

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; JANUARY 7, 2008; 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, January 7, 2008, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Virgin Johnson, Sr.; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker, Vice Chairman and Willard E. Wilson. Staff present: Sabrena Posey Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Micheal DeWitt. 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 Parker.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

There were no public comment(s).

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 7, 2008 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:**

**Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the January 7, 2008 county council meeting agenda with the following revisions: (1) Add Item #12.2, MLK Parade, (2) Add Item #12.4, Veterans' Affairs Office Request – Report from the Administration and Finance Committee, (3) Add Item #14.3 – Contractual Matter (Buildings and Grounds). Motion carried unanimously.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 20, 2007 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

Chairman Gray stated that he reviewed the minutes, and asked for a motion to adopt. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**RECOGNITION OF RETIREE, MRS. IDA FERGUSON:**

Chairman Gray presented a plaque to Mrs. Ferguson for 35 years of public service to Hampton County. Mrs. Ferguson was an E-911 Dispatcher.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

There were no appointment(s).

**RESOLUTION(S)**

There were no resolution(s).

**ORDINANCE(S)**

**ORDINANCE #2008-001, AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE SUMMONS FOR HAMPTON COUNTY:**

Public Works Director, Blake Hodge, came before council to present the ordinance to adopt an ordinance summons for Hampton County. **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give first (1<sup>st</sup>) reading to an ordinance to adopt an ordinance summons for Hampton County. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Johnson stated that he was in favor as long as it did not go to the taxpayers.

**ORDINANCE #2008-002, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE THAT ESTABLISHED THE MULTI-COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT WITH ALLENDALE COUNTY:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give first reading by title only to an ordinance to amend the ordinance that established the multi-county park agreement with Allendale County. Motion carried unanimously.

**BIDS**

There were no bid(s) scheduled.

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**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 points.

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S RETREAT SCHEDULED FOR  
FEBRUARY 1-2, 2008 REMINDER:**  
Chairman Gray reminded council about the retreat scheduled for February 1-2, 2008.

**REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
REGARDING THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE REQUEST:**  
Chairman Gray stated that the committee reviewed information about the workload and veterans' population and could not agree regarding a recommendation so the committee was bringing the issue back to full council. Council deferred the matter until the next council meeting. Council members wanted to study the information.

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Countywide Planning**

Administrator Graham updated council regarding the countywide planning efforts and the Comprehensive Land Use Plan update. Council appointed a committee, Council Members Parker and Wilson. Council Member Phillips was appointed as an alternate. The committee will give input as to how to proceed regarding the updating of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

**Nuisance Ordinance Update**

Administrator Graham presented a newly formatted version of the Nuisance Ordinance Update to Council.

**Employee Connection - Newsletter**

Administrator Graham distributed the newly created newsletter, *Employee Connection*, to council. She stated that many thanks go to Connie for putting together the newsletter. She stated that it will be a bi-monthly newsletter.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Economic Development Matter(s)**

Chairman Gray stated that council was updated regarding economic development matter(s).

**Legal Matter**

Chairman Gray stated that council was updated regarding a legal matter.

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**Contractual Matter (Buildings and Grounds)**

Chairman Gray stated that council discussed a contractual matter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p. m.