

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; MAY 2, 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, May 2, 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: Sabrena Posey Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Michael DeWitt, 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 Byrd, Chaplain, Hampton County, gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Williams.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt the Consent Agenda:

3.1.1 April 18, 2011 County Council's Meeting Minutes

and the May 2, 2011 County Council Meeting Agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt the Consent agenda with the following revisions to the May 2, 2011 County Council Meeting Agenda: (1) Item 10.1.1, Ordinance #2011-007, Consent to Record Covenants, deferred until the next meeting, (2) Add Item #13.1.5, Update on Exit 38 Project and (3) Add Item #14.1, Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

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**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**CORONER:**

Mr. Ernie Washington, Sr., Coroner, came before council to ask that the request for the coroner's office be granted. Mr. Washington asked that Mr. Tim Carlton, Ex-Officio President of the Coroner's Association and Mr. Ed Allen, Coroner, Beaufort County and Coroner's Association Training Officer, speak on his behalf regarding the request in regards to the need. Mr. Carlton expressed the need to support the coroner's office and Mr. Allen stated that as a training officer, he expressed the need to the coroners that they need to make sure that if they owned a funeral business, they maintain the county business instead of personal business. They are to keep their business separate from their duty as coroner.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

There were no presentation(s).

**APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**HAMPTON COUNTY MARKETING AND TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD:**

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Wendy Wolverton to the Hampton County Marketing and Tourism Advisory Board.

**LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LRTA):**

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint William Borum to the Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority (LRTA).

**RESOLUTION(S)**

There were no resolution(s).

**ORDINANCE(S)**

There were no ordinance(s).

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**BID(S)**

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(S):**

There were no discussion point(s).

**CODIFICATION REPORT:**

The clerk gave an update.

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**HAMPTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE 2010 ANNUAL RECAP:**

Administrator Graham presented the Hampton County Solid Waste 2010 Recap. (See Attachment #2)

**LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM AUTHORITY:**

Mr. Fred Hanna came before council and presented the report and answered questions regarding the Regional Water Study. Administrator Graham presented a request to council to support funding a portion of the legal cost to establish the Lowcountry Regional Water System Authority. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the request to fund a portion of the legal cost to establish the Lowcountry Regional Water System Authority. Motion carried unanimously. Administrator is get results of action taken by municipalities and report to council.

**UPDATE ON THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY (TCL) RENOVATION PROJECT:**

Administrator Graham reported on the progress of the Technical College of the Lowcountry (TCL) Renovation Project. She reported that the project has been bid twice and has come in over bid twice. There has been changes to the proposed renovation. She has been assured that the project is back on track.

**THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT, MR. MIKE MEYER, FINANCE DIRECTOR:**

Mr. Meyer, Finance Director, gave the third quarter financial report. (See Attachment #3)

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**UPDATE ON EXIT 38 PROJECT:**

Administrator Graham updated council regarding the Exit 38 Project. The Department of Transportation changed the method of managing the grant. There is a requirement to have an engineer for the project. The grant will include the landscaping of Exit 38 but not lighting. Hampton County had to make up the difference on the grant match. The County Transportation Committee (CTC) provided the funding for the grant match.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTER:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. It was determined that the matter could not be discussed in executive session. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to add the request from the Veterans' Affairs Office to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**REQUEST FROM THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE REGARDING AN UPGRADE TO MAXIMUM LEVEL IN SALARY SCALE REGARDING RETIREMENT:**

Chairman Gray stated that there was a request from the Veterans' Affairs Officer for a pay upgrade to help her reach the level on her scale for retirement. Council asked the Finance Director what amount it would take to grant the request. Mr. Meyer stated that it was approximately a little over \$11,000 which would equal to about a 25% increase. Council Member Haulsee stated that he could not agree to give someone a 25% raise. He stated that with the economy like it is. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Chairman Gray, to deny the request at this time. The motion failed with Council Members Gray and Haulsee voting in favor and Council Member Johnson voting against. Council Member Williams abstained. No action was taken on the request. The Administration and Finance Committee will meet with the Veterans' Affairs Officer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p. m.