

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JANUARY 7, 2013; 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, January 7, 2013, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administration Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Christopher B. Haulsee, Roy Hollingsworth, 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, Chaplain, Hampton County, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Haulsee.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Clerk to Council, Aline Newton, administered the Oath of Office to Christopher B. Haulsee and Roy Hollingsworth, Council Members.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENT OF STAFF

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Council voted by secret ballot to elect the Honorable Hugh B. Gray as Chairman and the Honorable Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips as Vice Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF STAFF:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to appoint Sabrena P. Graham as Administrator, Aline Newton as Clerk to Council and Algernon G. Solomons, Jr. as County Attorney. Chairman Gray called for discussion. Council Member Hollingsworth addressed council regarding process for appointments. He stated that he had no guidelines regarding appointments. He wanted to know if there were evaluations available to review regarding the appointments. Chairman Gray informed Council Member Hollingsworth that council appointed the staff by vote of council every two years unless they passed away or resigned. Council Member Hollingsworth wanted clarification that the County Administrator, Clerk to Council and County Attorney's appointments were based on no type of guidelines or evaluations. Chairman Gray stated that working with them and having a satisfactory performance by them is

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what it is based. Chairman Gray informed Council Member Hollingsworth that an evaluation was done on the Clerk to Council every year but has not been done on the Administrator in several years, because of the work that was being done on the courthouse. Council Member Hollingsworth expressed his concern that an evaluation should be done on all. Chairman Gray stated that council could talk about reinstating the evaluation process on the Administrator. There was no other discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

- 4.1.1 December 19, 2012 County Council Special Meeting Minutes
- 4.1.2 Litter Report

and the January 7, 2013 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE QUAD-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AMONG HAMPTON, ALLENDALE, BAMBERG AND BARNWELL AND A RELATED MASTER AGREEMENT:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments on the Ordinance to Amend the Quad-County Industrial Park Among Hampton, Allendale, Bamberg and Barnwell and a Related Master Agreement. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments on the Ordinance to establish a Tri-County Industrial Park Among Hampton, Allendale and Bamberg and a Master Agreement. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments on the Ordinance to Amend the Agreement with Colleton County to Add Property to an Existing Multi-County Park Agreement. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

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PRESENTATION(S)

There were no presentation(s).

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

There were no ordinance(s).

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #1)

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Hollingsworth

Council Member Hollingsworth informed council that he was a part of the group that did the walk through of the Old North District Middle School and the New North District Middle School.

Council Member Williams

Council Member Williams informed Council that he attended a celebration in Hilton Head that was sponsored by United States Congressman Jim Clyburn.

Council Member Haulsee

Council Member Haulsee introduced Ms. Stanfield and her son, a Boy Scout, who was two badges away from becoming an eagle scout. Council Member Haulsee stated that young Mr. Stanfield was working on his communications badge.

LOBBY DAYS:

Administrator Graham stated that the South Carolina Association of Counties is encouraging all counties to go up to Columbia and visit the Legislative Delegation and discuss the attack on local government funding. Administrator Graham stated that council needed to set a date. Council asked Administrator Graham to come up with the dates in which council can choose.

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REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Council on Aging's Transportation Funding (Ms. Tammy Washington, Director, Hampton County Council on Aging)

Mrs. Tammy Washington, Director, Council on Aging, came before council to update council in regards to positive activities at the Council on Aging and also to report transportation funding not received. She informed council that the Council on Aging did not receive a grant (\$48,000) that they applied and had received annually. She stated that through the transition period of the Council on Aging's personnel, the application was not filed; she informed council that she had contacted the awarding agency and they said that it was not too late to file; she stated that the application was filed, but the grant was not awarded. Council stated that she needed to contact the awarding agency and follow up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel 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 a report from the Administrator regarding a conversation with the Sheriff, personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p. m.