaret S. Parker, Chairman and Willard E. Wilson, Vice Chairman. Council Member(s) absent: Lisa Ball. New Council Members: Hugh B. Gray and Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips. Staff present: Sabrena Posey Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Mr. Wayne Knuckles, The Hampton County Guardian, Mr. Tony Gross, Lowcountry Life and Mr. Chris Hauslee, Cruise 92 Radio. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Parker called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Pastor Byrd, County Chaplain, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Parker.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

CHANGE OF SCOPE ON THE ECOGY BIOFUELS PROJECT:

A public hearing regarding the change of scope on the Ecogy Biofuels project was held at 6:00 p. m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DECEMBER 4, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Parker asked if there were any changes to the minutes. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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OATH OF OFFICE

County Attorney Solomons administered the oath of office to Hugh B. Gray, Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker and Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Council voted by secret ballot to elect Hugh B. Gray as Chairman and Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker as Vice Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF STAFF

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to appoint the following:

- (1) Administrator – Sabrena Posey Graham
- (2) Clerk to Council – Aline Newton
- (3) County Attorney – Algernon Solomons, Jr.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

1. Dr. Roy Hollingsworth, Clemson Extension presented to Chairman Hugh B. Gray, a certificate of appreciation for his volunteer service to Allendale and Hampton counties. The Agriculture Association recognized Mr. Gray for 100% crop reporting for Allendale and Hampton counties.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 2, 2007 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Gray called for the adoption of the agenda. Council Member Wilson asked that a resolution be added to the agenda recognizing Lee S. Bowers as Council Member Emeritus for his dedication to public service for 20 years. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to add the resolution. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adopt the agenda with the addition of the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION #R-2006-001, RECOGNIZING LEE S. BOWERS AS COUNCIL MEMBER EMERITUS:

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the resolution recognizing Lee S. Bowers as Council Member Emeritus for his 20 years of public

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service to Hampton County Council with 16 of those years as Chairman distinguishing him as the longest serving chairman to date and recognizing several of the major implementations under his leadership such as the Countywide Rural Fire Protection, the Multi-County Industrial Park, etc. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentation(s).

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**LOWCOUNTRY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD – HAMPTON COUNTY'S
TANF (DSS) REPRESENTATIVE:**

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Parker, to appoint Bernie Zurenda as Hampton County's TANF (DSS) Representative on the Lowcountry Workforce Investment Board.

ORDINANCES

THIRD (3rd) READING TO ORDINANCE #2006-019 (Newly named Ordinance #2007-001):

Moved By Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give third reading to Ordinance #2006-019 (newly named Ordinance #2007-001), an ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$9,25,000 Hampton County, South Carolina variable rate demand industrial development revenue bonds (Carolina Soya, LLC Project), Series 2007, the execution of a trust indenture, a loan agreement, a tax regulatory agreement and a bond purchase agreement, approval of an offering memorandum and other matters in connection therewith.

SECOND (2nd) READING TO ORDINANCE #2006-020:

Administrator Graham asked that council considers second reading to Ordinance #2006-020 after discussion of the ordinance in executive session.

BIDS

There were no bid(s) scheduled.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

**SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC FORUM TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT FROM THE
PUBLIC REGARDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE:**

Council decided to have the public forum on January 25, 2007 at 5:00 p. m.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL

There were no report(s) to council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to go into executive session to discuss Ordinance #2006-020, an ordinance authorizing certain economic incentives, including payment of a fee in lieu of property taxes and other related matters, pursuant to a fee agreement between Hampton County, South Carolina, and Ecogy Biofuels, LLC. Motion carried. Chairman Gray stated that economic development contractual matter(s) and a personnel matter will also be discussed. Session began 6:40 p. m. and ended 7:45 p. m. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried. **After** coming out of executive session, the following was reported:

Chairman Gray stated that council discussed two issues, a personnel matter and a proposed document, and Council has questions about the document. He stated that the document was provided by Ecogy. Council has directed the Administrator to communicate their concerns to Ecogy.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p. m.