

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; JANUARY 17, 2012; 6:00 P. M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING  
201 JACKSON AVENUE, WEST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, January 17, 2012, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Christopher B. Haulsee, Virgin Johnson, Sr. and 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: Michael DeWitt, 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 Council Member Phillips.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

- 3.1.1 January 3, 2012 County Council's Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 Litter Report

and the January 17, 2011 County Council Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**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.

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**PRESENTATION(S)**

There were no presentation(s).

**APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LRTA) BOARD:**

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Lynette Harley to the Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority (LRTA) Board.

**LOWCOUNTRY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD:**

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Richard Doctor and Ronnie Stanley to the Lowcountry Workforce Investment Board.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF HAMPTON COUNTY TO SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER ON THE GOVERNING COMMISSION OF THE LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM:**

Administrator Graham stated that Chairman Gray has agreed to serve. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to appoint Hugh B. Gray, Chair, Hampton County Council, to serve as a Commissioner on the Governing Commission of the Lowcountry Regional Water System Board as a representative of Hampton County. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Williams asked about the wording in Section 2 of the resolution in which the Lowcountry Regional Water System would have the authority to sell, lease, etc. Administrator Graham explained that she believed that this would pertain to equipment, etc. when the System would attain the municipality assets, etc. She stated that the Lowcountry Regional Water System Board would have the authority to do so. Council Member Haulsee reported that he had questions about the rates. Administrator Graham explained that all the rates would be the same for all the customers under the system. She explained that the rates would not go up immediately, but they would go up.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

**ORDINANCE #2011-001, FLOOD DAMAMGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to give second reading to Ordinance #2011-001, Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

**FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY TO RESCIND ORDINANCE #2011-015, ELECTRICAL EASEMENT FOR SPEC BUILDING:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give first reading by tit only to rescind Ordinance 2011-015, Electrical Easement for Spec Building. Motion carried unanimously.

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**FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY TO THE UNDERGROUND LEECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS EASEMENT FOR SPEC BUILDING:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to give first reading by title only to Ordinance #2012-003, the Underground Electric and Natural Gas Easement for Spec Building. Motion carried unanimously.

**BID(S)**

**AWARDING OF BID REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR ESTILL LIBRARY EXPANSION/RENOVATION PROJECT:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to award the bid for the proposal (RFP) for architectural and engineering services for the Estill Library Expansion Renovation Project. Motion carried unanimously. (See attachment #1)

**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)**

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):**

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #2)

**COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT(S):**

There were no discussion points.

**UPDATE FROM THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX (CPST) PROCESS COMMITTEE:**

Council Member Haulsee stated that the Hampton County Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission met on January 9, 2011 and discussed the forums. The Commission requested funds to hire a facilitator. Council Member Haulsee stated that he met with Administrator Graham and they felt that a facilitator was not needed since it was a gathering of information. Council Member Haulsee reported that he spoke with Mr. Chad Westendorf, Chair, CPST Commission, and Mr. Westendorf stated that he would facilitate the forums, if needed. Council Member Williams stated that he felt that the request was decided at the meeting on January 9, 2012 and the Hampton County Council Process Committee was to bring the request to council and request that council fund the cost for a facilitator for the CPST Commission. He stated that the commission needs to be present to listen to the people.

**REQUEST FROM THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX (CPST) COMMISSION FOR FUNDS TO HIRE A FACILITATOR TO CONDUCT THE CPST PUBLIC FORUMS:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to not pay for a facilitator for the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission Forums. Motion carried with Council Members Gray, Haulsee, Johnson and Phillips voting in favor and Council Member Williams voting against. Council stated that they did not think that a facilitator was not needed but not to fund one at the county's expense.

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**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Approval of the 2012-2013 Budget Calendar** –

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the 2012-2013 Budget Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Agreement to Enter into a Right of Entry (ROE) Agreement with CSX Which Will Allow Surveyors to Work Within CSX Rail Crossings to Obtain Data Needed**

**Moved** Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the agreement to enter into a right of entry (ROE) agreement with CSX which will allow surveyors to work within CSX Rail Crossings to obtain data needed. Council Member Haulsee inquired as to why CSX would close two crossings to put in one. Motion carried with Council Members Gray, Johnson, Phillips and Williams voting in favor and Council Member Haulsee voting against.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no matter(s).

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p. m.