

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; APRIL 2, 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, April 2, 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 Chairman Gray.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

3.1.1 March 19, 2012 County Council's Meeting Minutes

and the April 2, 2012 County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revision, Add Item # 7.1.6, Mr. Ray Norris, Mental Health. 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)

AGENCIES PALLING TO PRESENT ON APRIL 2, 2012 FOR THE 2012-2013 BUDGET REQUEST:
Chairman Gray stated that this budget year will be a challenging year, although this county seems to be improving. He stated that the non-property tax revenues are shrinking. He stated that council would like to grant all requests but is not able to do so. The following agencies came before council to update council on activities that have been accomplished in the past year and also to inform them about new and on-going programs. The following agencies also asked that council continue to fund them at the same level or try to increase the funding at the requested level:

1. AHJ Regional Library
2. Lowcountry and Resort Island Tourism Commission
3. Hampton County Marketing and Tourism Advisory Board
4. Lowcountry Regional Tourism Authority dba Palmetto Breeze
5. Technical College of the Lowcountry
6. Mental Health

APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

HAMPTON COUNTY ALL WARS VETERANS' MEMORIAL ADVOSORY BOARD:
Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Mr. Mac Smith to the Hampton County All Wars Veterans' Memorial Advisory Board.

RESOLUTION(S)

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to adopt the resolution recognizing the month of April as Fair Housing Month. Motion carried unanimously.

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT PROCLAMATION:

National County Government Resolution – Council adopted the National County Government Resolution.

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

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adopt the Proclamation recognizing the month of April as National County Government Month. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

There were no ordinance(s).

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BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

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

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT(S):

There were no discussion point(s).

UPDATE FROM THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX COMMITTEE:
Council Member Haulsee updated Council regarding the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission. He stated that the commission will meet on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 6:30 p. m. He stated that he feels that the CPST Commission will finalize their list but not prioritize it. He stated that they will try to have the referendum question written by May 1, 2012 with the help of Ms. Frannie Heizer. Council Member Phillips wanted clarification that council does not have the right to change it if they don't agree. Council Member Haulsee stated that this is correct but council would have to send it back to the commission. Council Member Haulsee stated that people have to be educated.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

SPECIAL MEETING AND BUDGET WORKSHOP UPDATE:

Administrator Graham reported that she and the Finance Director, Mike Meyer, are working hard on the budget for the workshop scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2012 at 6:00 p. m. She also reminded council about the special meeting scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2012 at 6:00 p. m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were matter(s) scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p. m.