

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY; SEPTEMBER 2, 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 Tuesday, September 2, 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: 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 Ms. Alexis Jarrell, Student, Wade Hampton High School, Varnville, South Carolina.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

- 3.1.1 July 21, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes
- ~~3.1.2 August 18, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- ~~3.1.3 Ratification of Appointment Tables~~

and the September 2, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: (1) Delete Items #3.1.2, August 18, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes and 3.1.3, Ratification of Appointment Tables, (d) Add Item 14.1 Executive Session, Economic Development Matter and (3) Add Item #15.1, Report Out of Executive Session, Economic Development Matter. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS:

Chairman Gray recognized the Wade Hampton High School JAG students and their Coordinator, Ms. Terry Sanders and advisors. Council Member Williams remarked that this program has a 95% Graduation rated. It was funded through Lowcountry Council of Governments (LCOG) and is no longer funded. Council thanked the group for being present.

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PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the consent agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

MR. SCOTT STRAW, DIRECTOR, AHJ REGIONAL LIBRARY:

Mr. Strawn was not present.

MR. MICHAEL DeWITT, HAMPTON COUNTY GUARDIAN, REGARDING REQUEST FOR DONATION TO ASSIST WITH PRIZE FOR ESSAY CONTEST REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT TEXTING WHILE DRIVING AND ALSO THE SUPPORT FOR SMALL TOWN CHRISTMAS:

Mr. DeWitt came before council to inform council that the he S.C. Press Association and local participating newspaper, Hampton County Guardian, is sponsoring Hampton are challenging Palmetto State high school students to write an essay, editorial or opinion column that highlights the dangers of texting while driving. The statewide winner will receive a \$500 prize underwritten by AT&T. Mr. DeWitt was soliciting donations for the local winner's prize. Also, Mr. DeWitt was soliciting donations for Small Town Christmas. Council stated that they would put the requests on the next agenda.

APPOINTMENT(S)

NEW LIFE CENTER BOARD:

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Nancy Drawdy and William O. Gooding, Jr. to the New Life Center Board.

RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 5310 GRANT AWARD TO THE COUNCIL ON AGING:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to adopt the resolution regarding the South Carolina Department of Transportation 5310 Grant Award to the Council on Aging. Motion carried unanimously.

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ORDINANCE(S)

SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE 2014-011, HAMPTON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE:

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to table the second reading of Ordinance 2014-011, Hampton County Land Development Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously. Council stated that public hearings needed to be held to receive public input on the ordinance. Council asked the County Administrator to notify the Planning Commission to hold public hearings regarding the Hampton County Land Development Ordinance before presenting for second reading.

ORDINANCE 2014-010, ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER PROPERTY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL PARK (LRIP) TO THE LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM (LRWS):

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Williams, to give second reading to Ordinance 2014-010, Ordinance to Transfer Property and Infrastructure in the Lowcountry Regional Industrial Park (LRIP) to the Lowcountry Regional Water System (LRWS) with the inclusion of the reverter clause and the deletion of the sale of property, because if the water system no longer exist under the name in which the property is transferred; the property would revert back to Hampton County. Motion carried unanimously.

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 Members Hollingsworth stated that he spoke with Representative Bill Bowers regarding the SCAC's request regarding local government funding, and Representative Bowers stated that he was in support of full funding. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that he even had Representative Bowers to sign the form and he has sent it to SCAC. Vice Chairman Phillips stated that he would like a letter written to each legislator to see to find out how they feel about the local government funding. He stated that he would like know what the consensus is. County Administrator Graham will contact the legislators. Council Member Hollingsworth also discussed the Hampton County Guardian's "Letters to Editor" from Mr. Rusty Hiers about the Recycling Center Site and the recycling bins and the inability of elderly or special needs individuals to be able to dump their garbage. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that citizens should not have to go through what was stated in the editorial to dump garbage. Council Member Haulsee said that it is a learning process. The compactors are filling up on the three days and don't know when the bins are dumped. He stated that it is a change for everyone. Administrator Graham is going to get with staff to address some of those issues.

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Council Member Williams

Council Member Williams stated that he attended the South Carolina Economic Development Community Development conference in Charleston. He stated that he learned about a lot of things that Hampton County could be doing. He stated that he had an opportunity to sit down with Congressman Clyburn. He stated that Hampton County needs to start looking at business opportunities for small business. Also, he stated that he would like to be informed of what's going on in his county; he stated that he hated hearing about information about Hampton County from other agencies or other Council people, and he should know but was not informed.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

The Clerk to Council updated council regarding board appointments, vacancies and advertisements. The deadline to apply for boards and commissions is advertised as 09/10/2014. By acclamation, Council extended the deadline until September 30, 2014. Council asked the County Administrator to write letters to each of the towns to ask that they recommend someone to serve on the Hampton County Arts Council.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

There was no report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL MATTER:

Vice Chairman Phillips recused himself. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter. Motion carried.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL MATTER AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to come out of executive session regarding a legal matter. Motion carried. After coming out of executive session, Chairman Gray reported that council met with Mr. and Mrs. Viola to begin paving the remainder of Big Mama's Road. The Viola's are not interested at this time but could change their minds.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p. m.