

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; FEBRUARY 2, 2009; 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, February 2, 2009, 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: Kathleen Myers, The Hampton County Guardian and Shellie Murdaugh, Lowcountryus.net. 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 Phillips.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

Ms. Gail Padgett, Chair, Library Board, Regarding Purchase of Property for Library Expansion

Ms. Padgett came before council and thanked council for purchasing the property for the library expansion. She also stated that they would be holding public forums regarding the library expansion, and if council wanted them to share information about projects to be included in the 1% sales tax, they could do so at their public forums.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2009 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adopt the agenda

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with the following revisions: (1) Add Item #9.2, Resolution Supporting USC-Salkehatchie and (2) Add Item #12.4, Council Rules and Procedures. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2009 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

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

PRESENTATIONS

MR. JOHN HENDERSON, DIRECTOR OF RISK MANAGEMENT, SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, PRESENTATION OF SAFETY AWARDS:

Mr. Henderson, Director of Risk Management, South Carolina Association of Counties, presented two awards to Hampton County. The first award, Most Outstanding Safety Award, the award was Hampton County's efforts to place backup cameras on EMS units and Council on Aging vehicles and also for placing deer guards on the front of the sheriff's vehicles for Additional safety. The second award, Most Improved County Award, was presented to the county that has improved the most in its safety management program. Council thanked Mr. Henderson for his presentation.

MR. DANNY BLACK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE:

Chairman Gray recognized Mr. Black.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to appoint Marjorie Thomas to the SouthernCarolina Alliance Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION(S)

RECYCLING RESOLUTION – PRESENTED BY MR. MELISSA MOSS,, NuCOR STEEL-SC:

Ms. Melissa Moss came before council to present the Recycling Resolution for NuCor Steel. She stated that Hampton County was in the top ten percent of by per capita for the State of South Carolina in recycling efforts. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Parker, to adopt the recycling resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA (USC) –
SALKEHATCHIE:**

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adopt the resolution opposing the phasing out of USC-Salkehatchie as proposed by Governor Mark Sanford. Council commented that if this was a small industry that had 263 jobs and had a 15 million dollar impact on the community; people would think twice. Council also stated that educationally it would be a devastation to the area to lose any of the educational institutions. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

**AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #2008-013, CHAPTER 1, ADMINISTRATION OF
INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES, SECTION 112, BOARD OF APPEALS
(MR. RANDY CREWS, BUILDING INSPECTOR):**

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give first reading by title only to an amendment to Ordinance #2008-013, Administration of International Building Codes, Section 112, Board of Appeals. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Gray announced that the Board of Adjustments and Appeals met and elected Henry Brunson as Chair and James Fennell as Vice Chair.

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 Parker – Courthouse Dedication Ceremony Reminder:

Council Member Parker reminded everyone about the Courthouse Dedication Ceremony that is scheduled for Friday, February 13, 2009 at 1:00 p. m. at the courthouse. She stated that Chief Justice Toal will be the speaker and many other dignitaries have been invited.

**Discussion of the Rules and Procedures Ordinance and the Appendix for the Rules and
Procedures Ordinance**

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to accept the recommendation of the County Attorney plus the proposal by Council Member Wilson to insert Section 4-9-180 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976. Motion carried unanimously.

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REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

FUNDING REQUEST FROM FAITH MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM:

Council received information from LRTA Director, Ferguson and Administrator Graham that other avenues are being studied for a long term solution other than a short term solution – the request for another month of funding FAITH. Council asked that the Administrator report on the progress at the first meeting of each month.

2009/2010 BUDGET CALEDAR (MR. MIKE MEYER, FINANCE DIRECTOR):

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adopt the Budget Calendar with the revision of deleting February 6th from Council's retreat (the retreat will be one day – February 7th). Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #2 – Budget Calendar)

SECOND QUARTER 2008/2009 FINANCIAL REPORT (MR. MIKE MEYER, FINANCE

Mr. Meyer, Finance Director, presented the second quarter 2008/2009 Financial Report. Mr. Meyer stated that there were no major issues. Council thanked Mr. Meyer for his report. (See Attachment #3 – Financial Report).

DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF THE OLD EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) BASE INESTILL (MR. BLAKE HODGE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR):

Mr. Hodge, Public Works Director, came before council and recommended the demolition and removal of the old EMS base. He stated that it is a haven for drug activity, etc. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the demolition and removal of the old Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Base in Estill and waive the permit fee for the demolition and removal. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL MATTER(S):

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to go into executive session to discuss personnel matter(s). Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. After coming out of executive session, Chairman Gray announced that they discussed a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p. m.