

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MARCH 16, 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, March 16, 2015, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Christopher B. Haulsee; Roy Hollingsworth, Vice Chairman; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Isaac Smith and Shedron D. Williams, Chairman. 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 Williams called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Council Member Smith gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Williams.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE MARCH 2, 2015 HAMPTON COUNTY AGENDA:

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

3.1.1 Approval of Minutes

and the March 16, 2015 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

No public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MS. BARBARA GRAY AND MOTHER OF THE LATE JOHN JARRELL REGARDING PLACEMENT OF HER NEPHEW'S NAME ON ALL WARS MEMORIAL:

Ms. Gray came before council and was upset, because she was told that the names would not be placed on the monument until December, 2015. She stated that the family would like the name placed on the monument either by Memorial Day or July 4th. She stated that they have turned in all the paperwork and was told that the committee was awaiting the completion of paperwork by another family who has a relative who was killed in the 9/11 attack. She stated that it has been five years and they would like to see his name on the monument. Ms. Jarrell stated that he enlisted

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after graduation and after five (5) tours, he was killed. She stated that they received assistance from the Tragedy Assistance Office in Fort Benning, Georgia to complete the paperwork. He gave his life for his country. Chairman Williams stated that council would like to have the All Wars Advisory Committee at the next meeting. Council Member Haulsee stated that he didn't care what it cost; he would like to see the names on the monument.

MS. BARBARA GRAY REGARDING THE LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM (LRWS):

Ms. Gray stated that property was supposed to be transferred to the LRWS. She stated that she does not want the property transferred. The property belongs to the people of Hampton County not Lowcountry Regional Water System and their associates. She stated that if it were transferred and for some unforeseen reason automatically give to subsidiaries – “consolidating in other areas”. She stated that they were told that if they were within 300 (three hundred) feet of the road and don't want to hook into the system, they would be charged \$36 (thirty-six dollars) per month. Council Member Phillips stated that eventually there will be a water system. Council Member Phillips informed Ms. Gray that the towns were having problems with their systems.

PRESENTATION(S)

MR. SCOTT ALLAN, FINANCIAL CONSULTANT FOR HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO, UPDATE:

Mr. Scott Allan, Financial Consultant for Hampton School District 2, came before council and presented an update on Hampton School District 2's finances. Mr. Allan stated that the district was doing a very good job. Also present was Mr. Martin Wright, Interim Superintendent and Ms. Corine Miller, Finance Director.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

No public comment(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes approved under the consent agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER(S) AND CONTRACTUAL MATTER(S):

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to go into executive session to discuss economic development matter(s) and contractual matter(s).

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REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER(S) AND CONTRACTUAL MATTER(S):

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to come out of executive session. **After coming out of executive session**, Chairman Williams stated that council gave instructions to Administrator Dobson-Elliott and Mr. Solomons, County Attorney to research an issue. Council discussed an issue with the Lowcountry Regional Water System and a personnel matter regarding the Hampton County Grievance Committee.

APPOINTMENT(S)

APPOINTMENT OF THE HAMPTON COUNTY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to appoint Tim Latham to the Hampton County Grievance Committee and appoint Ivy Boles, Janet Chassereau, Jennifer Jarrell and Jennifer Youmans as alternates to the Hampton County Grievance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

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

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Smith, to give first reading to rescind Ordinance 2014-010, Ordinance to Transfer Property and Infrastructure in the Lowcountry Regional Industrial Park (LRIP) to the Lowcountry Regional Water System (LRWS). Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Smith and Williams voting in favor and Council Members Haulsee and Phillips voting against.

RESOLUTION(S)

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION R2015-001, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2012-001, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER ON THE GOVERNING COMMISSION OF THE LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM:

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Smith, to table and no action be taken on proposed Resolution R2015-001, a resolution amending Resolution 2012-001, A resolution providing for the appointment of the Representative of Hampton County, South Carolina, to serve as a Commissioner on the governing Commission of the Lowcountry Regional Water System. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Smith and Williams voting in favor. Council Members Haulsee and Phillips abstained.

RESOLUTION R2015-002, FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to adopt Resolution R2015-002, Fair Housing Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

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NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY:

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adopt the Non-Discrimination Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to give first reading by title only to the Hampton County Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

AWARDING OF BID FOR AUDITING SERVICES FFP 15:

Moved by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to award the bid to Love Bailey to conduct the county's Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Audit. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #1)

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Williams informed council that he received several calls and concerns regarding the number of wells being dug on the South Side of the county for irrigation. He stated that he wanted the guidelines for wells being dug and wanted to know if the county was ready for the impact when the citizens came regarding this issue. Council Member Phillips stated that this issue came up some years ago and DHEC (Department of Health and Environmental Control) presented information regarding this matter.

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Smith

Council Member Smith reported that he was assigned to a group, Healthy Young People empowering people to eat healthy. They were engaged in monitoring healthy eating habits.

Council Member Phillips

Council Member Phillips wanted council to check in the matter of the Council on Aging not having meetings as reported at the meeting and not allowed to post meeting agendas on the outside. Administrator Dobson-Elliott will check into the matter.

Council Member Phillips informed everyone regarding a fundraiser, Concert by the Double Shot Band, for the Animal Shelter to be held on April 25, 2015.

SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

Ms. Christine James has sent receipt of acknowledgement of receiving. Council will review the applications on March 24, 2015 at 6:00 p. m.

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**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Western Carolina Tour

Interim Administrator Dobson-Elliott reminded council about the Western Carolina Tour. Council selected Friday, March 20, 2015 to tour the facility.

Budget Workshop and Review of Applications for Administrator

Council will hold a budget workshop on March 21, 2015 and March 23, 2015 at 5:00 p. m. Council will meet on March 24, 2015 to review applications.

ADJOURNMENT

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