

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; APRIL 23, 2007; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING
201 JACKSON AVENUE, WEST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held a special meeting on Monday, April 23, 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.; 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: 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:

Council Member Johnson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Gray

REQUEST FROM THE TOWN OF HAMPTON

Request for the County to Revert Ownership of the Road (Located in Town's Industrial Park, Plat 21, Page 322) Back to the Town

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give first (1st) reading to the ordinance reverting ownership of the road located in the Town of Hampton's Industrial Park, Plat 21, Page 322 back to the town. Motion carried unanimously.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION BIDS

Administrator Graham stated that there was nothing new to present other than what Mr. Smith presented previously. Council had an in-depth discussion regarding the bids for the courthouse. Most were in consensus for the low bidder but expressed concerns regarding the most recent past project, Emergency Services Building. Council Member Wilson stated that he really had concerns regarding the architect on the project, because the architect who was overseeing the project signed off on the building that has some problems. He stated that he felt that negotiations regarding making adjustments to the architect's contract should be studied. Council Member Phillips agreed. He stated that if the architect's contract could be negotiated than it should.

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Council Member Johnson inquired that the county had to hire another building inspector to oversee the architect. He stated that something seems wrong with that. **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to accept the lowest bid from Brunson Construction Company. Council Member Phillips stated that they are not going to spend more than what the project will cost. Motion carried with Council Members Gray, Phillips, Parker and Wilson voting in favor. Council Member Johnson voted against regarding the cost, accepting a bid above the amount collected to pay for the project.

REQUEST FROM THE TOWN OF HAMPTON (CONTINUED)

Discussion Between the Town of Hampton and Hampton County Council Regarding Mr. J. Bruce Murdaugh's Request for a Waiver Regarding the Planning Commission's Denial of His Request for Acceptance of Streets

County Council and Hampton Town Council Members discussed the matter of the county accepting granting a waiver regarding the acceptance of Mr. Murdaugh's road. Council stated that they upheld the Planning Commission's decision, and if Mr. Murdaugh met the requirements as set by the ordinance, then he could resubmit the request to the Planning Commission. The town council members stated that they were told that the county was not accepting any more roads. Council stated that if the roads met the requirements, then they would be considered under the ordinance that was adopted by Council. Town Council Member Anna Sue Rivers stated that three or four years ago, council accepted a road that was not paved in a subdivision and the ordinance had been adopted during that time. Council Member stated that the Unified Land Development is being enforced now. **Moved** by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to accept and stick with the Planning Commission's recommendation of not accepting the road because it does not meet code. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p. m.