

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JANUARY 5, 2015; 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, January 5, 2015, 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, Isaac Smith (Newly Seated Council Member) and Shedron Williams. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Interim Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: There was no media present. 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.

RECOGNITION(S):

Chairman Gray recognized the Interim County Administrator, Rose D. Elliott, County of Hampton; New County Council Member Seated, Isaac Smith, County of Hampton; Mayor Terry Wright, Town of Brunson; Sheriff T. C. Smalls, County of Hampton; Coroner Ernie J. Washington, County of Hampton; Council Member Adam Major, Town of Varnville and Council Member James Faison, Town of Hampton.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

~~3.1.1—October 6, 2014—December 29, 2014 County Council Meeting and Special Meeting Minutes~~

and the January 5, 2015 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions:
(1) Delete Item #3.1.1 and (2) Move Item#15.1.1 to Item #12.3.1 Motion carried unanimously.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Clerk to Council, Aline Newton, administered the Oath of Office to the Isaac Smith,

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Shedron D. Williams and Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips. Reverend Floyd Hughes administered the Oath of Office to Ernie J. Washington, Sr., Coroner, Hampton County.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENT OF STAFF

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Council voted by secret ballot to elect the Honorable Shedron D. Williams as Chairman and the Honorable Roy Hollingsworth as Vice Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF STAFF:

Moved by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to accept both names as submitted Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and Algernon Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth suggested that council was at the same dilemma of approval of the Clerk to Council, County Attorney and County Administrator as a new council member coming on council. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth suggested that council extend the appointments until 2016 when everyone on council will have a chance for at least a year to evaluate staff. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to amend the motion to include what Council Member Hollingsworth voiced. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

No public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were deferred under the consent agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

There were no presentation(s).

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

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RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE TO GRANT EASEMENT TO PALMETTO ELECTRIC FOR POWER LINE IN STANLEY LOOP SUB-DIVISION:

Mr. Randy Crews, Building Inspector, came before council to request council to grant an easement to Palmetto Electric for a power line in the Stanley Loop Sub-Division. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to give first reading to the Ordinance To Grant Easement to Palmetto Electric for Power Line in Stanley Loop Sub-Division. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that he had some questions, but after reviewing the maps, he was fine with it. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Williams stated that he wanted to thank everyone for supporting him by phone, letters, text, etc.

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Smith

Council Member Smith thanked God and those who placed confidence in him to work for the betterment of Hampton County. He also stated that he appreciated all family and friends who were present.

Council Member Phillips

Council Member Phillips stated that he wanted to thank everyone and also Isaac for running.

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that every county employee works for you all. He told everyone to look for great things in the next few months.

Council Member Haulsee

Council Member Haulsee jokingly said that if anyone wanted to see him, you could see him in grocery store.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Update from Interim County Administrator

Mrs. Elliott stated that she was ready to move Hampton County forward.

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Hampton County Council's Retreat

Mrs. Elliott gave council the dates of January 31, 2015 and February 7, 2015 for the retreat. By consensus, council chose January 31, 2015. Hampton County Council's retreat is scheduled for January 31, 2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No matters were scheduled for discussion.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

No matters were scheduled for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

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