

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JANUARY 6, 2014; 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, January 6, 2014, 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. Chairman Gray recognized Honorable Teresa Williams, Hampton County Auditor and Mrs. Rose D. Elliot, Former County Administrator, Hampton County.

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

- 3.1.1 ~~December 2, 2013 County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- 3.1.2 December 13, 2013 County Council Special Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.3 Code Enforcement Report for Litter and Animal Control

and the January 6, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: (1) Deletion of Item 10.2, (2) Request from Council Member Williams to defer Item 9.1 and Item 13.1.1 until the next meeting. Council inquired from the Administrator if the resolution was time sensitive. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to amend the motion to delete Item #13.1.1 and hear the resolution and agree to take it up if council agrees. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried to approve the Consent Agenda and the January 6, 2014 Agenda with the revisions and amendments.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)/NOTICE

**PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS,
SERVICE AREA AND ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROJECTS ARE WELCOME**

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CONCERNING THE PROPOSED GRANT APPLICATION TO BE FILED BY HAMPTON COUNTY FOR A LOAN/GRANT WITH RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FACILITIES. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH PROPOSED COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROJECTS, CONSISTING GENERALLY OF FURNISHING THE COUNTY LIBRARY IN THE TOWN OF ESTILL THAT SERVES THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE COUNTY WITH TECHNOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT, PRIVACY FENCING, AND OTHER LIBRARY SUPPLIES THAT MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND OF LIBRARY USAGE; EXPANDING HAMPTON COUNTY'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES NEED FOR TWO AMBULANCES TO BE USED IN THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN PORTION OF HAMPTON COUNTY; AND THE CONSTRUCTION FOR 3,200 SQUARE FOOT FIRE STATION WITH 2 BAYS IN THE MILEY CROSSROADS AREA OF HAMPTON COUNTY:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding economic and environmental impacts, service area and alternatives to the projects are welcome concerning the proposed grant application to be filed by Hampton County for a loan/grant with Rural Development Community Facilities. The purpose of the meeting is to give an opportunity to become acquainted with proposed Community Facilities projects, consisting generally of furnishing the County Library in the Town of Estill that serves the Western portion of the County with technological equipment, privacy fencing, and other library supplies that meet the increasing demand of library usage; expanding Hampton County's Emergency Medical Services need for two ambulances to be used in the Northern and Southern portion of Hampton County; and the construction for a 3,200 square foot fire station with 2 bays in the Miley Crossroads area of Hampton County. There was a short discussion. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

CITIZENS OPPOSING THE CLOSING OF HOGARTH ROAD AND CAW CAW SWAMP ROAD IN BRUNSON, SOUTH CAROLINA:

Ms. Terry Dewitt, Ms. Rose D. Elliot, Mayor Terry Wright, Town of Brunson, Mr. J. W. Mole and Mr. Crosby, came before council to oppose the closing of Hogarth Road and Caw Caw Swamp Road in Brunson citing safety and access issues. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to communicate based on safety and access issues that Hogarth Road and Caw Caw Swamp Road not be closed, and if it were to go to court to allow the County Attorney to convey that Hampton County Council opposes the closing of Hogarth and Caw Caw Swamp Road. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

**PRESENTATION OF GULLAH GEECHEE SIGN FOR HAMPTON COUNTY
(COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLINGSWORTH):**

Council Member Hollingsworth presented to council the request from the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission to accept and erect two complimentary Wayfinding Signs, the

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signs identify the Corridor by name and logo and have been approved through the South Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT); the offer requires the consent to coordinate their installment at an entryway and exit within Hampton County along US 17 or other main highway artery.

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to accept and erect the Gullah Geechee Wayfinding Signs in Hampton County at the requested site. Motion carried unanimously. Administrator Graham will handle the installment of the signs and notification to the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission.

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

**RESOLUTION FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
AWARDED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT STATING
THE COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY COST OVER RUNS:**

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to adopt the resolution for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awarded for the construction of a new health department with the resolution stating that the county is responsible for any cost over runs. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

**ORDINANCE 2014-002, ORDINANCE PROHIBITING TEXTING WHILE DRIVING:
Moved** by Council Member Hoplingsworth, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give first reading by title only to Ordinance 2014-002, Ordinance Prohibiting Texting While Driving. Council asked that the Sheriff be given a copy of the ordinance to get his input. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

AWARDING OF BID FOR LEASE/PURCHASE FINANCING OF TWO FORD F450 AMBULANCES:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve three years financing from BB&T for the Lease/Purchase of two Ford F450 Ambulances. Council Member Hollingsworth wanted to know if the USDA Strike Force monies, if received, be used to pay off the debt early. He stated that he knew that USDA is very specific with funding and wanted to know if it would be permissible if ambulances were already purchased. It was stated that the funding could be used to repay the loan but would check to confirm. It was stated that it would not. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #1)

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COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

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

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Hollingsworth

Council Member Hollingsworth stated that the Arnold Fields Endowment was having a Prayer Breakfast in which Congressman Jim Clyburn was going to be the guest speaker. He stated that the title was Praying Leaders in Government. It is a ticketed event. He stated that anyone who was interested in coming should contact Mr. Charlie Grant, Jr. at (803) 842-5597.

Council Member Shedron Williams

Council Member Williams stated that he spent some time with Representative Clyburn on the 01/27-28/2014. He stated that the applications should get in soon as possible for the strike force funds. Council Member Wilson also wanted to know what was being done with the floor at the recreation department. He stated that one youth had already been injured and had to have surgery. He stated that the floor is slippery in spots. He asked that it be checked out and taken care of. Administrator Graham will check into the matter. Council Member Phillips stated that he remembered when he was superintendent that there was a problem with the floor at one of the school, and it was due to an increase in humidity.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Council's Retreat

Administrator Graham reminded council about the retreat scheduled for January 25, 2014

Delay of School Due to Inclement Weather

Administrator Graham reported the Hampton School Districts 1 & 2 will delay school two hours tomorrow due to the weather.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no executive session matters.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were executive session matters to report.

ADJOURNMENT

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