

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; SEPTEMBER 15, 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, September 15, 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 Hollingsworth.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the Consent Agenda:

- ~~3.1.1 August 18, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- ~~3.1.2 September 15, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- 3.1.3 Codes Enforcement Report for Litter and Animal Control

and the September 15, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: (1) Delete Item #14.1, Executive Session,- Legal Matter and (2) Delete Item 15.1, Report Out of Executive Session – Legal Matter. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MR. SCOTT STRAWN, AHJ REGIONAL LIBRARY DIRECTOR, REGARDING THE AHJ LIBRARY:

Mr. Scott Strawn, AHJ Regional Library Director, came before council to answer any questions that council had about the AHJ Regional Library and to give an overview of the structure of the

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library and programs and services available at the library.

MRS. MARY DUNCAN REGARDING BIG MAMA'S ROAD:

Mrs. Duncan came before council to ask what the next step was to get Big Mama's Road condemned to finish paving it. Chairman Gray stated that the first step is to talk to the Viola's. He stated that Council has not discussed a next step. Mrs. Duncan stated that her next step is to draft letters to the congressmen and senators. Mrs. Duncan thanked council.

UPDATE ON THE CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX PROJECTS BY THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AND ARCHITECT:

Mr. Jay White, Architect, Liollio Architects, came before council to give an update and also to state that Mr. Gregg Brunson, Construction Manager at Risk was not present, because he had an unexpected family matter. Mr. White came before council to state that the high priority repairs would be moved up like the Detention Center Roof and the Administration Center. He reported that these projects are tracking together for bid savings; the schematic designs are completed and got feedback details, and fees paid, etc. Council Member Hollingsworth asked if the roof at the Detention Center included the ceiling, Mr. White stated that he believed that it did. Council thanked Mr. White for his report.

REV. NEIL SULLIVAN, REGARDING BOARD POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Rev. Neil Sullivan, Citizen from Nixville, came before council regarding board policies and procedures. Rev. Sullivan also requested that council hold a Town Hall meeting - Free for All - Citizens get to engage in conversation with council. (See presentation – Attachment #1)

MR. TERRY ULMER REGARDING AN UPDATE ON THE MILEY FIRE STATION:

Mr. Ulmer came before council regarding questions about the Miley Fire Station. Mr. Ulmer reported that they have been promised a Fire Station in Miley nine years ago. It was stated that the fire station would be finished in June, July and now October 2014. He explained that around forty (40) home owners are paying \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) or more on homeowners insurance. Mr. Ulmer on behalf of the citizens wanted to know what the hold up was on the Miley Fire Station. Chairman Gray stated that the county applied for and received a grant and for the USDA Grant, the EPA required an environmental impact study test be conducted to verify that the location was okay to place the fire station. Mrs. Graham, County Administrator, reported that the USDA grant was not awarded but the county had applied. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that the money was allocated in the budget for site prep, construction, etc. He reminded everyone that the Miley Fire Station was approved in 2005. This is nine years and if it is not constructed until 2015, it will be ten years at \$1,000 per family for ten years is \$10,000 more that is being paid by Miley residents for fire insurance. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that 1 mil was put on for site prep and completion of a fire station. Administrator Graham informed council that the mill will not pay for it – will have to finance and do not have a date – do not have a set date given council's direction to discontinue the USDA grant. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that the Fire Chief was very confident to give a date – date given before directions given applied for USDA funds. Administrator Graham stated that she could not come up with a date – do not have one. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that it has gone from 2005 – 2013. Council Member Phillips stated that when you don't have the money, you put the mill on. Council Member Williams asked Administrator Graham to get with the Fire Chief and get a date. He stated that he knows that there was a set back and try to find out a date. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that he hoped that the Miley Fire Station (Sub Station) will be completed. Mr. Ulmer stated that they have been hearing this was the nine years and have lost faith in county government. Council

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thanked Mr. Ulmer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were deferred under the consent agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

**APPRECIATION PLAQUES TO THE OUTGOING HAMPTON COUNTY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBERS, MR. HOLBROOK PLATTS AND
MR. CLARENCE FENNELL**

Mr. Bill Hager, Chairman, Hampton County Economic Development Commission and Mr. Hugh Gray, Chairman, Hampton County Council, presented appreciation plaques for their outstanding service to outgoing Hampton County Economic Development Commission Members, Mr. Holbrook Platts and Mr. Clarence Fennell.

**MR. BRYAN BURGESS, LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM (LRWS),
REGARDING THE PRESENTATION OF THE LRSW 2013 ANNUAL REPORT:**

Mr. Bryan Burgess, Lowcountry Regional Water System (LRWS), came before council to present the Lowcountry Regional Water System's (LRWS's) 2013 Annual Report. Council Member Haulsee asked questions about the report and asked about some inconsistencies in the water usage in Yemassee. Mr. Burgess stated that this was a mistake and would make the corrections. Council thanked Mr. Burgess for his report.

APPOINTMENT(S)

NEW LIFE CENTER BOARD:

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Nancy Drawdy and William O. Gooding, Jr. to the New Life Center Board.

RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION REGARDING SITE FOR CAR AND DRAG SHOW:

Council discussed the resolution regarding the site for the car and drag show. It was stated that the mud run was held at the airport grounds. A letter from airport commission members were presented regarding their opposition for the car and drag show event to be held with concerns regarding the possible damage to the runway. Council Member Williams stated that these were tax paying citizens and should be allowed to have the event. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve the resolution regarding the Site for the Car and Drag Show, as outlined including liability insurance. Vice Chairman Phillips wanted to know if something happen with the runway being torn up; Administrator Graham stated that Mr. Housey, A & A Auto Repair, would be responsible. Council Member Haulsee wanted to know if one million dollars was enough money for insurance. Administrator Graham confirmed that it was the same amount as requested for the Mud Run event. Motion carried with Council Members Haulsee, Hollingsworth, Phillips and Williams voting in favor and Council Member Gray voting against.

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ORDINANCE(S)

AMENDING THE ANIMAL ORDINANCE 2002:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams to give first reading to the amendment of the Animal Ordinance 2002. 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)

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

ACTION REGARDING REQUESTS FROM MR. MICHAEL DeWITT, HAMPTON COUNTY GUARDIAN REGARDING DONATION FOR ESSAY CONTEST AND VIDEO ESSAY DISCOURAGING TEXTING WHILE DRIVING:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to deny the requests from Mr. DeWitt for a donation per county policy for the essay contest and video contest to discourage texting while driving, but to encourage council to make a donation on an individual basis. Motion carried with Council Members Gray, Haulsee, Hollingsworth and Phillips voting in favor and Council Member Williams voting against.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

The Clerk to Council updated council regarding board appointments, vacancies and advertisements.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Change Order to Potter Construction for Additional Work to Bring Water and Sewer Lines to the Southern Carolina Industrial Campus

Ms. Sandy Fowler, Director, Hampton County Economic Development Commission, came before council to present the change order from Potter Construction for additional work to bring the water and sewer lines to the Southern Carolina Industrial Campus. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve the change order as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #3 – Change Order)

Report on Improvements to Recycling Center Operations

Administrator Graham reported the improvements to the recycling center operations. (See Attachment #4 – Report) Council Member Hollingsworth thanked Administrator Graham and stated that he appreciated all the effort. Things look good at the recycling sites

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Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County and Towns for Domestic Animal Control Services Within the Towns

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and Towns for Domestic Animal Control Services within the towns. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Maps for Proposed Land Development Ordinance by Mr. Randy Crews, Building Inspector, Hampton County

Mr. Randy Crewe, Building Inspector, stated that this was just a review of the maps. No action to be taken. The maps will be placed on the county's website. Council asked that Ms. Ginnie Kozak, Planner, be present and give council an overview of the proposed Hampton County Land Development Ordinance. He stated that the copies of the maps have been made and placed in the Hampton County Library (Hampton and Estill). He reported that the Planning Commission was accommodating the Economic Development Commission and citizens.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session matter.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting.