

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; AUGUST 18, 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, August 18, 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: 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 Williams.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

3.1.1 July 21, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes

and the August 18, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: (1) Add Item 8a1 Executive Session Regarding Economic Development Matters, (2) Add 8a2, Executive Session Regarding a Legal Matter, (3) Add 8b1, Report Out of Executive Session Regarding Economic Development Matters, (4) Add 8b2, Report Out of Executive Session Regarding Legal Matter and (5) Delete Items 14 and 15. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

**THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 2014-007, AMENDMENT TO THE 2013-2014
FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding third reading of Ordinance 2014-007, Amendment to the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget. Administrator Graham stated that the amendment was the annual clean-up of prior year. There were no public comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

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**THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 2014-007, AMENDMENT TO THE 2013-2014
FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:**

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve third reading of Ordinance 2014-007, Amendment to the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MR. "BREEZE" WINN REGARDING CLOSING OF NEVAMAR:

Mr. Winn came before council to ask if there was anything that council could do to stop Nevamar from leaving. Mr. Winn asked if they could write a letter, etc. He also asked if council could try to provide some guidance for the employees who will be out of a job when the plant closes. He asked regarding training programs, etc. Council stated that they have been communicating with Nevamar. Governor Haley called, but Nevamar stated that their decision is final; they will be closing. Council reported that the Economic Development Commission has been working to help the workers. Council thanked Mr. Winn for his concern and comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the consent agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

**MR. CORRIN BOWERS, III, HAMPTON COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS
COUNCIL:**

Mr. Corrin Bowers, III, Hampton County Human Relations Council came before council to request funds for the Hampton County Human Relations Council. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that he just wanted to remind everyone that when the people from the state came regarding organizing the council; it would not cost the county anything. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that he is very much in favor of what the council is doing but just wanted to remind everyone of what was told to them. Mr. Bowers stated that this was true, and the council is planning several fundraising activities but wanted to make the request. Council thanked Mr. Bowers.

**MR. SCOTT ALLAN, FINANCIAL CONSULTANT, UPDATE REGARDING HAMPTON
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2:**

Mr. Scott Allan, Financial Consultant, Update Regarding Hampton School District 2, came before council to give his report regarding Hampton School District 2. Mr. Allan stated that everything is improving. He stated that policies and procedures are being implemented and roles are clarified. Council thanked Mr. Allan for his report. (See Attachment 1 – Report)

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL MATTER AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to go into executive session to discuss economic development matters. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL MATTER AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to come out of executive session regarding a legal matter and economic development matters. After coming out of executive session, Chairman Gray that council discussed the balance of Big Mama's Road to pave it and economic development matters.

RESOLUTION(S)

INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION FOR PROJECT SUNSHINE:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips to adopt the resolution regarding the Inducement Resolution for Project Sunshine. Motion carried unanimously.

INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION FOR PROJECT SUNSHINE #2:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to adopt the resolution regarding the Inducement Resolution for Project Sunshine #2. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

**FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY LAND
DEVELOPMENT USE ORDINANCE:**

Mr. Randy Crews, Building Inspector, presented the Hampton County Land Development Use Ordinance to council on behalf of the Hampton County Hampton County Planning Commission. Mr. Crews stated that he will have the map available at the next meeting.

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give first reading the Hampton County Land Development Use Ordinance by title only. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

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

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DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Williams

Council Members Williams reported that he attended the South Carolina Association of Counties Annual Conference and did graduate Level II the Institute of Government training, but they did not have his name on the list to receive his certificate. He stated that Council Member Hollingsworth graduated from Level II also.

MS. MILLIE BURBAGE AND THE CAROLINA LODGE SIGN:

Ms. Millie Burbage came before council regarding a response to her request regarding the blocking of the Carolina Lodge Sign by the trees planted on the courthouse square. Council referred the matter to the Administrator Graham to meet with Ms. Burbage, research the cost to adjust the sign and give a recommendation at the next council meeting.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

**Capital Projects Sales Tax Financial Report as of June 30, 2014 (Ms. Christine James,
Finance and Human Resources Director)**

Ms. Christine James, Hampton County Finance Director, came before council to give the quarterly report regarding the collected revenues and the expenditures for the projects for the Capital Projects Sales Tax (CPST). Ms. James presented the report. Council Member Hollingsworth had some questions about the expenditures and balances not equaling. Ms. James explained that she would check the information and report the findings to council.

Update on Miley Fire Station

Council Member Hollingsworth wanted an update regarding the Miley Fire Station. He stated that he did not see activity but was told that October was the completion date of the station.

Administrator Graham provided that explanation that they had applied for a USDA Grant to build the station and USDA required a site certification in which USDA had to approve. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that the funds for the Miley Station were in the budget and wanted to see the project completed. He stated that he thought the application for USDA funds were for the equipment for the station. Administrator Graham explained that they could withdraw the application and proceed with the project if that was council's wishes. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to discontinue the USDA Grant for the Miley Fire Station. Council Members Hollingsworth and Williams stated that the grant from USDA was to be used for equipment and not the building of the Miley Fire Station. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that they needed to move on construction of the Miley Fire Station and to apply later for the grant for equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p. m.