

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JUNE 16, 2014; 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, June 16, 2014, 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 Vice Chairman Phillips.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 3.1.1 June 2, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 June 9, 2014 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes

and the June 16, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: (1) Add Item 7.1, School District 2 Update, (2) Delete Item 10.2.1, Ordinance 2014-007, Amendment to Hampton County 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget , (3) Add Item 14.1 Contractual Matter – Executive Session and (4) Add Item 15.1, Contractual Matter - Report Out of Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

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PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MR. THOMAS OWENS, CITIZEN AND FORMER MAYOR OF ESTILL, S. C.:

Mr. Owens came before council spoke regarding the appreciation the citizens had when the county agreed to approve the loan for Hampton School District 2, but stated that he was disappointed when he heard that the county had frozen the funds. Mr. Owens along with other citizens in attendance wanted to know why the funds were frozen. Council Members Hollingsworth and Williams stated they heard about a freeze from South District 2, Council stated that they were unaware that funds were frozen. Vice Chairman Phillips asked Mr. Owens how he knew. He stated that he heard from people. Ms. Corine Miller, Finance Director, spoke up to say that "Yes, the funds were frozen. They were frozen last Thursday." Mrs. Orr, Chair, Hampton School District 2, shared that they did not have funds to meet payroll, because the funds were frozen. Ms. Miller explained that she had to get permission to move funds from another line item to meet payroll. Administrator Graham stated that she would have to research the matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the consent agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

HAMPTONSCHOOL DISTRICT 2 UPDATE (MR. SCOTT ALLAN, SCHOOL SUPPORT, INC.):

Administrator Graham stated that Mr. Allan was going to give an update on the progress and procedures in place as to which funds would be released and activities. Mr. Allan came before council and explained the procedures on and making purchases, purchasing guidelines and procedures. He sat down with the Treasurer and discussed the policy and procedures for draw down. Mr. Allan stated that he was implementing policies and procedures for food service and the activity funds. He stated that he was putting administrative guides in place. Mrs. Orr, Chair, Hampton School District 2, asked council for a copy of the contract and the amended agreement that Hampton County had with Mr. Allan. Mrs. Orr stated that Hampton District 2 did not get a copy of the contract. Administrator Graham explained that the amended agreement outlined the terms and that she would get a copy of the amended agreement to Hampton School District 2.

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, APPROVING AND IMPLEMENTING WRITTEN POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO POST-ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN FEDERAL TAX LAW LIMITATION IMPOSED ON BONDS ISSUED BY THE COUNTY:

Administrator Graham stated that the Resolution Authorizing, Approving and Implementing

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Written Policies with Respect to Post-Issuance Compliance with Certain Federal Tax Law Limitation Imposed on Bonds Issued by the County was a procedural matter. Council Member Williams stated that he would like implemented in the resolution on page 1, section 2-8, upon approval of council, governing body. **Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the resolution with the amendment as stated by Council Member Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE 2014-003, HAMPTON COUNTY 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:

Administrator Graham stated that there was no new information, and she did not receive any calls or requests and do need to take action before June 30, 2014 deadline. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that on the last time, did not discuss one item he had concern, household solid waste fee. Chairman Gray stated that if this is not considered, then about \$200,000 away from a balanced budget. **Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Williams, to table the third reading to Ordinance 2014-003, Hampton County 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget until June 23., 2014 Budget Workshop. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to have a special meeting following the budget workshop for the proposed third reading to the Ordinance 2014-003, Hampton County 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion carried unanimously on amendment. Motion carried unanimously on motion to table.

ORDINANCE 2014-006, ORDINANCE FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A SOLID WASTE FEE IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 BUDGET:

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to table Item 10.3.1, Ordinance 2014-006, Ordinance for the Imposition of a Solid Waste Fee in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget until next meeting. Motion carried with Council Member Haulsee opposing.

BID(S)

AWARD BID TO BRING WATER AND SEWER INTO SOUTHERN CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL CAMPUS (SCIC) AND HAMPTON COUNTY SPEC BUILDING:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams to award bid to Potter Construction to bring water and sewer into Southern Carolina Industrial Campus (SCIC) and Hampton County SPEC Building. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #1)

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

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

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

There was no discussion.

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DECORUM POLICY FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Chairman Gray presented the Decorum Policy for council meetings. He stated that the policy had been reviewed by the County Attorney and the County Administrator. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the Decorum Policy for council meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Road Closing Action

Mr. A. G. Solomons, County Attorney, came before council to request authorization for him to accept service on a road closing action by Mr. James Newman for a road located Northwest of Gifford, Oak Bridge Plantation. The attorney stated that there were no residents, no school bus drives and no cemeteries. Council wanted to know if there were any agricultural users of this road. The attorney stated that he did not know but would research the matter. **Moved** by Chairman Gray, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to authorize the County Attorney to accept service on the action. County Attorney Solomons stated that he would report back to council by e-mail.

USDA Grant for Estill Library

Ms. Niki Toomes, USDA, came before council to state that Paula Bishop, Grant Coordinator for Hampton County, put in a request for \$19,400 for the Estill Library. She stated that the Estill Library qualified for \$10,600 towards the project. She stated that this grant will go towards the purchase of items for the library. She stated that there is a \$8,800 matching funds for the grant that is provided by the Hampton County Library Board. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to adopt resolution accepting the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) for the Estill Library. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Landfill Tipping Fee of \$50 Effective with July Billing

Administrator Graham stated that the Landfill Tipping Fee will increase from \$25 to \$50 and will generate \$50,000 revenue and also will apply to deer processing, and the fee is comparable to surrounding areas. **Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Williams. Motion carried with Council Members Gray, Hollingsworth and Williams voting in favor and Council Members Haulsee and Phillips voting against.

Approve Animal Control Fees

Administrator Graham explained that she met with the mayors and representatives on the towns and they were in agreement with the increase of the fee imposed on the towns. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to approve the animal control fees as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Update on Big Mama's Road

Administrator Graham reported to council that Big Mama's Road was paved.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

CONTRACTUAL MATTER:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

CONTRACTUAL MATTER:

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 had a discussion with Hampton County School District 2 and the County Attorney regarding roles and procedures in the Intergovernmental Agreement. No decisions made and listened to representative to School Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to adjourn. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p. m.