

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; JULY 15, 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, July 15, 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:**

Chairman Gray gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Gray.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

- 3.1.1 June 3, 2013 County Council Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 June 10, 2013 County Council Special Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.3 June 17, 2013 County Council Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.4 June 26, 2013 County Council Special Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.5 Litter Report

and the June 17, 2013 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revision, defer Item #3.1.1 – 3.1.5 and Item 10.2.3, Ordinance 2013-013, Second Reading to the Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee Agreement Providing for a Payment of a Fee in Lieu of Taxes the Issuance of a Special Source Revenue Credit and Other Matters Related Thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

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**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**DR. CHRIS HANNA:**

Dr. Hanna came before council regarding a complaint regarding Beaufort-Hampton-Jasper Comprehensive Rural Health. Dr. Hanna stated that he has been trying to get on the providers list regarding the mail-in pharmacy and has not gotten a response from the Comprehensive Health. Dr. Hanna stated that the provision of medication to the local patients is his concern. He stated that he is starting a petition, a grassroots effort regarding being given the chance to participate as a provider to patients of Beaufort-Hampton-Jasper Comprehensive Rural Health.

**MS. SHARON PRONTY:**

Ms. Ponty, a member All 4 Paws of Pawley Island, came before council to officer support and assistance regarding the county's animal shelter. She stated that if the shelter needed improvements, they would be there to support. Council thanked Ms. Ponty for her comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

**MS. SANDRA LIGON, COMMUNITY RELATIONS SENIOR CONSULTANT, SOUTH CAROLINA HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION AND THE HONORABLE JOE FRAGALE, COMMISSIONER, SOUTH CAROLINA HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION AND TO REQUEST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL:**

Ms. Sandra Ligon, Community Relations Senior Consultant, South Carolina Human Affairs Commission and the Honorable Joe Fragale, Commissioner, South Carolina Human Affairs Commission came to inform council regarding the function and practicality of having a Community Relations Council. Ms. Ligon presented a request for Hampton County Council to establish a Community Relations Council. Council thanked Ms. Ligon and Mr. Fragale for their time and presentation and responded that council will place the discussion and possible response regarding the request on their next agenda.

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

There were no appointment(s).

**RESOLUTION(S)**

There were no resolution(s).

**ORDINANCE(S)**

**SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE 2013-011, ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:**

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Chairman Gray stated that two readings had been given. Mr. Meyers stated that there were six items unanticipated and not properly budgeted. Chairman Gray stated that this was mainly housekeeping items. Mr. Meyers confirmed that it was. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to give second reading to Ordinance #2013-011, Ordinance to Amend the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

**SECOND READING TO THE AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 90-02, ARTICLE 1-A:**

Mr. Crews, Building Inspector, came before council representing the Planning Commission. Mr. Crews stated that the Planning Commission has been working on the Unified Land Development Ordinance. He stated that the Planning Commission is asking that seven be seated instead of nine, because they cannot get business done due to the lack of a quorum. They feel that with members not attending; it would be easier to get a quorum with seven members. Council Member Hollingsworth asked Mr. Crews, personally, which did he feel would be best, Mr. Crews responded that he felt that nine members would be best. Council inquired in regards to the demographics of the board members. Mr. Crews responded that the members were pretty spread out over the county. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give second reading to the Amendment to Ordinance 90-02 Article 1-A. Motion carried unanimously.

**BID(S)**

**SINGLE SOURCE TO CORRECT THE SALLY PORT:**

Administrator Graham asked that council authorize Brunson Construction to proceed with Sally Port addition at the Courthouse as a single source bid and not a sole source bid. She reported that Brunson Construction was party to the suit. She reminded council that:

1. Brunson Construction was the contractor to complete the renovation of the Courthouse.
2. A Reimbursement for errors/omissions in the design of the Sally Port were included in a settlement the County received from Moseley Architects as well as drawings to correct the errors.
3. We are seeking Council's approval to allow Brunson Construction to make the needed corrections to the sally port.
4. Brunson construction has provided a quote of \$98,713 to complete the work. Some special inspections and permit cost will be incurred in addition.
5. The balance of the funding from the settlement \$140,000 is sufficient to cover the proposed costs. A contract will be drafted and signed upon Council's approval.

Council Member Phillips asked if the money received from the suit will cover the cost. Administrator Graham stated that it will. Council Member Williams asked what would be the cost for the special inspections. Administrator Graham stated that she was not sure; council in turn inquired of Mr. Crews, Building Inspector, who was present. Mr. Crews responded that the permits for the project would be issued by the Town of Hampton, but roughly, they shouldn't exceed \$5,000 (five thousand dollars). Council Member Williams asked why was this project not bid and what requirements

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would a project have to meet to qualify as a single source. Administrator Graham responded that Brunson Construction was the company that worked on the project previously and was a part of the suit. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve the single source bid for the Sally Port as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #1 – Bid)

## **COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)**

### **CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #2)

### **DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):**

#### **Council Member Shedron Williams:**

Council Member Williams stated that he took the economic development tour sponsored by Senator Tim Scott.

### **REQUEST FOR A SECOND PART-TIME DEPUTY CORONER'S POSITION:**

Administrator Graham stated that Mr. Washington, Coroner, was requesting a second part-time Deputy Coroner. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve a second position coroner with no additional funding. Council Member Hollingsworth commented that as long as it falls under the county's guidelines. Motion carried unanimously.

## **REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

#### **Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement for Aiken County and Effingham, Georgia**

**Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to accept the Mutual Aid Agreement for Aiken County, South Carolina and Effingham County, Georgia provided that the agreement has the blessing from the County Attorney. County Attorney Solomons stated that he thinks that it is okay but has submitted it to the SCAC Staff Attorney for review. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **The Public Works Department and Status Updates on the Condition of County Roads**

Mr. Blake Hodge, Public Works Director, informed council that since July of last year the county has had rain. He listed the number of employees in his department and gave an update regarding the poor shape of the equipment. He informed council that 24 roads had been closed. He expressed to council that they were going to the CTC with a plan to see if they could get some help and outsource. Council Member Hollingsworth asked why were they asking for \$13,500 (thirteen thousand, five hundred dollars) from contingency when they still had \$35,000 (thirty-five thousand dollars left in the repairs line item). He stated that he would like to see them use that before requesting funds from the contingency. Mr. Hodges stated that he will be sending a letter to the CTC to ask for assistance. Council Member Phillips stated that they need to let the CTC know that the assistance will help everyone in the county. Chairman Gray will get together with the Administrator to write the letter to the CTC. (See Attachment #3 – Public Works Report)

#### **Report Regarding Animal Control**

Administrator Graham gave a report regarding C.A.S.H. She informed council that Mr. Clifton

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will be canceling operations of C.A.S.H. as of September 2, 2013. Council Member Phillips wanted to know if the municipalities as well as the county required by statute. Administrator Graham replied that the statute list the requirements in regards to animal control. Administrator Graham stated that the vehicles from C.A.S.H. will be transferred back to the county. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to accept the letter of discontinuation of the contract with C.A.S.H. Motion carried unanimously. Administrator Graham stated that staff will look into the matter regarding the county's role with animal control.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**CONTRACTUAL MATTER REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to go into executive session. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray stated that council was presented proposals and direction regarding animal control.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting.