

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; NOVEMBER 15, 2010; 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, November 15, 2010, 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. 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 gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Haulsee.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- 3.1.1 November 1, 2010 County Council's Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 Litter Report

and the Agenda with the following revision(s): (1) Delete Item #13.1.1, Award Contract for Architectural Services for B. T. DeLoach Building Renovation, (2) Add Item #14.1, Executive Session for a Legal Matter and (3) Add Item #14.2, Executive Session for a Personnel Matter. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance #2010-017, Deeding of Property to the Friends of the Arts. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

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PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

REQUEST FROM THE CORONER ELECT:

Coroner Elect Ernie J. Washington, Sr. came before council to discuss setting up an office in a public building and procedures for acquiring the necessary equipment, supplies, etc. Administrator Graham explained that there was an office in the Emergency Services Building that was designated for the coroner, but it was being occupied. She stated that the person occupying the office will move. She stated that the furniture will remain in the office. Administrator Graham stated that Mr. Meyers, Finance Director, will sit down with Mr. Washington and go over the budget to discuss training, etc. Mr. Washington thanked council.

CERTIFICATES OF APPOINTMENT(S):

No appointees were present. Chairman Gray gave the certificates to Mrs. DeThane M. Johnson, Chair, Economic Development Commission, to present at the next Economic Development Commission meeting.

APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

ORDINANCE #2010-017, DEEDING OF PROPERTY TO THE FRINEDS OF THE ARTS:
Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to give third reading to Ordinance #2010-017, Deeding of Property to the Friends of the Arts. Motion carried unanimously. (See attachment #1)

ORDINANCE #2010-020, CREATION OF THE HAMPTON COUNTY TOURISM AND MARKETING ADVISORY BOARD:

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Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give second Reading to Ordinance #2010-020, Creation of the Hampton County Tourism and Marketing Advisory Board. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):
Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #2)

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT(S):
COUNCIL MEMBER HAULSEE:

Council Member Haulsee stated that he attended the Hampton Town Council meeting, and they passed the agreement to pay for the housing of the municipal inmates. He also reported that Mr. Freeman is retiring and as of January, Gregg Cook will be the new Fire Chief for the Town of Hampton.

COUNCIL MEMBER PHILLIPS:

Council Member Phillips thanked that Chairman Gray and Administrator Graham for visiting with the towns. He stated that it is important that if there is a split with the towns than there needs to be communication so that all can operate on the same page. He stated that everyone needs to work together. Chairman Gray reported that the first time that they met, they only met with the mayors, but this time, some council members wanted to meet also.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Award Contract for Architectural Services for B. T. DeLoach Building

This matter was deferred.

Savings Report

Administrator Graham reported that the county changed the cleaning care of the floors. She informed council that the contract was up to about \$45,000 (forty-five thousand dollars) and at the beginning of the year, they brought it in house. They hired a person to do the floors and the department has realized a savings of about \$9,500 for the first year and about the \$13,000 (thirteen thousand) the following years. She stated that public works eliminated one of its front end load trash cans after moving to realize a savings of about \$900 (nine hundred dollars).

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING A LEGAL MATTER AND A PERSONNEL MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter and a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. After coming out of executive session, Chairman Gray stated that council discussed a:

Legal Matter

Chairman Gray stated that council discussed a legal matter regarding hiring Lee S. Bowers to complete work on a road closing. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to hire Lee S. Bowers, Attorney, to complete work on a road closing.

Personnel Matter

Chairman Gray stated that council was reminded about the evaluation for the Clerk to Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p. m.