

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; JUNE 4, 2012; 6:00 P. M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, June 4, 2012, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administration Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Christopher B. Haulsee, Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Vice Chairman and Shedron Williams. Council Member(s) absent: Virgin Johnson, Sr. 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(S):**

Chairman Gray recognized Former Mayor of Estill, Thomas Owens, Representative Curtis Brantley and Former South Carolina House Representative Doug McTeer.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 3.1.1 May 21, 2012 County Council's Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 May 29, 2012 County Council's Special Meeting Minutes

and the June 4, 2012 County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revision, Add Item #14.2, Legal Matter Update. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

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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)**

**LETTER FROM MAYOR RISHER OF GIFFORD REGARDING REQUEST FOR DONATION OF TWO LOTS OWNED BY THE COUNTY TO THE TOWN OF GIFFORD:**

Council took no action on the request from a letter from Mayor Risher of Gifford regarding the request for donation of two lots owned by the County to the Town of Gifford.

**MR. JACK HUTTO, HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 1 REGARDING A REQUEST FROM HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 1 FOR HAMPTON COUNTY TO BE NAMED THE APPLICANT FOR A JAG GRANT FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA COORDINATING COUNCIL RIF GRANT PROGRAM:**

Dr. Doug McTeer, Superintendent, Hampton School District 1, came before council to thank council for the support of Hampton School District #1. He explained the Jobs for American Graduates (JAG) Program to council. Dr. McTeer turned the presentation over to Mr. Jack Hutto, Grants Director, Hampton School District 1, to further explain the request. Mr. Hutto asked if council would approve the request from Hampton School District 1 for Hampton County to be named the applicant for a JAG Grant from the South Carolina Coordinating Council RIF Grant Program. Also, Mrs. Terry Sanders, JAG Director, was on hand to answer any questions that council had about the JAG Program. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to act as the pass through agency for Hampton School District #1 for the JAG Grant. Council Member Williams abstained, because he was a sponsor of the JAG Program. Motion carried. (See Attachment #1)

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

There were no appointment(s).

**RESOLUTION(S)**

There were no resolution(s).

**ORDINANCE(S)**

**THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE 2012-004, HAMPTON COUNTY'S 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:**

Finance Director, Mike Meyer, presented the balanced budget to council. Council Members

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discussed the matter. There was much discussion regarding the need to pass a balanced budget and also some discussion regarding a need to find revenue to maintain the employees with benefits in the Council on Aging and not decrease hours in the Soil and Water Conservation. Council asked that staff try and find revenue for the matters discussed. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Chairman Gray, to give third reading to Ordinance #2012-004, Hampton County's 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget. Council Members Gray and Phillips voted in favor and Council Members Haulsee and Williams voted against. Chairman Gray stated that the motion failed for a lack of a majority.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A ONE PERCENT CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX SUBJECT TO THE REFERENDUM'S APPROVAL:**

Council Member Haulsee reported to council that Administrator Graham had received the cost updates and presented the information to council. He reported that leaving the library in its location was least expensive than the other locations suggested. Council Member Haulsee stated that he had no problem with the results of the information, because he was just looking at the cost. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to give first reading of the ordinance to impose a One Percent Capital Projects Sales Tax subject to the referendum's approval. Motion carried unanimously. Council asked that the updated cost projects be sent back to the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission for review and for revisions, if any, on the question.

**FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY OF ORDINANCE TO SELL LAND IN THE ESTILL INDUSTRIAL PARK TO PROJECT E:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give first reading by title only of the Ordinance to sell land in the Estill Industrial Park to Project E. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray stated that council will go into executive session to receive an update.

**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):**

There were no discussion point(s).

**CODIFICATION UPDATE:**

The Clerk reported that the review process was near completion; a meeting has been scheduled with the County Attorney on June 12, 2012.

**FIRST LIEUTENANT MUCKENFUSS, NATIONAL GUARD:**

First Lieutenant Muckenfuss came in place of Captain David Neubaum, National Guard. First Lieutenant Muckenfuss informed council regarding the community involvement of the National Guard and also extended an invitation to the Annual Training June 2-16, 2012. Council thanked First Lieutenant Muckenfuss for her service and the presentation.

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**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**FOLLOW UP ON REIMBURSABLE FUNDING FROM SHERIFF SMALLS THAT WAS AUTHORIZED ON FEBRUARY 6, 2012:**

Administrator Graham reported that the reimbursements from the Sheriff's department had not been received yet and the amount is \$188,000 (One hundred eighty-eight thousand) and will keep increasing. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, to suspend funding effective June 18, 2012. Motion failed for the lack of a second.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to go into executive session to discuss an economic development matter and 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 stated that Council received an economic development update on a possible project to come to the Estill Industrial Park. Chairman Gray stated that the legal matter pertained to the case against Moseley; the case has been settled on Hampton County's terms.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p. m.