

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JANUARY 3, 2012; 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, January 3, 2012, 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: Mary Elizabeth Johns, 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.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, approve the Consent Agenda

3.1 Consent Agenda

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and the January 3, 2011 County Council Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comments.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LARRY "ROCKY" TUCKER, BATTALION COMMANDER, 218th BSB, NATIONAL GUARD, REGARDING ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL GUARD UNIT:

Lieutenant Colonel Larry "Rocky" Tucker came before council to update council regarding future activities of the local guard. He stated that they plan to become more involved in the community. Lieutenant Colonel Tucker also informed council of the upcoming activity planned for Saturday at Lake Warren. Council thanked Lieutenant Colonel Tucker and the guard for their service and his update.

APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

HAMTON COUNTY SOUTHERN CAROLINA ALLIANCE:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to accept the recommendation and appoint Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Council Member and Sabrena Graham, Administrator, to serve on the Southern Carolina Alliance Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

ORDINANCE #2011-001, FLOOD DAMAMGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give first reading to Ordinance #2011-001, Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. 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):

There were no discussion points.

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

Council Member Haulsee stated that the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission met on December 19, 2011. They will meet again on January 9, 2012 to elect officers. He also informed council that the commission would like Mike and Sabrena to provide estimates as to what a once cent sales tax would yield over the 7 year period. Also, the commission has scheduled to hold public forums in Estill, Hampton and Yemassee to receive public input regarding projects for the one cents sales tax. Council Member Williams added that he will be checking to confirm the date of the Municipal Association Meeting in order that one of the forums will be in conjunction with the Municipal Association Meeting to provide an opportunity for all the towns to be represented and have an input. Council Member Williams stated that the commission would like input from around the county.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Approve the Owner/Contractor Agreement Between Hampton County and Brunson Construction for the B. T. DeLoach Renovation Project

Administrator Graham stated that the council approved and awarded the bid for the B. T. DeLoach Renovation Project to Brunson Construction at the December 5 meeting. She stated that the owner/contractor agreement was drafted by the county architect Andrew Wilson of Glick/Boehm and Associates. Administrator Graham stated that Brunson Construction has agreed to the terms of the contract, and the county attorney has reviewed the contract as well. The commencement date for the contract will be around January 5, 2012; the substantial completion of the project is not later than 220 days from the commencement date which would be approximately August 13, 2012. Administrator Graham stated that the sum of the contract is \$1,418,825 (One million, four hundred eighteen thousand, eight hundred twenty-five dollars) with a retainage of ten percent; liquidated damages shall be assessed at \$300 (three hundred dollars) per day for each calendar day beyond the date of substantial completion. Administrator Graham stated that this contract sum is \$5,209 (Five thousand, two hundred nine dollars) more than the value engineered amount of \$1,413,616 (One million, four hundred thirteen thousand, six hundred sixteen dollars). **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the Owner/Contractor Agreement between Hampton County and Brunson Construction for the B. T. DeLoach Renovation Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Health Insurance Increases and Pay Adjustments

Administrator stated that the employee health insurance would increase in January. The increase would 6.2% and 4.5% is to be passed on to the employees. She explained that it was council's intent to give the employees a 2% (two percent) pay increase. Administrator Graham presented the option to council that a pay increase not be given and the county's absorption of the insurance increase. Council Member Haulsee stated that the employees have not received a raise in two years; he stated that he did not think that it would be fair to the employees to not give the 2% pay increase. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the 2% (two percent) pay increase for employees. Motion carried unanimously.

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Updates

- The Town of Estill has agreed to deed the property to the county in order for the library project to move ahead.
- Mr. Clifton has found another donor for the animal shelter, Rainbow Edge Refuge, for food and has received two grants, one from the Winthrop Foundation and the other from the Hodges Family.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL MATTER(S):

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to go into executive session to discuss economic development matter(s). 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 received an economic development update from Economic Development Director.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p. m.