

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MARCH 18, 2013; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, March 18, 2013, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, 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:

Rev Byrd, Chaplain, Hampton County, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Haulsee.

RECOGNITION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Chairman Gray recognized:

Honorable Charlie Crews, Former Hampton County Council Chair and Chair of the County Transportation Committee

Honorable Harold B. Harvey, Former Member, Hampton County Council and a Member of the SCA Board

Members of the Hampton County Economic Development Commission

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

- 3.1.1 March 4, 2013 County Council Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 Litter Report
- 3.1.3 Resolution Recognizing the Hampton County Economic Development Ambassador of the Year

and the March 18, 2013 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

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PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

DR. SHEALY, PHYSICIAN, HAMPTON, SOUTH CAROLINA:

Dr. Shealy came before council to respond regarding the budget request regarding a presentation that was given at a previous meeting regarding the Mobile School Based Health Units; Dr. Shealy informed council that the Health Care Center had several providers for Pediatric and served around 2, 661 pediatric patients. Dr. Vega, Physician, and his wife, Pediatrician, serve many pediatric patients. Dr. Shealy stated that they endorse the medical home concept and would not fragment that care partly by supporting the Mobile School Based Health Unit. He informed council that the Health Care Center had 30 employees of which 28 lived and shopped in Hampton County. He stated that they don't receive any county funding and services will be duplicated.

MR. AND MRS. CHRIS HANNA, PHARMACIST, HAMPTON, SOUTH CAROLINA:

Dr. and Mrs. Hanna expressed their concern regarding the effect the Mobile School Based Health Unit would have on their business. They expressed the past experience and also informed council that the Beaufort Jasper Hampton Health Consortium referred patients to mail order and informed them that they can purchase medication at a lower cost. He stated that this was not true. He stated that he tried to be listed as a pharmacist on their mail order and was not given the opportunity. They expressed their discontent with Mr. Gardner and the Beaufort Jasper Hampton Health Care. They, too, expressed the financial toll that the Mobile School Based Health Unit would have on their business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

MR. BILL HAGER, CHAIRMAN, HAMPTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, CAME BEFORE COUNCIL TO PRESENT THE HAMPTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR:

Mr. Hager, Chairman, Hampton County Economic Development Commission, came before council to present, the Honorable Charlie Crews, Hampton County Economic Development Ambassador of the Year. (See Attachment #1) Chairman Gray presented a resolution from council to Mr. Crews in recognition as Hampton County Economic Development Ambassador of the Year. Mr. Crews thanked everyone and stated that when he served on county council, he wanted to see something happen for Hampton County. Council thanked Mr. Crews.

MS. SANDY FOWLER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMNT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, REGARDING THE PRESENTATION OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT:

Ms. Sandy Fowler, Economic Development Executive Director, introduced her Economic Development members present and thanked them for their support. She came before council to present the annual

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report. (See Attachment #2)

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

The resolution recognizing the Hampton County Economic Development Ambassador of the Year was adopted under the Consent Agenda.

ORDINANCE(S)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2013, OR SUCH OTHER APPROPRIATE SERIES DESIGNATION OF HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$6,750,000; FIXING THE FORMA AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR HER LAWFULLY AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTES AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; TO ADOPT WRITTEN PROCEDURES RELATED TO TAX EXEMPT DEBT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO:

Mrs. Frannie Heizer, Legal Consultant, came before council to address questions regarding the ordinance authorizing the Issuance And Sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013, or such other appropriate Series Designation of Hampton County, South Carolina, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$6,750,000; fixing the form and details of the bonds; authorizing the County Administrator or her lawfully Authorized Designee to determine certain matters relating to the bonds; providing for the payment of the notes and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; to adopt written procedures related to tax exempt debt; and other matters relating thereto. Council asked for clarification on issues regarding the USDA loan and the repayment of the loan. Council Member Williams questioned Mrs. Heizer regarding the statement made regarding the "guidelines as required" by USDA for the loan. Administrator Graham explained that the dialogue from USDA in a letter dated March 5, 2013 required that Hampton County issue a bond. Council asked that a copy of the letter from USDA be distributed to council. Mrs. Heizer reported that USDA has a lot of bureaucracy and paperwork. Mrs. Heizer stated that there is a grant of \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) associated with the bond. She explained that they will discuss with USDA and have all the issues addressed prior to April 15, 2013 when the public hearing and third reading is given. Mrs. Heizer explained that the figures in the ordinance cannot be changed without going through another reading before public hearing and third reading. Council Member Williams questioned the designees regarding the authorization. He asked that the Administrator and Council's designee be listed. Mrs. Heizer stated that she would make the changes. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give first reading to An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance And Sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013, Or Such Other Appropriate Series Designation of Hampton County, South Carolina, In The Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding \$6,750,000; Fixing The Form And Details Of The Bonds; Authorizing The County Administrator Or Her Lawfully Authorized Designee To Determine Certain Matters Relating To The Bonds; Providing For The Payment Of The Notes And The Disposition Of The Proceeds Thereof; To Adopt Written

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Procedures Related To Tax Exempt Debt; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION OF THE ESTILL LIBRARY USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give first reading by title only for the Ordinance Regarding the Issuance of a General Obligation Bond as Required for Completion of the Estill Library USDA Rural Development Loan. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY FOR 2013-2014 FISCAL BUDGET:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to give first reading by title only for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #3)

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Hollingsworth

Council Member Hollingsworth informed council that he attended the Quad County meeting and the South Carolina Association of Counties (SCAC) Webcast. He stated that it was a good training. I The training dealt with generational differences in the workplace. He shared with council the categories of generations by the year in which they were born: Traditionalist (1922 – 1945), Baby Boomer (1946 – 1964), Generation X (1965 – 1980), Generation Y (1981 – 2000). Council Member Hollingsworth stated that it was a great training and is appreciative of the SCAC for putting on the webcast.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Hampton County 2013-2014 Goals

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the Hampton County 2013-2014 Goals. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Overages in Public Works

Administrator Graham came before council regarding the potential overages of \$12,000 (twelve thousand dollars) for overtime in the Public Works Department. She asked that a transfer of \$12,000 (twelve thousand dollars) from the contingency be allowed to cover this overage in the Public Works department. She stated that the overtime in Public Works is due to the rain. Council Member Hollingsworth asked that he be corrected if he was wrong but stated that he thought that the department head was asked to come before council regarding the overages. Administrator Graham responded that if council had asked that the department head be there, then she would have had them there. Council Member Phillips responded that he

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feels that council address the Administrator regarding departments like when he was Superintendent, the board hires the superintendent and go to you for questions to be answered, not the department. Council Member Hollingsworth responded that his opinion was based on his experience as an Agent with Clemson Extension, a state agency, that a person over a department is given the responsibility to handle that department and you should have enough confidence in that department head to come before council if requested to explain, because they are the one that is paid to supervise that department so they should be able to come and explain the budget overages. Council Member Phillips stated that this is if council asks. Council Member Williams stated that council did ask. Chairman Gray explained that the Administrator is paid to do the job. Council Member Haulsee responded that the council pays the Administrator to do her job. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to transfer \$12,000 (twelve thousand dollars) from the contingency to the public works department. Motion carried with Council Members Gray, Haulsee and Phillips voting in favor and Council Members Hollingsworth and Williams voting against.

Budget Overages in the Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Smalls came before council to answer questions regarding his department overages, He explained to council that his department is unlike any other department; they do not go home at 5:00 p. m. if there is a case that they are investigating. He stated that the sheriff's department has two active murder investigations. He provided explanations to council regarding questions that they had. Council thanked Sheriff Smalls for his service. Administrator Graham asked the Sheriff if they could get together next week to talk about the possible changes of hourly positions to salaried positions. Council thanked the Sheriff for his time and service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL MATTER(S):

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to go into executive Session to discuss personnel 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 reported that council discussed personnel matters. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee that seals be placed on all three (3) of the coroner's vehicles by April 1, 2013 and that the SUV (the SUV from the Hampton County Sheriff's Department) be returned by April 1, 2013 and when either SUV is disabled and the coroner would have priority. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to amend the motion to state that any other county vehicle except the sheriff's vehicles undercover vehicles and that the seals for the vehicles come from the public works department. Motion carried unanimously. The main motion was seconded by Council Member Phillips. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p. m.