

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; APRIL 1, 2013; 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, April 1, 2013, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Christopher B. Haulsee, Roy Hollingsworth, 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 Hollingsworth.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

- 3.1.1 March 18, 2013 County Council Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 March 25, 2013 County Council Special Meeting Minutes

and the April 1, 2013 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE 2013-003,
RESCIND ORDINANCE 2008-008 THAT ESTABLISHED THE KEEP HAMPTON
COUNTY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding the third reading to Ordinance 2013-003, Rescind Ordinance 2008-008 that Established the Keep Hampton County Beautiful Commission. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

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PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MR RONALD "BREEZE" WINN, CITIZEN, REGARDING PARADES IN HAMPTON COUNTY:

Mr. Winn came before council to ask that the Sheriff help with the security of the parades and invite council to ride as a group in the Watermelon Festival Parade, Christmas Parade, Labor Day Parade, etc. He stated that he felt that a parade is the expression of a town and ask that council support the parades. Mr. Winn asked that council ride in unison and participation as a community service. to show unity. He reported that the theme of this year's Watermelon Festival is "One Slice at a Time". Council thanked Mr. Winn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 14-20, 2013 AS NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK:

Mrs. Rosa Orr, Chief Dispatcher, Hampton County came before council and ask that they adopt the proclamation recognizing April 14-20, 2013 as National Telecommunications Week. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve the proclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF TELECOMMUNICATOR'S HEROISM AWARD MRS. ROSA ORR, CHIEF DISPATCHER, HAMPTON COUNTY AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM LIFENET:

Mrs. Rosa Orr, Chief Dispatcher, Hampton County and a Representative from LifeNet presented to the mother of Kenneth Williams, Hampton County Dispatcher.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:

Chairman Gray stated that this budget year will be a challenging year, although this county seems to be improving. 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. Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library
(Mrs. Emily Hiers, Chair, Hampton County Library Board, also asked that council support a request that she will make to the Regional Library Board to house the Library's Regional Director in Hampton County)
2. Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton Comprehensive Health Services
3. Coastal Empire Mental Health
4. Lowcountry and Resort Island Tourism
5. Palmetto Breeze
6. Solicitor's Office
7. Technical College of the Lowcountry
8. USC-Salkehatchie
9. Magistrate's Office

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APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

FAIR HOUSEING RESOLUTION:

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to adopt the Non-Discrimination Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIAING APRIL 14-20, 2013 AS NATIONAL
TELECOMMUNICATION WEEK:**

The proclamation recognizing April 14-20, 2013 as National Telecommunications Week was approved under Presentations.

ORDINANCE(S)

**THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE 2013-003, RESCIND ORDINANCE 2008-008 THAT
ESTABLISHED THE KEEP HAMPTON COUNTY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:**

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to give third reading to Ordinance 2013-003, Rescind Ordinance 2008-008 that Established the Keep Hampton County Beautiful Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

**SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE 2013-005, MULTI INDUSTRIAL PARK AGREEMENT
WITH JASPER COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND:**

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams to give second reading to Ordinance #2013-005, Multi Industrial Park Agreement with Jasper County and the Town of Ridgeland. Motion carried unanimously.

**CHANGING OF LANGUAGE IN ORDINANCE 2013-007, FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION
BONDS REGARDING AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE:**

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to replace the wording "County Administrator and/or her lawfully authorized designee" in Ordinance 2013-007 with "County Administrator or other County Official designated by County Council". Motion carried unanimously.

**SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE 2013-007, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2013, OR SUCH
OTHER APPROPRIATE SERIES DESIGNATION OF HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH
CAROLINA, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$6,750,000; FIXING
THE FORMA AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR OR HER LAWFULLY AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE TO DETERMINE
CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT
OF THE NOTES AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; TO ADOPT**

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**WRITTEN PROCEDURES RELATED TO TAX EXEMPT DEBT; AND OTHER MATTERS
RELATING THERETO:**

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to give second reading to An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance And Sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013, Or Such Other Appropriate Series Designation of Hampton County, South Carolina, In The Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding \$6,750,000; Fixing The Form And Details Of The Bonds; Authorizing The County Administrator Or Her Lawfully Authorized Designee To Determine Certain Matters Relating To The Bonds; Providing For The Payment Of The Notes And The Disposition Of The Proceeds Thereof; To Adopt Written Procedures Related To Tax Exempt Debt; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

**SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE 2013-008, AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE
ISSUANCE OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION
OF THE ESTILL LIBRARY USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN:**

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give second reading to Ordinance 2013-008, An Ordinance Regarding the Issuance of a General Obligation Bond as Required for Completion of the Estill Library USDA Rural Development Loan. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

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

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Hollingsworth

Council Member Hollingsworth informed council that he attended a program South Carolina State University 1890 Program (03/23/2013) and the Lowcountry Regional Water Authority (03/26/2013).

Council Member Williams

Council Member Williams reported that he attended a meeting that was hosted by Congressman Clyburn's office. The United States Secretary of Agriculture shared at the meeting about the StrikeForce initiative that was being provided by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The StrikeForce initiative, USDA, will do more to partner with local and state governments and community organizations on projects that promote economic development and job creation. Mr. Williams reported that this program will benefit the citizens. Mr. Williams stated that he extended a personal invite to Administrator Graham, and she attended the meeting also.

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REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Request by Emergency Management to Use County Airport for Ardent Sentry Exercise

May 15-22, 2013

Mrs. Suzanne Peeples, Director, Emergency Management, came before council to ask permission for the State National Guard to use the Hampton County Airport on May 15-22, 2013 for ardent sentry exercises to demonstrate support of civil authorities post an emergency. The ardent sentry exercise is based on a radiation leak post a hurricane landfall. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve use of the airport for the week of May 15-22, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL MATTER(S):

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to go into executive session to discuss personnel matter(s). Motion carried unanimously. Three of the five members left the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p. m.