

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; SEPTEMBER 19, 2011; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING
201 JACKSON AVENUE, WEST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, September 19, 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 P. 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 gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Gray.

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS:

Chairman Gray recognized the following officials present in the audience:
T. C. Smalls, Sheriff, Hampton County

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the Consent Agenda: 3.1.1 September 6, 2011 County Council's Meeting Minutes with revisions: (1) Line 1, change "special" meeting to "regular" meeting, (2) Under Administrator's report, Capital Project One-Cent Sales Tax, Change, "She stated that she spoke with Frannie Heizer and she suggested County Council's involvement in the process" to "[Ms. Heizer conduct a CPST workshop for Council on February 22, 2011. The involvement of Council is very important to this process. The clerk to Council will need to assist a lot during this process.](#)" (3) Savings Report: Add the words "and changing" to read: Also the Information Technology(IT) Department saved the county about \$15,565 by reviewing [and changing](#) the contract for the copiers., (4) Employee Pay Plan Administrator Graham stated that she is continuing to work and find a solution. She stated that you can't take [one time dollars and fix the problem because it will occur again the next year.](#) She stated that it would take approximately [\\$600,000 \(six hundred](#)

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thousand dollars) to bring employees up to where they need to be. She stated that she would like to give some increases in January. [The pay plan can be discussed during Council's budget retreat.](#)

3.1.2 Litter Report

and the September 19, 2011 County Council Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There was no public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

MR. ERNIE J. WASHINGTON, SR., CORONER, DISCUSSION OF THE FUEL BUDGET:
Chairman Gray stated that the sole purpose of inviting the coroner was to officially make him aware that he has used about 75% (seventy-five percent) of his fuel budget since July. The coroner is an elected official, and the only authority that council has over him is the budget. Chairman Gray stated that council will not ask again that he appears for this issue.

APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Shelia Bowers, Jay C. Brunson and Beth McNeer to the Hampton County Tax Appeals Board.

RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX COMMISSION:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to adopt the resolution to establish the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

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ACCEPTANCE OF DEED FOR THE RETURN OF PROPERTY, OLD ARMORY BUILDING, FROM HAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adopt the resolution on the advice of the County Attorney to accept the deed for the return of property, the Old Armory Building, from Hampton County School District One. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

No ordinance(s).

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):

Council Member Williams

Council Member Williams reported that he represented council in the Brunson and Yemassee Parades. He stated that in the Yemassee Parade, Ronald McDonald, asked if he could ride on the back of his truck, so council's entry got a lot of attention.

Council Member Haulsee

Council Member Haulsee stated that Lake Warren had a visit from the South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism's State Director.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER(S) TO OVERSEE THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX PROCESS:

Chairman Gray appointed Council Members Christopher B. Haulsee and Shedron Williams to council's committee to oversee the Capital Projects Sales Tax (CPST) process.

CODIFICATION UPDATE:

The update was deferred.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Financial Report

Mr. Mike Meyer, Finance Director, presented the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Financial Report. (See Attachment #2)

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no matter(s).

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 6:43p. m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:

Hampton County Council Members:

Aline Newton, Clerk to Council

Hugh B. Gray, Chairman

Charles H. Phillips, Vice Chairman

Christopher B. Haulsee

Virgin Johnson, Sr.

Shedron Williams