

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY: MARCH 5, 2012; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, March 5, 2012, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administration Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Christopher B. Haulsee, Virgin Johnson, Sr., 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:

Pastor Byrd gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Williams.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

3.1.1 February 21, 2012 County Council's Meeting Minutes

and the March 5, 2012 County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: (1) Delete Item #14.1, Executive Session, Legal Matters and Add Item #13.1.1, Road Naming Change and (3) Move Item #13.1.1, Presentation on Annual Needs Assessment for Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) by Ms. Michelle Knight, Lowcountry Council of Governments to Item #13.1.2. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

There were no presentation(s).

APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

DETERMINATION OF TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE HAMPTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

Chairman Gray stated that he attended the Planning Commission meeting; he stated that he explained that there were full term vacancies and an unexpired term vacancy. He explained that council would have to decide which terms the appointees would serve, but asked if anyone would agree to serve in the unexpired term. Chairman Gray stated that Mr. Okey Byrd stated that he would fill the unexpired term. Council thanked Chairman Gray for being the liaison to the Planning Commission and handling the matter.

HAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS:

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint George Cannon and John McKenzie to the Hampton County Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

There were no ordinances.

BID(S)

LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING OF THE 800Mhz RADIO EQUIPMENT:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the financing of the year Lease- Purchase Agreement for the 800 Mhz radio equipment to the lowest qualified bidder, BB&T, and adopt the resolution to finance the Lease-Purchase Agreement with the lowest bidder, BB&T for the radio equipment, 120 portable radios and 57 mobile radios, proposed payments for ten years are \$109,444.66 annually with the first payment due March 31, 2013.

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COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #1)

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT(S):

Council Member Williams

Council Member Williams reported that he attended the South Carolina Association of Counties' Mid-Year Conference, February 22-23, 2012. He stated that he learned a lot.

Council Member Haulsee

Council Member Haulsee reported that the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission would be meeting at 6:30 p. m. in the Council Chambers on March 7, 2012. He stated that they reviewed the projects at the last meeting and each member is to list his/her top 13 projects out of the 26 projects. He stated that the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission will be requesting funding for technical assistance regarding projects in the near future.

DONATION OF PROPERTY REQUEST FROM MAYOR RISHER:

Chairman Gray stated that Administrator Graham, Vice Chairman Phillips and he addressed the request that was presented at the last council meeting by Mayor Risher regarding a request for the county to donate property to the Town of Gifford. Chairman Gray explained that in essence the letter stated that the county would review the request for donated property if the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission considered the proposal by the Town of Gifford regarding improvements to the playground and in the second part of the letter, county policy was restated to explain that the county did not negotiate private sales. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter and send to Mayor Risher, Town of Gifford, in response to his request for the donation and sale of property.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

ROAD NAMING CHANGE:

Council approved the recommendation presented by Mr. Crews, Building Inspector, to rename the road in the Lowcountry Regional Industrial Park from Morrison Parrot Road to Logistics Road. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to change the name in the Lowcountry Regional Industrial Park from Morrison Parrot Road to Logistics Road. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Haulsee stated that he would like both industrial parts to be named the same.

PRESENTATION ON ANNUAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS (CDBG) BY MS. MICHELLE KNIGHT, LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Ms. Michelle Knight, Lowcountry Council of Governments, came before council to give a presentation on the Annual Need Assessment for the Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG). She stated that she would make the presentation as to the requirements, deadlines, etc.

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Ms. Knight stated that she would be back to get recommendations from council and the public as to what they feel would be some needs for the county.

RECOGNITIONS:

Chairman Gray recognized Council Member Ronald Williams, Town of Varnville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no executive session matter(s).

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p. m.