

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MAY 19, 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, May 19, 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 Chairman Gray.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

3.1.1	May 5, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes
3.1.2	Code Enforcement Report on Animal and Litter Control

and the May 19, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revision(s), (1) Delete Item 10.1.1 Third Reading to Ordinance 2014-003, Hampton County 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget, (2) Move Item 14 to 8.1 and Item 15 to 8.2 and (3) Under Public Comments in the minutes, change "courthouse" to "council chambers". Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE 2014-003,
HAMPTON COUNTY 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:**

Prefacing the public hearing, Chairman Gray stated that council has worked diligently on the budget and has gotten it almost to \$200,000 without having to levy a millage increase. Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding third reading to Ordinance 2014-003, Hampton County 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget. There

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were no public comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MR. HORACE NEWTON:

Mr. Newton came before council regarding problems he has had with his property regarding questions about deeds/titles, etc. tax sale signs being put up and taxes already paid on land, etc. and also to state that he was being watched by one of the county employees. Council referred that matter to the County Administrator to check out.

MR. LIBERIA FORRESTER:

Mr. Forrester came before council to register a concern about his roads in Varnville, Mill Pond Road, Wilkins Road and Walnut Street. He stated that when they complained about the roads some years ago; the roads were paved, but proper drainage, lack of surveying, etc. was not considered. The county provided the in-kind services and the roads were paved. He stated that now the roads are in terrible shape. He stated that he should have come back when he saw the way that the roads were being constructed and paved but failed to do so. He is asking that the roads be constructed/paved correctly. Chairman Gray stated that the County Administrator will ask the Public Works Director to go out and assess the road if it is a county maintained road. Council informed Mr. Forrester that he needed to contact the CTC regarding his concerns, because the CTC is responsible for paving roads. Council Member Haulsee stated that he felt like council needs to send a letter to the CTC regarding the roads.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the consent agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

There were no presentation(s).

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS AND A CONTRACTUAL AND LEGAL MATTER REGARDING HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, to go into executive session to discuss Economic Development Matters and a contractual and legal matter regarding Hampton School District 2. Motion carried unanimously.

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REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS AND A CONTRACTUAL AND LEGAL MATTER REGARDING HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2:

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

After coming out of executive session, Chairman Gray reported that the Economic Development Director, Ms. Fowler, briefed council on projects that may locate in Hampton County and reviewed the contract regarding Hampton School district 2 and will proceed with the TAN (Tax Anticipation Note).

RESOLUTION(S)

INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION FOR PROJECT LC:

Chairman Gray stated that the resolution was revised to state that the number of jobs Would change from "30" to "15". **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to adopt Inducement Resolution for Project LC. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY TO AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A FEE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY AND PROJECT LC:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to give first reading by title only to an Ordinance Authorizing a Fee Agreement Between Hampton County and Project LC. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF A FEE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY AND ECOGY BIFUELS ASSIGNED THEREOF TO BIOTEK INDUSTRIES:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to give first reading by title only to an Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment of a Fee Agreement Between Hampton County and Ecogy Biofuels Assigned Thereof to Biotek Industries. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2014-007, AMENDMENT TO HAMPTON COUNTY 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to give first reading to Ordinance 2014-007, Amendment to Hampton County 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

INDUSTRIAL RAIL SPUR IN ESTILL:

Ms. Sandy Fowler, Economic Development Director, came before council regarding the Industrial Rail Spur in Estill. She explained that:

- (1) Elliott Sawmilling is expanding their company by adding a rail spur on their property.
- (2) Hampton County secured two grants to assist the company with this expansion.
- (3) The work has been properly bid according to procurement procedures.

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- (4) Two bids were received, tallied and vetted by Hussey, Gay, Bell & Deyoung (HGBD), the engineering firm for this project.
- (5) HGBD recommends awarding the bid to JR Wilson Construction Company

Mr. John Fleming from Hussey, Gay, Bell and Deyoung (HGBD) came before council and reported that the bid recommended was J. R. Wilson and Company. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, Council Member Hollingsworth, to accept the lowest bid, J. R. Wilson and Company, base bid plus Alternate Number One in the amount of \$529,489.50 (Five hundred twenty-nine thousand, four hundred eighty-nine dollars and fifty cents). 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 Williams

Council Member Williams stated that he and Council Member Hollingsworth attended the Lowcountry Community Action Agency (LCAA) Retreat and gained a lot of knowledge and stated that they recognized Hampton County for locating space for their agency.

Chairman Gray

Chairman Gray stated that he would like to write a thank you letter to Ms. Gray-Peeples from council. Council was in agreement with Chairman Gray.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL REGARDING FIRE SERVICE
IN THE TOWN OF YEMASSEE:**

Vice Chairman Phillips, Committee Chair stated that he and Council Member Hollingsworth, Emergency Services Committee, met with Administrator Graham, Mayor Cook and Council Members, Town of Yemassee, Fire Chief Cook and several other people who were interested met to discuss fire service in the Town of Yemassee. Vice Chairman Phillips stated that they had a very good discussion but felt like there were some legal questions that needed to be answered. He stated that the questions could be better answered by the Town of Yemassee and their Attorney. Vice Chairman Phillips along with Council Member Hollingsworth recommended that the questions are given to the town to be answered and provide those answers to council before making a decision regarding their request.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Recognition of Finance Director, Mike Meyer

Administrator Graham informed council that this was Mr. Meyer's last official council meeting. She commended Mr. Meyer on a job well done for the county. Council Members also thanked Mr. Meyer for his service. Mr. Meyer thanked everyone for allowing him to serve. Administrator Graham invited council to the luncheon that will be held in honor of Mr. Meyer on May 27, 2014 at 11:00 a. m. at the Wing Place, Hampton, South Carolina.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adjourn. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p. m.