

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; APRIL 6, 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, April 6, 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: Mr. Mike DeWitt, Hampton County Guardian. 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 Council Member Hollingsworth.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE APRIL 6, 2015 HAMPTON COUNTY AGENDA:

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

- 3.1.1 March 16, 2015 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 March 23, 2015 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.3 March 24, 2015 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes

and the April 6, 2015 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: (1) Delete Items 7.2, Presentation and 8.1, Appointment, (2) Change 8.0 to Executive Session, (3) Add 9.3, State Roads Resolution Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE 2015-002, EMS (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES) BILLING ORDINANCE:

Chairman Williams opened the public hearing to receive public comments on the third reading to Ordinance 2015-002, EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Billing Ordinance. Mr. Chris Altman, Director, Emergency Medical Services, came before council to state that the ordinance was presented for adoption to allow for the billing rate to be adjusted according to the rate changes that are allowed to be billed under the Affordable Health Care Act. There were no other comments. Chairman Williams closed the public hearing.

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PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MS. FAYE GOODING, CITIZEN AND BUSINESS OWNER:

Ms. Gooding came before council to state that she was concerned as a citizen and a business person regarding the discussion by council with the Lowcountry Regional Water System (LRWS) relative to water supply. She stated that she wanted clarity on how rescinding the agreement with LRWS will affect business in the Industrial Park. She wanted to know with the rescinding of the agreement, what entity would be maintaining the water tank and other equipment such as the water supply, sewage and fire suppression system, the cost for maintain versus the cost of gifting the equipment and land. Ms. Gooding had several questions regarding the provision of water and sewage service to the park. She stated that she was very concerned as a citizen and a business person. She reported that she would like to see the county go forward. She stated that no one has contacted or discussed with her team as to the discussions between the county and the Lowcountry Regional Water System. Ms. Gooding stated that she was writing a business plan for Exit 38. Ms. Gooding wanted to know if we are thinking forward regarding rescinding the ordinance. Council Member Hollingsworth asked Ms. Gooding if her business was still getting water at the park/ She stated that they were. Ms. Gooding stated that she was concerned, because of what she read in the Guardian. Chairman Williams stated that he thought the Hampton County Guardian was a good paper and all respect to Mr. DeWitt, but Mr. DeWitt has not been to any of the meetings to know what was going on. Chairman Williams stated that the information that was written in the paper was biased. Ms. Gooding stated that she was interested in what was best for the future of Hampton County. Chairman Williams and Council thanked Ms. Gooding for her comments.

MS. MOORE REGARDING THE ALL WARS MEMORIAL:

Ms. Moore came before council and stated that John, her son, was a soldier and well decorated. She stated that it did not matter if he was decorated or not. He gave his life for his country and his name deserves to be put on the monument. She stated that she was tired of J. C. Clifton dragging his feet. Council thanked Ms. Moore for her comments.

MS. LISA WINN REGARDING THE ALL WARS MEMORIAL:

Ms. Winn stated that she was the sister of John Jarrell. She stated that she tried to get on earlier. Ms. Jarrell stated that there needed to be a simplification of the process for having a name placed on the All Wars Monument. She stated that there are some things that are required that are not needed. She would request that the application process be made easier.

PRESENTATION(S)

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

- **Mr. Scott Strawn, Hampton County Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library**
Mr. Strawn came before council to update council on the programs at the library and to thank council for prior funding and ask for continued funding. Mr. Strawn stated that they would like to give their employees a 5% pay raise this year. It has been three years since they have received a raise.
- **Ms. Adrian Allen, Mr. Andrew Salley and Mr. Holt, Coastal Empire Community Mental Health**

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Ms. Allen came before council and updated council regarding the services in which Coastal Empire Community Mental Health provides to the Hampton County. She stated that they now receive \$2,650 and would like to request that council restore them to the 2013 funding level of \$5,300.

- **Mr. Gene Hood, 14th Circuit Public Defender's Office**
Mr. Hood came before council and stated that Hampton County has been provided monies for services provided by the Public Defender, \$35,700. He stated that there have been a lot of changes in the last 23 years. He stated that in the past, he has been able to effectively move monies around that are allocated by Jasper and Beaufort Counties to cover Hampton, but he is unable to do so. He stated that he needs Hampton County to be solvent. Mr. Hood asked that the county provide the requested funding at the full level.
- **Dr. Richard Gough, President; Mr. Charlie Laffitte and Ms. Margie Thomas, Board Members, Technical College of the Lowcountry**
Dr. Gough introduced member of TCL Board of Directors. He updated council regarding TCL and reported that they have plans for the Mungin Center and plan to resurface the parking at TCL-Mungin Center. Dr. Gough thanked council for the funding and continued funding.
- **Dr. Douglas McTeer, Superintendent, Hampton County School District I**
Dr. McTeer updated council on measures taken by Hampton County School District I to maintain current educational levels, etc. Dr. McTeer stated that Hampton County School District I was requesting a 2.8 mill increase.
- **Mr. Martin Wright, Superintendent, Hampton County School District II**
Mr. Martin Wright came before council and asked that he be able to come back in May after further exploration and a well prepared budgetary process for Hampton County School District II.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL/CONTRACTUAL MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, to go into executive session to discuss legal/contractual matters. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL/CONTRACTUAL MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to come out of executive session regarding legal/contractual matters. Motion carried unanimously. **After coming out of executive session**, Chairman Williams stated that Council gave instructions to the County Administrator and County Attorney to continue negotiations.

PRESENTATION(S)

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES CONTINUED:

Ms. Peach Morrison, Lowcountry and Resort Island Tourism Commission

Ms. Morrison came before council and update council regarding the activities of Lowcountry and Resort Island Tourism Commission.

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**PRESENTATION OF THE HAMPTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR AWARD TO MR. RUSS AND MRS. KIM CROWE BY
MR. SHEDRON WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN, HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL AND MR.
WILLIAMS HAGER, CHAIRMAN, HAMPTON COUNTY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:**

Mr. Bill Hager, Chairman, Hampton County Economic Development Commission, introduced Mr. Russ and Mrs. Kim Crowe, Owners, Progressive Packaging, Hampton County Economic Development Ambassador of the Year. Mr. Bill Hager, Chairman, Hampton County Economic Development Commission along with Mr. Shedron Williams, Chairman, Hampton County Council, presented the Hampton County Economic Ambassador of the Year Award to Mr. Russ and Mrs. Kim Crowe.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

No public comment(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes approved under the consent agenda.

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 12-18, 2015 AS
NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS' WEEK:**

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to adopt the proclamation recognizing the Week of April 12-18, 2015 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators' Week. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2015-001, 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 Haulsee, Smith, to table and that no action be taken on 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 unanimously.

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STATE ROADS RESOLUTION:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adopt the State Roads Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

**THIRD READING TO EMS (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES) BILLING
ORDINANCE:**

Mrs. Dobson-Elliott, Interim County Administrator, stated that the ordinance would allow rate adjustment according to state, federal and Medicaid guidelines for the county to bill. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to give third reading to the EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Billing Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

**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 second reading to Ordinance 2015-003, Ordinance 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.

**ORDINANCE REGARDING THE SALE OF THE PARKER BUILDING TO
SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE:**

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, to give first reading by title only to the Ordinance Regarding the Sale of the Parker Building to SouthernCarolina Alliance. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE FOR RENEWAL OF BOND WITH HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2:

Moved by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Smith, to give first reading by title only to the Ordinance for Renewal of Bond with Hampton School District 2. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Williams stated that he did not have an update.

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Smith

Council Member Smith stated that he want to reiterate about the lady coming with concern about son's name on monument. He stated that he was a veteran and that is the ultimate sacrifice to give

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one's life. He stated that what happened in the past, but they need to get her son's name on monument no matter the amount.

Council Member Haulsee

Council Member Haulsee stated that his statement is the same as Council Member Smith's. Ms. Gray stated that she found out that the All Wars is to make recommendations to council and county council decides.

BIDS PROCESS AND PROCEDURES FOR BIDS AND AWARDS FOR HAMPTON COUNTY:

Chairman Williams stated that he wanted to discuss the bids process and procedures for bids and awards for Hampton County. Chairman Williams stated that all bids should be put out by Hampton County and all bids should come back to one location and once bid opening, etc., Council should have an opportunity to review proposals. Council Member Phillips stated that he thought this process was in the actual policy of how bids are done. Council stated that they would like this process to be followed. Council asked the Interim Administrator to check the policy.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Census Count

Interim Administrator Dobson-Elliott thanked the Hampton County Guardian for putting out the Census Count Campaign.

ADJOURNMENT

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