

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; OCTOBER 21, 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 21, 2013, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Roy Hollingsworth, Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Vice Chairman and Shedron Williams. Council Member absent: Christopher B. Haulsee 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 Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the Consent Agenda:

- ~~3.1.1 June 10, 2013 County Council Special Meeting Minutes~~
- ~~3.1.2 September 16, 2013 County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- ~~3.1.3 October 7, 2013 County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- 3.1.4 First Reading by Title Only of An Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment of a Fee Agreement by and Assignment Thereof to Project Redo and Matters Related Thereto.
- 3.1.5 First Reading by Title Only of an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee Agreement by and Between Hampton County, South Carolina and Project Redo Providing for a Payment of a Fee in Lieu of Taxes, a Special Sources Revenue Credit and Other Matters Related Thereto.
- 3.1.6 First Reading by Title Only of an Ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to the Quad-County Industrial Park Agreement Among Allendale County, Bamberg County, Barnwell County, and Hampton County to Provide for the Addition of Property to the Parks.

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and the October 7, 2013 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions, deletion of Items #3.1.1 – 3.1.3, Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

There were no public comment(s).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were deferred under the Consent Agenda.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

**MR. MIKE MEYER, FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, PRESENTATION OF 2013-2014 BUDGET BOOK TO COUNCIL:**

Mr. Mike Meyer, Finance/Human Resources Director, came before council to present the 2013-2014 Budget Book to council. Mr. Meyer thanked all who assisted him in the preparation of the book. Council commended Mr. Meyer on the budget book.

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

There were no appointment(s).

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AGREEMENT WITH JASPER COUNTY TO ADD A JASPER PROJECT:**

**Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adopt the resolution amending the Multi-County Industrial Park Agreement with Jasper County to add a Jasper Project. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

Ordinances were given first reading under the Consent Agenda.

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**BID(S)**

**RECONSIDERATION/POSTPONEMENT OF PROCESS UNTIL COUNCIL HAS  
DISCUSSED AND REVIEWED RFPs:**

Council Member Williams stated that he placed this item on the agenda, but had the discussion at the special meeting.

**ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CAPITAL  
PROJECTS SALES TAX (CPST) PROJECTS:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to continue the process for the Architectural/Engineering Services for Capital Projects Sales Tax (CPST) Projects and agree that the Construction Management Team will be presented for approval at the same time. Council Member Hollingsworth wanted clarification that the projects are not etched in stone and will be brought back so that there will be input from county council as well as the public and council will have final approval. Administrator Graham confirmed. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #1)

**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)**

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

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

**DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):**

**Council Member Hollingsworth**

Council Members Hollingsworth stated that he attended two trainings on Leadership Skills and Parliamentary Procedure and the County Council Coalition meeting.

**Council Member Williams**

Council Member Williams stated that he attended the County Council Coalition meeting.

**PLANNING COMMISSION'S AMENDMENT:**

Council requested that the Planning Commission recommend which terms they would like to delete after reducing the number of members from nine to seven.

**REVIEW OF SHERIFF'S OVERTIME PAY METHOD:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to defer Item #12.4, Review of Sheriff's Overtime Pay Method, until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Public Works Operations (Mr. Blake Hodge, Director)**

Mr. Blake Hodge, Public Works Director, came before council and updated council regarding the operations of the public works department and also with a request to relinquish the drainage cleaning to the towns for roads located in the towns. Mr. Hodge will bring a more detailed proposal back to council for consideration.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, , to discuss an personnel matter regarding grievance report and two legal matters Coroner's Reimbursement and MERS Litigation. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. **After** coming out of executive session, Chairman Gray reported that council considered:

**A Request by the Coroner**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, on a one time basis, the approval of a request from the coroner and the Finance Director will provide conditionally and the Finance Director will determine qualifications and the Coroner must stay in in the approved budget for this year. Motion carried unanimously.

**Legal Matter Regarding MERS Litigation**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, for Hampton County to join the MERS litigation represented by Attorney Marscher. Motion carried unanimously.

**Legal Matter Regarding Grievance Committee's Report**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Chairman Gray, to accept the decision of the Grievance Committee. Council Members Gray and Phillips voted in favor and Council Members Hollingsworth and Williams voted against. The motion failed for a lack of a majority. Chairman Gray reported that the Grievance Committee's decision would stand but asked the County Attorney to check and verify.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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