

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; DECEMBER 5, 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, December 5, 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 Haulsee.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the Consent Agenda

3.1 Consent Agenda

3.1.1 November 21, 2011 County Council's Meeting Minutes

and the December 5, 2011 County Council Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MR. ERNEST LOADHOLT:

Mr. Ernest Loadholt came before council to speak in opposition to the closing of the road. He stated that he was speaking on behalf of his Uncle Herbert who was unable to be there. Mr. Loaholt stated that it would be a disservice to the residents who live on that road and use that route

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to go to church. He gave a brief history of the landowners and the road. He stated that he was opposing to the closing on behalf of his uncle and other owners of the property on that road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

There were no presentation(s).

APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

HAMTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Clarence Fennell, William Hager and DeThane McKenzie Johnson and Holbrook Platts to the Economic Development Commission.

HAMPTON COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX COMMISSION:

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Debra Holmes (Yemassee) and Darainey Hudson (Brunson) to the Hampton County Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission.

RESOLUTION(S)

LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM RESOLUTION:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adopt the resolution to authorize the creation of a joint municipal water system to be known as the Lowcountry Regional Water System and to authorize Hampton County, South Carolina to join with certain municipalities in the Lowcountry Regional Water System and other matters relating thereto. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #1)

ORDINANCE(S)

There were no ordinance(s).

BID(S)

B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING RENOVATION CONSTRUCTION AND SPECIAL INSPECTIONS:

Mr. Crews, Hampton County Building Inspector, came before council and requested that council accept the recommendation and approve Dennis Corporation to do the third party inspection for the

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B. T. DeLoach Building in the amount of \$13, 335 (thirteen thousand, three hundred thirty-five dollars). **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee to take the recommendation of Mr. Crews for Dennis Corporation to do the third party inspection. Motion carried unanimously. (See attachment #2)

BID FOR THE B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING RENOVATION:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams to award Brunson Construction the contract for the renovation of the B. T. DeLoach Building in the amount of \$1,413,616 (one million, four hundred thirteen thousand, six hundred sixteen dollars). Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #3)

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #4)

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT(S):

There were no discussion points.

UPDATE FROM THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX (CPST) PROCESS COMMITTEE:

Council Member Williams stated that the CPST Process Committee would like to recommend to the CPST Commission that at least three to four public forums be held around the county to get input from the public as to what projects they would like to see considered for the Capital Projects Sales Tax Projects List.

HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL 2012 MEETING CALENDAR:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the Hampton County Council 2012 Meeting Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Approval of Construction Agreement for New Rail Crossing at the Southern Carolina Commerce Park (SCRIP)

Ms. Sandy Fowler, Economic Development Director, Hampton County, came before council to request that council approve the construction agreement for the new rail crossing at the Southern Carolina Commerce Park (SCRIP). **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve the Construction Agreement with CSX for the new rail crossing at the Southern Carolina Commerce Park (SCRIP). Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Report

Administrator Graham presented the Hampton County's Annual Report for June 2010 – June 2011.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL MATTER(S):

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to go into executive session to discuss legal matters. 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 a road closure for Wood Berry Lane and a lawsuit. He stated that the County Attorney gave advice.

Road Closure

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to oppose the closure of the Closing of the Road, Woodbury Lane. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p. m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:

Aline Newton, Clerk to Council

Hampton County Council Members:

Hugh B. Gray, Chairman

Charles H. Phillips, Vice Chairman

Christopher B. Haulsee

Virgin Johnson, Sr.

Shedron D. Williams