

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; APRIL 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 Monday, April 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 Haulsee.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

- 3.1.1 April 7, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 April 10, 2014 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes

and the April 21, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revision(s): (1) Add Item #13.1.2, Update on CPST Projects, (2) Add Item 14 Executive Session, Legal Matter and (3) Item #15, Report Out of Executive Session on a Legal Matter. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE 2014-002, AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING TEXTING WHILE DRIVING:

Chairman Gray opened to the public hearing. Chairman Gray stated that the public hearing was being held to receive public comments regarding third reading to Ordinance 2014-002, Ordinance Prohibiting Texting While Driving. He stated that several municipalities have adopted the ordinance and it's a bill in the state legislature. Chairman Gray stated that no one opposed the ordinance. Vice Chairman Phillips wanted to know how many municipalities have adopted the

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ordinance. Chairman Gray responded that Estill, Hampton Varnville and Brunson have approved. Council Member Hollingsworth wanted to know how towns that had no police departments would enforce the ordinance. Administrator Graham responded that those towns would fall under the county's jurisdiction. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the consent agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

MRS. ANGIE HARLEY, UPDATE REGARDING EXPERIENCE WORKS PROGRAM:
Ms. Angie Harley, Experience Works Program, came before council and provided an update regarding the Experience Works Program and also requested office space for the program. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that Ms. Bridgett Gray-Peeples stated that she had some additional office space. Administrator Graham asked Ms. Harley to meet with her. Ms. Harley thanked council.

APPOINTMENT(S)

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Lynette Harley to the Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority (LRTA) Board.

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE 201-002, AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING TEXTING WHILE DRIVING:

Chairman Gray stated that a public hearing was held earlier regarding Ordinance 2014-002, An Ordinance Prohibiting Texting While Driving. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to give third reading to Ordinance 2014-002, An Ordinance Prohibiting Texting While Driving. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2014-003, 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to give second reading to the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion carried with Council Member Williams voting against.

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**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2014-004, IMPOSITION OF A SOLID WASTE FEE
IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 BUDGET:**

Chairman Gray called for a motion for first Reading of Ordinance 2014-004 for the Imposition of a Solid Waste Fee in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget. Chairman Gray stated that there was not motion for first reading to Ordinance 2014-004, Imposition of a Solid Waste Fee in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget.

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 passed out an article regarding security concerns that was published regarding a Beaufort County Council Meeting. Council Member Hollingsworth reiterated the importance of safety at the county council meetings for the council as well as citizens. He stated that he has donated his stipend and have calculated that the amount donated back to the county is sufficient to cover the cost for security for the remainder of this year. Administrator Graham will provide a proposal to council regarding the security matter.

Council Member Haulsee

Council Member Haulsee stated that the Animal Shelter will be holding a fundraiser on Saturday and Adoption from 10:00 a. m. – 2:00 p. m.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Quarterly Overtime Report for the Sheriff's Department - Mr. Mike Meyer, Finance Director

Mr. Meyer presented council with an update on the sheriff's department overtime for the quarter. Vice Chairman Phillips stated that he was pleasantly surprised. He stated that apparently the sheriff has tried to get his overtime under control. Council thanked Mr. Meyer for the report.

Update on CPST Projects

Administrator Graham gave an update on the Capital Projects Sales Tax (CPST) Projects. She stated that there is going to be a press release regarding public input sessions for the library. She stated that she and the Library Board members visited the library on St. Helena's Island. There will be a charrette for public input on Saturday from 10:30 a. m. until 12:30 p. m. She reported that there will be no public session for the Health Department. Schedules were developed by the Architect and Construction at Risk Manager. She also reported that testing will be performed at

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the jail by Whitaker Lab. Vice Chairman Phillips stated that he was real happy to see meeting and public input. Council Member Williams asked if the meetings would be held in the area in which the projects would be built. Administrator Graham reported that the projects that were specific to that area; the sessions would be held in that area. Council thanked Administrator Graham for the update.

Recognition

Chairman Gray recognized the Hampton District 2 School Board and Superintendent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL MATTER:

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 received advice from the County Attorney regarding assistance for Hampton School District 2.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adjourn. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p. m.