

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY: MARCH 19, 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 19, 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:

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 February 21, 2012 County Council's Meeting Minutes

and the March 19, 2012 County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revision(s): (1) Add Item #7.1, Suzzane Peeples, South Carolina Emergency Management Association and (2) Add Item #7.1, Presentations, Mr. Alan Matienzo, South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), An update on the I-95/Exit 38 Adopt –an-interchange grant project –from SCDOT will be here to give the update. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW PROGRAM PERFORMANCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONDUCTED UNDER A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT KNOWN AS HAMPTON QUICK JOBS CDBG#4-W-08-011, WHEREIN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES WERE UNDERTAKEN: HAMPTON COUNTY USED CDBG FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$265,741 TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AS PART OF A PROJECT TO UPGRADE THE MUNGIN CENTER TO PROVIDE JOB SKILLS TRAINING BY PARTNERING WITH TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY:

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Mrs. Barbara Johnson, Lowcountry Council of Governments, came before council to receive public comments regarding the close out grant. She stated that the funds were received for the Technical College of the Lowcountry Project (Mungin Center). She stated that the grant was for \$265,741 to purchase training equipment for the Technical College Satellite Center, the Mungin Center, Varnville, South Carolina, for the Health Services Program, CNS and Computer. Chairman Gray wanted to know if the project was completed. Mrs. Johnson stated that it was near completion. Chairman Gray stated that it is a great addition not only to the technical college but to our county.

HAMPTON COUNTY'S CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN, DEVELOPED IN ANTICIPATION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PLAN, DEVELOPED IN ANTICIPATION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM:

Mrs. Barbara Johnson, Lowcountry Council of Governments, came before council and stated that the public hearing is to solicit public input on community needs and priorities for housing, public facilities, and economic development. At this public hearing Hampton County will provide the results of its needs assessment and the activities which might be undertaken to meet identified needs, including the estimated amount proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate income (Lowcountry Council of Governments). Council removed the items that had been completed and made revisions to Wastewater item. By acclamation, council approved the revised list. (See Attachment #1)

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MRS. LIBBY MURDAUGH, CHAIR, HAMPTON DISTRICT #1 SCHOOL BOARD:
Mrs. Murdaugh, Chair, Hampton School District #1, came before council to thank council for their support and update council regarding the accomplishments and activities at Hampton School District #1. (See Attachment #2)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

MRS. SUZANNE PEEPLES, DIRECTOR, HAMPTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, REGARDING EMERGENCY SERVICES AWARD:
Ms. Suzzane Peeples, South Carolina Emergency Management Association, came before council to inform council that Hampton County was awarded the South Carolina Emergency Management Association 2012 Agency of the Year Award.

MR. ALAN MATIENZO, SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SCDOT), REGARDING AN UPDATE ON THE I-95/EXIT 38 ADOPT-AN-INTERCHANGE GRANT PROJECT:

Mr. Alan Matienzo, South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), came before council to give an update on the I-95/Exit 38 Adopt –an-interchange grant project. He stated that he, Mrs.

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Graham, Mayor Goodwin, Town of Yemassee, etc. met and had an in-depth discussion of the matter. He stated that the trees in the landscape at the interchange had to be removed because they blocked the signs. He stated that they will try and relocate the trees. Council wanted to know if there was a cost for relocating the trees. He stated that this was one of the items discussed and there are some options to look at but there will be no additional cost to the county. Council thanked Mr. Matienzo for his update.

APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEED FOR NEW ROAD TO THE COMMERCE PARKWAY:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to adopt the resolution to accept the deed for the new road to the Commerce Parkway. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT THAT GOVERNS THE LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL PARK (LRIP):

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt the resolution terminating the Development Agreement that governs the Lowcountry Regional Industrial Park (LRIP). Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY OF ORDINANCE 2012-001, HAMPTON COUNTY 2012-2013 FISCAL BUDGET:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give first reading by title only to Ordinance 2012-001, Hampton County 2012-2013 Fiscal Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):
Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #3)

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COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT(S):

Council Member Williams

Council Member Williams stated that he met with the Airport Commission on March, 2012. He stated that the Airport Commission would like to bring the airport up to par. Council stated that when last discussed it was thought that it would take about one million dollars to do so. The airport is now designated as a Recreational Airport. Council stated that they did not feel that they had the money to do so. They stated that they are now competing with Beaufort, Allendale and Walterboro.

Council Member Haulsee

Council Member Haulsee stated that last Friday he turned in paperwork to seek re-election. He stated that the deadline to file is March 30, 2012 and the Primary is June 12, 2012.

UPDATE FROM THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX PROCESS COMMITTEE:

Council Member Haulsee reported that the CPST Commission is reviewing the projects. He stated that each commissioner was given two different projects to research and report back at the next meeting. He stated that they are working at a pretty good pace. He stated that their next meeting is this coming Wednesday.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Fire Chief's Enrollment in the Police Officers' Retirement System

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt the resolution to enroll the Fire Chief into the Police Officers' Retirement System. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #4)

CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH SPRINT COMMUNICATION:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve the Construction Agreement with Sprint Communication. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #5)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL MATTER(S):

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to go into executive session to discuss two legal matters. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. **After coming out of executive session**, Chairman Gray stated that council was brought up to date on two legal matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p. m.