

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JULY 21, 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, July 21, 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.; Margaret S. "Peggy" Parker, Vice Chairman; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips and Willard E. Wilson. Staff present: Sabrena Posey Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Michael DeWitt, The Hampton County Guardian and Shellie Murdaugh AllHits92.1 Radio. 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:

Chairman Gray gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Parker.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

ORDINANCE #2008-011, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2007-2008 FISCAL BUDGET:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2008-011, an ordinance to amend the 2007-2008 Fiscal Budget. There were no public comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE JULY 21, 2008 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to set the agenda with the following additions and deletions: (1) Delete Item #10.2.1, Ordinance #2008-012, An Amendment to the Unified Land Development Ordinance, Section 7.12, Mobile Homes; (2) Add

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Item #10.3.1, Ordinance #2008-012, Grant Utility Easement to the Town of Yemassee; (3) Add Item #13.1.4, Final Proposal for Courthouse Landscape; (4) Add Item #13.1.5, Detention Center Update. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

JUNE 16, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND JUNE 16, 2008, JUNE 23, 2008 AND JULY 10, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Gray stated that he reviewed the minutes. He asked for a motion to adopt. **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the minutes of June 16, 2008 (Regular and Special), June 23, 2008 and July 10, 2008 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

MR. JOHN DeLOACHE, STAFF ATTORNEY, SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (SCAC), REGARDING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Mr. John DeLoache, Staff Attorney, South Carolina Association of Counties (SCAC) came and gave an update regarding the programs that the SCAC offered and legislative actions passed by the legislature and possible legislation to watch for in the upcoming session.

PRESENTATION ON THE MULTI-COUNTY (QUAD COUNTY) PARK AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE MEMBER COUNTIES:

Mr. Paul Jones, Parker and Poe Law Firm, came before council and gave an overview of the Quad County Park Agreement with SouthernCarolina Alliance.

DR. WILLIAM SMALL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HAMPTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, REGARDING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

Dr. Small gave an update regarding economic development matters.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

APPOINTMENT TO THE LOWCOUNTRY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to accept the recommendation and appoint Bridgett Gray Peebles from the Hampton County Department of Social Services to the Lowcountry Workforce Investment Board. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s) scheduled.

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ORDINANCE(S)

ORDINANCE #2008-011, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2007-2008 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give third reading to Ordinance #2008-011, an ordinance to amend the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE #2008-013, AMENDMENT TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY BUILDING CODES – ADOPTION OF THE 2006 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES:

Moved by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give second reading to Ordinance #2008-013, Amendment to the Hampton County Building Codes – Adoption of the 2006 International Building Codes. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE #2008-014, GRANT UTILITY EASEMENT FOR THE TOWN OF YEMASSEE:

Administrator Graham presented the request for the granting of a utility easement for the Town of Yemassee. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give first reading to Ordinance #2008-014, Grant Utility Easement for the Town of Yemassee. Motion carried unanimously.

BIDS

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):

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

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT:

Council Member Parker Regarding the Charrette

Council Member Parker stated that a Charrette Meeting was held on July 10, 2008 in the Clemson Kitchen. She stated that a committee of that group is scheduled to meet Thursday, July 14, 2008 to discuss the logo for the county and towns.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Change Orders for Courthouse Project

Administrator Graham presented the recommendation for the plaque for the courthouse. By general consensus, Council approved the plaque to go on the courthouse. (See Attachment #2).

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Change Order #13: **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the payment of Change Order #13 under protest and the architect is to be contacted regarding the building. Motion carried unanimously.

PCO #82: **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve payment of PCO #82 in the amount of \$472 (four hundred seventy-two dollars). Motion carried unanimously.

PCO #86: **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the payment of PCO #86 in the amount of \$438 (four hundred thirty-eight dollars) under protest. Motion carried unanimously.

PCO #87: **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the payment of PCO #87 in the amount of \$1,890 (one thousand, eight hundred ninety dollars) under protest. Motion carried unanimously.

Hiring a Professional Planner

Administrator Graham presented to council a request from the Planning Commission to hire a full-time, professional planner. Council stated that they did not feel that they needed a full time, professional planner at this time. The services for a planner at this point can be served by Lowcountry Council of Governments (LCOG). **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to notify the Planning Commission that they are not in favor of hiring a full time professional planner, because council just finished the budget and are is not inclined to add a new position; also, convey to the Planning Commission that when they got to the point that they feel that they need a consultant; then come back to them. Motion carried unanimously.

Revision of Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the contract with Lowcountry Council of Governments (LCOG) to revise the Comprehensive Land Use Plan in the amount of \$12,500 (twelve thousand, five hundred dollars). Motion carried unanimously.

Final Proposal for Courthouse Landscape

Administrator Graham stated that Calibogue did not want to sell their plans and wished to continue with the project. Council discussed the proposal received from Calibogue. Council stated that the proposal presented was still over budget. **Moved** by Council Member Parker to add the lighting, furnishings and trash receptacles and to budget at least 4% of the project for landscaping in the amount of \$230,000. The motion died for a second. Council stated that they felt that the landscaping cost should stay at the budgeted amount. Council Member Parker stated that the amount budgeted was incorrect as it relates to the average percentage for landscaping for projects. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, for the matter to go back to the Buildings and Grounds Committee and for the Committee to review the plans and make recommendations for the courthouse landscaping project not to exceed \$165,000, Motion carried with Council Members Johnson, Phillips and Wilson voting in favor and Council Member Parker voting against. Motion carried unanimously.

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Detention Center Update

Administrator Graham updated council regarding the details of non-occupancy of the Detention Center Annex. Council advised the Administrator to contact the Legislative Delegation Members to see what they can do to get answers regarding the matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CONTRACTUAL MATTER:

Chairman Gray stated that council needed to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to go into executive session. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray stated that the County Attorney updated Council regarding the property, and the matter would be dropped at the present time.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p. m.