

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; JULY 16, 2007; 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, July 16, 2007, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Virgin Johnson, Sr. and Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips. Council Member(s) absent: Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker, Vice Chairman and Willard E. Wilson. Staff present: Michael Meyer, Finance Director (Acting Administrator); Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Wayne Knuckles, 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 Kevin Byrd, County Chaplain, Hampton County, gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Phillips.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**THIRD (3<sup>rd</sup>) READING TO ORDINANCE #2007-008, AMENDMENT TO THE BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments on Ordinance # 2007-008. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

**THIRD (3<sup>rd</sup>) READING TO ORDINANCE # 2007-005, HAMPTON COUNTY RULES AND PROCEDURES AMENDED:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments on Ordinance #2007-005. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

**THIRD (3<sup>rd</sup>) READING TO ORDINANCE #2007-006, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments on Ordinance #2007-006. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**MR. BEN AND MRS. PEARLINE HEYWARD APPEARED BEFORE COUNCIL REGARDING A MOBILE HOME PLACEMENT PROBLEM:**

Mr. and Mrs. Heyward came before council and presented information in regards to their appeal of the Planning Commission and Building Inspector's notification that a mobile home could not be placed on a lot. Council asked the Building Inspector, Mr. Crews, to review the situation and report back to council regarding the matter.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF THE JULY 16, 2007 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:**

Chairman Gray requested several revisions to the agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the agenda with the following revisions: (1) Moved Item #7 & 7.1, (2) Deferred Item #11.1.2, Ordinance #2007-005, Hampton County Rules and Procedures Amended to an August meeting (3) Added Item #12.2, Award Bid for US 278 Lee Avenue Intersection Improvements, (4) Deleted Item # 8.1, Economic Development Proposal – Requests First Reading to Ordinance #2007-012, By Title Only and (5) Placed Item #7 & 7.1, Executive Session – Economic Development Matter(s), Dr. William Small, Executive Director, after Administrator's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**JUNE 18, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

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

**JUNE 28, 2007 PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**BOARD APPOINTMENT CERTIFICATES:**

Chairman Gray presented appointment certificates to:

**Council on Aging**  
Melvin H. Mathis  
Gladys Moore

**Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority**  
William Small

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**HAMPTON COUNTY'S PREPARATION FOR PANDEMIC FLU (MS. SUSANNE PEEPLES, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DIRECTOR):**

Ms. Susanne Peeples, Emergency Preparedness Director, made a presentation to educate council and the public on Hampton County's preparation for a Pandemic Flu.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

There were no appointment(s).

**RESOLUTION(S)**

There were no resolution(s).

**ORDINANCES**

**THIRD (3<sup>rd</sup>) READING TO ORDINANCE #2007-008, AMENDMENT TO THE BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give third reading to the amendment to the Hampton County Building Code Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

**THIRD (3<sup>rd</sup>) READING TO ORDINANCE # 2007-005, HAMPTON COUNTY RULES AND PROCEDURES AMENDED:**

Council deferred this matter until an August meeting.

**THIRD (3<sup>rd</sup>) READING TO ORDINANCE #2007-006, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET:**

**Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give third reading to Ordinance #2007-006, Amending the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget. Mr. Meyer stated that this was just a clean up of the budget. The unbudgeted funds from grants, etc. that was received during the budget year needed to be included in the budget. Motion carried unanimously.

**SECOND (2<sup>nd</sup>) READING TO ORDINANCE #2007-010, TOWER AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC AND GAS AND HAMPTON COUNTY FOR RENTAL OF TOWER SPACE ON A TOWER NEAR THE TOWN OF GIFFORD:**

Mr. Meyer stated that he was presenting the agreement for second reading. He stated that SCE&G and the County were still negotiating the fees for the other years but had come to an agreement of the fees for the first year of the agreement. Mr. Meyer stated that the County was comfortable in moving forward with second reading. **Moved** By Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give second (2nd) reading to Ordinance #2007-010, Ordinance #2007-010, Tower Agreement Between South Carolina Electric and Gas and Hampton County for Rental of Tower Space on a Tower Near the Town of Gifford. Motion carried unanimously.

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**SECOND (2<sup>nd</sup>) READING TO THE AMENDMENT TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give second reading to the amendment to the Hampton County Unified Land Development Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

**BIDS**

**LANDFILL GRINDING:**

Mr. Meyer stated that the recommendation was to award Industrial Waste Services, Inc. of Camden, South Carolina the bid. Mr. Meyer stated that they were not the lowest bidder. Council inquired from Mr. Stanley, Solid Waste Manager, as to his recommendation regarding the recommended bid. Mr. Stanley stated that the lowest bidder has the contract presently but the mulch produced was not satisfactory. He stated that it was not cut small enough. Council questioned Mr. Stanley regarding the matter. After the discussion, it was **moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson to accept the recommendation of the Solid Waste Manager, John Stanley, and award the landfill grinding contract to Industrial Waste Services, Inc., Camden, South Carolina for \$31,723 (thirty-one thousand, seven hundred, twenty-three dollars). Motion carried unanimously.

**AWARDING OF BID FOR US 278 LEE AVENUE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by; Council Member Johnson, to accept the recommendation from Engineer, Herb Gilliam, the LandPlan Group South, Inc., and award the bid for Hampton County's US 278 Lee Avenue Intersection Improvements Project to low bidder, Anson Construction Company of Charleston, South Carolina in the amount of \$259,912 (two hundred fifty-nine thousand, nine hundred twelve dollars) which includes an additional fee of \$7,500 (seven thousand, five hundred dollars) fee by LandPlan Group South, Inc. for the signal phasing plan which is required by South Carolina Department of Transportation. Motion carried unanimously. Council stated that they would like to see a schematic drawing for the project.

**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)**

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):**

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #1)

**COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT:**

There were no discussion point(s) by council.

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**New Course Offering at the Technical College of the Lowcountry – Hampton Campus**

Mr. Meyer updated council regarding the new course offerings at the Technical College of the

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Lowcountry. He stated that the two certificate programs that will be offered at the H. Mungin Center this fall with on-site instructors are Office Applications for Business Industry and Rough-In Electrician. He stated that financial aid is available to residents via the South Carolina Education Lottery Tuition Assistance Program. He stated that Hampton County is sharing the cost of advertising and promotion for these courses and that flyers were mailed to area businesses as well as to 2007 Hampton County graduates. He stated that when these courses are successful, more courses will follow. Mr. Meyer stated that a minimum of 12 students are needed for each program.

**Update on Joint Meeting with Delegation**

Mr. Meyer informed Council that the joint meeting with the Legislative Delegation was rescheduled for September 25, 2007.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to go into executive session to discuss an economic development matter. Motion carried unanimously. Session began 7:15 p. m and ended 7:43 p. m. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. After coming out of executive session, Chairman Gray stated that the Economic Development Commission's Executive Director, Dr. William Small brought county council up to date on economic development matter(s).

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p. m.