

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; NOVEMBER 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, November 16, 2015, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Roy Hollingsworth, Vice Chairman; Christopher B. Haulsee; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Isaac Smith and Shedron D. Williams, Chairman. Council Member(s) absent. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator and Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: 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.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2015 HAMPTON COUNTY CONSENT AGENDA:**  
**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 3.1.1 ~~June 1, 2015 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes – (Deferred)~~
- 3.1.2 November 2, Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes

and the November 16, 2015 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions, (1) Delete Items # 8.1, Hampton County Arts Council; 8.2, Hampton County Economic Development Commission; 8.3, Hampton County Fire Board; 8.4 Lowcountry Council of Governments At-Large Member, (2) Items # 13.1.2, Request for approval of Capital Equipment Item List to Begin Process of Bond issuance, (3) 13.1.3, Administrative Building Exterior, (3) 13.1.5 Bid Award Self Service Fuel at Airport, (4) Delete 12.3, Action, (5) Add Item #14.2, Personnel Item and (5) Reporting Out of Executive Session, Personnel Matter. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**ORDINANCE REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF HIGHWAY 68 PROPERTY TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SCDOT):**

Chairman Williams opened the public hearing to receive public comments concerning the Ordinance Regarding the Transfer Highway 68 Property to the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT). There were no public comments. Chairman Williams closed the public hearing.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**MS. MARY A. DUNCAN REGARDING BIG MAMA'S ROAD:**

Ms. Duncan came before council on behalf of Big Mama's road. She stated that the road was in bad condition and riding in the ditch because it is better. County Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that she responded way back and check with Blake Hodges, Public Works Director. County Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that Ms. Duncan and other residents on Big Mama's road signed documents giving the Viola's the authority to decide if the road is to be paved. Ms. Duncan stated that she and other residents don't see why the county can't start the condemnation process and pave the road. Ms. Duncan stated that the County Attorney told them that if they did not sign that they would be left at their own devices. Ms. Duncan stated that they signed under protest. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth answered Ms. Duncan and stated that he could address some of her questions. He reported that there was a document that she and other residents signed and the County Attorney works for Hampton County. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth asked Ms. Duncan if they had an attorney. She stated that they did. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth explained that they signed the document, and the executed document has legal ramifications. Ms. Duncan stated that she was assured that the road would be paved. Council Member Haulsee stated that he has been down several dirt roads, and there has been pretty good rain. There is no guarantee that the road will be paved, because the County Transportation Committee that is appointed by the Legislative Delegation is the committee that decides which roads are paved. Ms. Duncan stated that she wanted to know what the next steps were to obtain condemnation so the road could be paved. Ms. Duncan stated that she would be back.

**REQUEST THAT THE SIGN UP DATE FOR BASKETBALL AT THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT BE EXTENDED:**

There were several parents that came before council expressing their displeasure regarding the length of time that the basketball sign ups were open. They stated that their children was still playing football and only had one day to sign up. Also, parents were concerned with the finances of the Booster Club. Council stated that the County is not a part of the Booster Club. The Booster Club is a 501c 3. Complaints were given as to requesting what the fees were used and not receiving an answer. Parent stated that she requested a copy of the financial statement and never received one. Parents represented (See Attachment 1 – Sign in sheet).

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**MS. DEIDRE LAWTON REGARDING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS PARTICIPANTS IN THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS:**

Ms. Lawton stated that she was there last year and wanted to know what accommodations are provided in the programs for children with Special Needs. Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that she would have to get back regarding that question. Ms. Lawton stated that if there are not accommodations in the programs for special needs students then it is a form of discrimination. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that he would like to address the County Administrator on this matter for the Recreation Department to have provisions for kids to participate and for citizens to have accommodations at public meetings for special needs. Chairman Williams stated that he would like to see the development of an advisory group for the Recreation Department. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that the Recreation Department consists of 1 full time person and 1 part time person. Ms. Lawson stated that she has been to the school board and have set up a Special Olympics at Wade Hampton Field.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes approved under the Consent Agenda.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

**MR. SCOTT ALLAN, HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 FINANCIAL CONSULTANT, REGARDING FINANCIAL UPDATE ON HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2:**

Mr. Scott Allan, Hampton School District 2 Financial Consultant, came before council to give a financial update regarding Hampton School District 2.

**REPRESENTATIVE REGARDING IDShield'S REQUEST TO OBTAIN PAYROLL DEDUCTION FOR EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR PRODUCT:**

Representatives from IDShield came before council to request that the employees be granted that opportunity to pay for their product through payroll deduction. Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that she would check with payroll, etc. and will follow up.

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

**LOWCOUNTRY WORKFORCE BOARD (HAMPTON COUNTY APPOINTEE REPRESENTING A PRIVATE BUSINESS)**

Council voted by secret ballot to elect Patti Tuten to the Lowcountry Workforce Board as the Hampton County Appointee Representing a Private Business.

**RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATIONS**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF HAMPTON, SOUTH CAROLINA AUTHORIZING THE SEVERANCE OF THE FEE AGREEMENTS BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND NEVAMAR COMPANY, LLC:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adopt a Resolution of the County of Hampton, South Carolina Authorizing the Severance of the Fee Agreements by

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and between Hampton County, South Carolina and Nevamar Company, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

**ORDINANCE REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF HIGHWAY 68 PROPERTY TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SCDOT):**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to give third reading to the Ordinance Regarding The Transfer Highway 68 Property to the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT). Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE REGARDING A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITIES IN HAMPTON COUNTY AND THE HAMPTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to give third reading to the Ordinance Regarding a Mutual Aid Agreement Between the Municipalities in Hampton County and the Hampton County Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.

**BID(S)**

There were no bid(s).

**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)**

**DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):**

**Council Member Smith**

Council Member Smith reported that he attended the South Carolina Economic Development Institute and graduated. Council congratulated Council Member Smith on his accomplishments.

**Vice Chairman Hollingsworth**

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth wanted to know about information on board application such as the birthdate. The clerk explained that information is not requested on the board application.

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Report and Update from Mr. Chris Altman, Director, Hampton County Emergency Services**

Mr. Chris Altman, Director, Hampton County Emergency Services came before council and gave an update regarding his department. (See Attachment 2 – Report)

**Administrative Building Exterior**

Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that she would like to develop a scope of work and take a look at the proposal before putting out for bid.

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**Request for Proposal Review from Staff Regarding County Owned Roads**

Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that a request for a proposal review from the Assessor and Public Works Departments to GIS Inventor of county owned roads and to request funding from the County Transportation Committee (CTC).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**LEGAL MATTERS:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to go into executive session to discuss legal matters. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**LEGAL MATTERS:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to come out of executive session regarding legal matters. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams reported that council discussed legal matters.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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