

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; OCTOBER 3, 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, October 3, 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 Council Member Haulsee.

**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 19, 2011 County Council's Meeting and the September 19, 2011 County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: (1) Move Item #7.1, Ms. Sandy Fowler, Executive Director, Hampton County Economic Development Commission, Regarding Hampton County Serving as a Co-Applicant on the 404 Wetlands Permit for the Southern Carolina Commerce Park (SCCP) to Item #13.1.2, (2) Add Item #7.2, Service Plaque Presentation,, (3) Add Item #9.2, Estill Library Project Presentations.. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2011-009,  
ADOPTION OF THE MILLAGE FOR 2011-2012 BUDGET:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments on the third reading to Ordinance #2011-009, Adoption of the Millage for 2011-2012. There were no comments pro or con. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

**PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT PLAQUE TO MRS. MARY BUTLER:**

Chairman Gray presented Mrs. Mary Butler a plaque for her many years of service to the Council on Aging.

**APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

There were no appointment(s).

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**NEW LIFE CENTER RESOLUTION:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee to adopt the New Life Center Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

**ESTILL LIBRARY PROJECT PRESENTATION AND RESOLUTION:**

Mrs. Nicky Toomes came before council to make an announcement of the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) funds that the Hampton County Library (Estill Branch) would receive for the project: USDA obligated \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) Grant and a \$524,570 (Five hundred twenty-four thousand, five hundred seventy dollars) Loan, the library received a Community Development Block Grant partnered \$357,573 (Three hundred fifty-seven thousand, five hundred seventy-three dollars) with local funds in the amount of \$35,759 (Thirty-five thousand, seven hundred fifty-nine dollars). Mrs. Toomes made the presentation the Mrs. Emily Hiers, Chairman, Hampton County Library Board and Mrs. Beth McNeer, Director, Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library. Mrs. Toomes stated that she needed council to accept the obligation of the funds from USDA by resolution. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to accept the obligation of the funds from USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) for the Hampton County (Estill Branch) Library Project. Motion carried unanimously.

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**ORDINANCE(S)**

**THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE #2011-009, ADOPTION OF THE MILLAGE FOR 2011-2012 BUDGET:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to give third reading to Ordinance #2011-009, Adoption of the Millage for 2011-2012 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

**FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY TO THE LAND GRANT FOR COMPANY TWO:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give first reading by title only to the Land Grant for Company Two. Motion carried unanimously.

**FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY TO AN ELECTRICAL EASEMENT FOR THE SPEC BUILDING:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give first reading by title only to an Electrical Easement for the Spec Building. 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 #1)

**COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT(S):**

**Council Member Williams**

Council Member Williams reported that he represented council in the Fall Festival Parade.

**Council Member Haulsee**

Council Member Haulsee stated that he and Council Member Williams are members of the Capital Sales Tax Process Committee will meet be scheduling a meeting regarding the process.

**CODIFICATION UPDATE:**

The Clerk to Council updated council regarding the Codification Project.

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Reclassify Position in Veterans Affairs' Office**

**Moved** by Council Members Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the request from the Veterans Affairs' Officer to reclassify a full time position to two part-time positions. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Ms. Sandy Fowler, Executive Director, Hampton County Economic Development Commission, Regarding Hampton County Serving as a Co-Applicant on the 404 Wetlands Permit for the Southern Carolina Commerce Park (SCCP)**

Mrs. Sandy Fowler, Executive Director, Hampton County Economic Development Commission, came before council and ask that council serve as co-applicants with MEAD Westvaco on the 404 Wetlands Permit for the Southern Carolina Commerce Park (SCCP). **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the request from MeadWestvaco and agree to serve as co-applicant on the 404 Wetlands Permit for the Southern Carolina Commerce Park (SCCP). Motion carried unanimously.

**Shoe Policy**

Administrator Graham reported that she spoke with John Henderson of the South Carolina Association of Counties. Appropriate footwear for drivers need to be addressed. Mr. Henderson, will come and do training and develop policies in which the county can consider.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**LEGAL MATTER**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. After coming out of executive session, Chairman Gray announced that council discussed an offer to purchase county property with the County Attorney and will not be moving with it.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p. m.