

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

Hampton County Council held a special meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 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:

Chairman Gray gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Williams.

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS:

Chairman Gray recognized the following officials present in the audience:

T. C. Smalls, Sheriff, Hampton County

Teresa Williams, Auditor, Hampton County

Gene Rushing, Fire Chief, Hampton County

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda: 3.1.1 August 15, 2011 County Council's Meeting Minutes

and the September 6, 2011 County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: (1) Move Item #13.1.1 to 7.3 and (s) Change 7.3.1 to 7.2.1. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There was no public hearing.

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PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

**MR. NEIL SULLIVAN, MEMBER, COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD,
REGARDING RECOMMENDATION FOR DRESS CODE FOR COUNCIL ON AGING
VAN DRIVERS:**

Mr. Sullivan came before council and stated that Hampton County Council on Aging Advisory Board passed a voted to pass the recommendation that employees not wear shoes that did not have a strap to come up in the back of the shoe for support; he stated that this was directed at the van drivers. He stated that the board recommended the measure because of the concern for a safety issue; he stated that the flip flops could get stuck under the gas pedal, etc. Mr. Sullivan cited several incidents in various locations, not Hampton County, regarding injury due to a driver wearing flip flops. Council thanked Mr. Sullivan for bringing that to their attention. Council stated that the Administrator will research the matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

**PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO DR. ROY T. HOLLINGSWORTH, JR., EXTENSION
AGEND, CLEMSON EXTENSION:**

Chairman Gray on behalf of Hampton County Council presented a plaque to Dr. Roy T. Hollingsworth, Jr. for his thirty-three years of service to Hampton County as an Extension Agent with Clemson Extension, Clemson University.

**MR. GENE RUSHING, FIRE CHIEF, HAMPTON COUNTY, REGARDING ANNUAL
FIRE REPORT:**

Mr. Rushing came before council to present the annual fire report to council. (See Attachment #1)

APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Charles "Charlie" Laffittee, Lee Ellis and C. E. "Buddy" Bullard (Ad Hoc) to the Hampton County Airport Commission.

RESOLUTION(S)

PROCLAMATION FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the proclamation recognizing the month of September as Emergency Preparedness Month. Motion carried unanimously.

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ORDINANCE(S)

SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE 2011-009, ADOPTION OF MILLAGE FOR THE 2011-2012 BUDGET:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to give second reading to Ordinance #2011-009, Ordinance #2011-013, Adoption of Millage for the 2011-2012 Budget. 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 visited the Senior Center at Yemassee. He stated that it is really nice. He stated that they could use some reading materials. He contacted that Library to see if they could donate some books with the large print to the Yemassee Senior Center.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Capital Projects One-Cent Sales Tax

Administrator Graham stated that they need to begin the process for the Capital Projects Sales Tax. She stated that she spoke with Frannie Heizner and she suggested County Council's involvement in the process. Administrator Graham asked that Council appoint a committee to oversee the process for the Capital Projects Sales Tax. She stated that council needed to adopt a resolution at the next meeting to create the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission.

Change Order – Trident Construction for Road to Spec Building

Council approved the recommended change order for the road at the Spec Building.

Savings Report

Administrator Graham reported that the Public Works Department has done a tremendous amount of work prepping site and working around the schedule of the contractor which saved the county about \$50,000. Also, the Information Technology (IT) Department saved the county about \$15,565 by reviewing the contract for the copiers.

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Employee Pay Plan

Administrator Graham stated that she is continuing to work and find a solution. She stated that you can't take one tie dollars and fix. She stated that it would take approximately \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars) to bring employees up to where they need to be. She stated that she would like to give some increases in January.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LEGAL MATTER(S) AND AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to go into executive session to discuss legal matter(s) and an economic development matter. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray reported out of executive session the following:

Economic Development Matter

The Economic Director, Sandy Fowler, updated council on economic development matters and potential new prospect.

Legal Matter(s)

A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney, updated council on legal matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p. m.