

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; OCTOBER 7, 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, October 7, 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 Phillips.

RECOGNITION(S):

Chairman Gray recognized the Honorable Joe Fagale, South Carolina Human Relations Commission, the Honorable T. C. Smalls, Hampton County Sheriff and the Honorable Ronald Williams, Varnville Town Council.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

- 3.1 Consent Agenda
 - 3.1.1 June 10, 2013 County Council Special Meeting Minutes
 - 3.1.2 July 15, 2013 County Council Meeting Minutes
 - 3.1.3 August 19, 2013 County Council Meeting Minutes
 - 3.1.4 September 16, 2013 County Council Meeting Minutes
 - 3.1.5 Code Enforcement Report for September 2013 (Formerly the Litter Report)

and the October 7, 2013 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions, deletion of Items #3.1.1 – 3.1.4, Item # 7.1 and Items 11.1, Reconsideration/Postponement of Process Until Council Has Reviewed RFPs as Requested Earlier and Item #11.2, Architectural/Engineering Services for CPST Projects and move Item #9.2 to 13.1.2. Motion carried unanimously.

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PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MR. NEIL SULLIVAN, CITIZEN AND BOARD MEMBER, HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING:

Mr. Neil Sullivan, Citizen and Board Member, Council on Aging, came before council to state that the 2,829 senior citizens in Hampton County are not "Second Class Citizens". He informed council that some county employees and departments do not do their jobs. He stated that he went to work for forty-five (45) years. He explained that there were several problems that he reported such as leaks, mold, unintended brush, etc. that had not been addressed. He expressed that since Mr. Sullivan stated that the problems reported pose safety issues for seniors. Council thanked Mr. Sullivan. Chairman Gray asked Administrator Graham to get Mr. Hodge and Mr. Hiers to look into the matter. Administrator Graham addressed Mr. Sullivan to stated that Mr. Sullivan has not been kind to staff.

MR. JOHNNY ALLEN, CITIZEN, REGARDING JONES AVENUE:

Mr. Johnny Allen came before council to state that his road is not being maintained. He stated that his wife is sick and has nerve problems. He stated that it is a shame. He stated that he came at an earlier meeting and was supposed to be contacted. He stated that he was told that his road is private property and has not received an answer back from anyone. He stated that he brought the deed showing that the road was not private.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were deferred under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

HONORABLE CAROLYN WILLIAMS, CHIEF MAGISTRATE, HAMPTON COUNTY, REGARDING REQUEST FOR EMPLOYEE'S CLASSIFICATION, TELEPHONES, VICTIM'S ADVOCATE:

Honorable Carolyn Williams, Chief Magistrate, Hampton County, was not present.

SOUTHERN CAROLINA ALLIANCE UPDATE BY MS. MORGAN REUIS:

Ms. Morgan Reuis came before council and gave an update regarding Southern Carolina Alliance activities.

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APPOINTMENT(S)

HAMPTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Charles R. Boswell, Jr. C. E. "Buddy" Bullard, Jr., Donna Gohagen and Lamar E. Priester, Jr. (Dr.) to the Hampton County Economic Development Commission.

RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL IN HAMPTON COUNTY:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the resolution as presented to establish the Community Relations Council in Hampton County. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Fagle, South Carolina Human Affairs Commission, thanked council. He stated that the councils usually consist of ten (10) to fifteen (15) people.

ORDINANCE(S)

There were no ordinance(s).

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

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

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Members Hollingsworth and Williams

Council Members Hollingsworth and Williams stated that they planned to attend the Estill Fall Festival Parade.

Council Member Haulsee

Council Member Haulsee stated that he has been working with the Animal Shelter for the last month. He reported that things are looking good. He stated that Ms. Strickland and Tim Latham, the Garbage Man and Code Enforcement Officer, have been working community service persons. He stated that it is a lot of hard work.

CORONER'S REIMBURSEMENT:

Chairman Gray stated that invoice and received a letter from Mr. Lord regarding Coroner's request.

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REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to discuss an economic development matter, personnel matter, two legal matters. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. **After** coming out of executive session, Chairman Gray reported that council discussed two legal matters, a personnel matter regarding a Grievance and an economic development matter.

PERSONNEL MATTER REGARDING GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT:

Chairman Gray requested that the Clerk to Council advertise a special meeting at 5:00 p. m. in order that council to review the grievance hearing information.

INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION FOR PROJECT REDO:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt the Inducement Resolution for Project Redo. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adjourn. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting.