

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY; JANUARY 21, 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 Tuesday, January 21, 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.

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 Phillips, to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 3.1.1 December 2, 2013 County Council Meeting Minutes
- ~~3.1.2 January 6, 2014 County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- 3.1.3 Code Enforcement Report for Litter and Animal Control

and the January 21, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions:
(1) Deletion of Item 3.1.2 Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)/NOTICE

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MR. DAVID BAKER, CITIZEN REGARDING ROAD:

Mr. David Baker came before council and stated that if the county is not going to continue to maintain his road, then they should not use his road to turn around. He wanted an explanation as to why the road was maintained for about sixteen (16) years and now is considered a private drive.

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He also wanted to know why the county would dump approximately 70 (seventy) loads of rocks and crush and run on the road. He stated that rocks were put on the road about 4-5 years ago. Chairman Gray stated that the Administrator will look into the matter.

MRS. EMILY HIERS, CHAIRMAN, HAMPTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD:

Mrs. Hiers came before council to introduce the new A-H-J Regional Library Director, Mr. Scott Strawn and also express her appreciation and excitement for the new Estill Library expansion. She invited council to the open house. Council thanked Mrs. Hiers for her invitation and introduction.

**MS. DEITRE LAWTON, MS. RHONDA KINARD, MD. TAMMIKA GRAY AND
MS. MARGARET JONE REGARDING CONCERNS AT THE RECREATION
DEPARTMENT:**

Ms. Lawton and others came before council to ask what can be done regarding activities at the recreation department. They were concerned regarding the slippery gymnasium floor in which the youth were playing basketball. They reported that one youth had been injured and had to have surgery. They stated that for each child participating in the basketball program there was a registration fee of \$45. They wanted to know what the money was used for. They were concerned with the scheduling regarding the use of the gym, etc. The ladies reported that they had approached Mr. Freeman, Coordinator, regarding the floor and safety of the youth and he responded that there was nothing wrong with the floor. They also wanted to know what were the requirements for the coaches. Administrator Graham will check into the matter and report to council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

THE HONORABLE DUFFIE STONE, SOLICITOR, 14TH CIRCUIT COURT:

The Honorable Duffie Stone, Solicitor, 14th Circuit Court, came before council and reported that he and Administrator Graham met a few months back to discuss the proposal. Mr. Stone is working hard to address issues such as career criminals/repeat offenders in this circuit. He is seeking grant funds to establish a Major Crimes Prosecution Unit to service both Hampton and Allendale Counties. The unit will assist the one prosecutor on staff now and interface with local law enforcement on investigations to build stronger cases and bring to trial more quickly. He explained to council the process in which materials are handled regarding cases, the new system proposed would eliminate delays and verify and confirm data input and receipt in a timely manner. Mr. Stone stated that he has met with several companies and system will cost approximately \$200,000. He proposes to pay for the system with drug forfeiture money. He stated that there will be maintenance on the system and the cost to Hampton County will be about \$7,000 per year. He stated that the council is welcome to his office next Tuesday; the representatives will be there to demonstrate. Council thanked Mr. Stone, Solicitor, for his report.

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MR. VINCE VIOLA, CITIZEN, REGARDING LETTER RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY:

Mr. Vince Viola, Citizen, came before council and read a response to the letter from the County. Mr. Viola stated that they oppose the paving of Big Mama's Road.

THE HONORABLE CAROLYN WILLIAMS REGARDING UPDATE:

Judge Williams came before council to request that some of the monies received from Victim's Advocate Funds be used to pay for cell phones for her clerks. She stated that she did not feel that her clerks should be using their personal phones for county business. Judge Williams reported that she purchased the phones in October from her budget until she was able to come back to council. Administrator Graham stated that there was not enough generated to pay Victim's Advocate and to be used to purchase phones. Judge Williams explained the process. Council Member Haulsee wanted to know how many phones were at the Sheriff's Department. Judge Williams explained that she could not piggyback on the sheriff. Administrator Graham stated that she was not going to authorize something that council had not met. Council Member Haulsee stated that if she has money in her budget, pay it. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to address the phones and pay the bills for this fiscal year and address issue in the next in the next fiscal year. Motion carried with Council Members Haulsee, Hollingsworth and Williams voting in favor and Council Members Gray and Phillips voting against.

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

There were no ordinance(s).

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

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COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

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

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

There were no discussion points.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

2014-2015 Budget Calendar

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve the budget calendar and would look at each department and line items. Motion carried unanimous.

Overtime Report for the Sheriff's Department

Mr. Mike Meyer, Finance Director, gave a summary of the sheriff department's overtime and revenue information. He reported that total overtime spent is \$64,552 (sixty-four thousand five hundred fifty-two dollars) by officer and hours worked. He reported that court security was shown at the bottom in same manner. He stated that the report showed what was budgeted, \$80,000 (eighty thousand dollars), what was spent out of overtime budget and revenue received and what was spent first quarter and what remains. Second quarter Brunson funds were included. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that he did not like mixing other things in. Council Member Phillips asked what was budgeted. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that the decision regarding the sheriff's overtime decision dealt specifically with overtime and not other issues. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that the Sheriff and Administrator's report did not look alike. The sheriff's figures were straight out of payroll. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that the issue should be evaluated fairly and honestly. Council Member Williams stated that he would like to have the Sheriff present at the next meeting.)

Contract with Brunson Construction for Construction Management at Risk Service on the Capital Projects Sales Tax Projects

Administrator Graham reported that she did not have the contract in hand for Brunson Construction and ask that it be deferred to give time to review.

Contract with Liollio Architecture for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Capital Projects Sales Tax (CPST) Projects

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to award the contract to Liollio Architecture for architectural and engineering services for the Capital Projects Sales Tax (CPST) Projects. Motion carried with Council Members Gray, Haulsee and Phillips voting in favor and Council Members Hollingsworth and Williams voting against.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no executive session matters.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were executive session matters to report.

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ADJOURNMENT

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