

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; NOVEMBER 3, 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, November 3, 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 Haulsee.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

- 3.1.1 September 15, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes
- ~~3.1.2 September 29, 2014 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes~~
- ~~3.1.3 October 6, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- ~~3.1.4 October 20, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes~~

and the November 3, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: (1) Delete Items #3.1.2 – 3.1.4, 7.1, 12.1 and 13.1.3 and add Item 7.2, Presentation from Chair of the Hampton County Planning Commission, add Item 15.1, Executive Session, Legal Matter, Citizens Request. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**ORDINANCE 2014-010, ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER PROPERTY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL PARK (LRIP) TO THE LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM (LRWS):**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive comments from the public regarding Ordinance 2014-010, Ordinance to Transfer Property and Infrastructure in the Lowcountry Regional Industrial Park (LRIP) to the Lowcountry Regional Water System (LRWS). Council Member Hollingsworth stated that he had questions on the third reading regarding listing the names

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of the partners on the ordinance. Council Member Haulsee stated that he was concerned if other partners are added. Ms. Gray, Citizen, stated that she felt that the county should not transfer the Property to LRWS to own. There were no other comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

**ORDINANCE 2014-012, AMENDING THE ANIMAL ORDINANCE 2002:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments on Ordinance 2014-012, Amending the Animal Ordinance 2002. There was a letter submitted supporting Ordinance 2014-012. There were no public comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing. (Attachment #1 – Letter)

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**MS. BARBARA GRAY REGARDING THE HAMPTON COUNTY LAND USE  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN:**

Ms. Gray stated that she hoped that council would rescind the Hampton County Land Use Development Plan Ordinance. Council Member Hollingsworth informed Ms. Gray that Council is going to discuss the matter. County Administrator Graham stated that the Planning Commission held public hearings. The ordinance has been rejected as is and has been given first reading and will go back to the Planning Commission.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

See action under Consent Agenda.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

**MR. TRIPP LAWTON, CHAIR, HAMPTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION,  
REGARDING AN UPDATE REGARDING THE HAMPTON COUNTY LAND USE  
DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE:**

Mr. Lawton informed council and the public that the Hampton County Planning Commission voted to allow six to nine months to review the ordinance and don't know how to handle but will meet the second and fourth Monday for January and February and may add some more meetings. Council thanked Mr. Lawton for the update.

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

There were no appointment(s).

**RESOLUTION(S)**

There were no resolution(s).

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**ORDINANCE(S)**

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INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL PARK (LRIP)  
TO THE LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM (LRWS):**

**Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to remove Ordinance 2014-010, Ordinance to Transfer Property and Infrastructure in the Lowcountry Regional Industrial Park (LRIP) to the Lowcountry Regional Water System (LRWS). Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 2014-012, AMENDING THE ANIMAL ORDINANCE 2002:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to give third reading to Ordinance 2014-012, Amending the Animal Ordinance 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING RESCINDING THE FIRST READING TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY LAND USE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE:**

Council Member Hollingsworth stated that he attended two of the three public hearings held and has seen the public's response in opposition. Council Member Williams stated that he would like to see the Planning Commission to do an intensive review and see about rescinding and if passed start anew. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to rescind first reading the Ordinance 2014-011, Hampton County Land Development Use Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

**BID(S)**

**LANDFILL GRINDING:**

Administrator Graham stated that the lowest, qualified bidder is recommended for the landfill grinding at \$9.75 per ton and the total tonnage to be ground is approximately 2,500 (Two thousand, five hundred) pounds. **Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Williams, to accept the lowest qualified bidder for landfill grinding, Land Clearing Services, Inc. at \$9.75 (Nine dollars and seventy-five cents) per ton. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #2 – Bids)

**MILEY FIRE STATION BID:**

Administrator Graham stated that the bids are for the construction of the Miley Fire Station. She stated that the cost is to be financed and repaid from the one mill added to the fire fund for capital improvements. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to accept the lowest, qualified bid, IP Builders, Inc., Walterboro, South Carolina for \$92, 838 (Ninety-two thousand, eight hundred thirty-eight dollars). Motion carried.

**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)**

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

There was no chairman's update.

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**DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):**

**Council Member Haulsee**

Council Member Haulsee stated that he has seen the advertisement for replacement of the administrator and have no problems with qualifications, and it will be a nationwide search. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that there are two spots that need to be addressed. He stated that he heard from all council members except one. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that he has the template for the administrator's position if any council members would like it.

**Council Member Hollingsworth**

Council Member Hollingsworth asked Administrator Graham about a request he received regarding updated vehicle insurance policy requirements for Hampton County Volunteer Firemen. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that the County Volunteer Firemen insurance is increasing if they have a flashing light. Mr. Gregg Cook, County Fire Chief, stated Mr. Dobie Hiers, Risk Manager, had a roundtable discussion and talked about red lights and sirens and stated that if a volunteer fireman placed these on POVs, Person Owned Vehicle, they would be liable. Mr. Cook stated that these were in the SOGs. He stated that who you were covered by would determine your premiums. Mr. Cook stated that the Town of Hampton has discontinued red lights on POVs, etc.

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Carolina Lodge Sign**

**Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to cover the cost and change sign location in the amount of \$2,050 (two thousand, fifty dollars). Vice Chairman Phillips stated that the county needs something from South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) with the condition that they will not require the county to move the trees. Motion amended by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve the \$2,050 (two thousand, fifty dollars) to change the Carolina Lodge sign location with a letter pending from SCDOT that the trees remain in the location and will not be dug up. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #3 – Report)

**Accept COPS Grant Award**

Administrator Graham presented to council a COPS Grant in the amount of \$225,836 (Two hundred twenty-five thousand, eight hundred thirty-six dollars) for two entry level positions over a three year period with a cash match of \$30,000 (Thirty thousand dollars). She stated that the funds for the match not budgeted. Administrator Graham stated that if accepted the county commits to retain the two officers for a year after the grant has ended. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to accept the grant. Vice Chairman Phillips stated that he has a problem with the match and then retaining the positions. Vice Chairman Phillips stated that the money is not there. Council Member Haulsee wanted to know where the money is coming from. Council Members Hollingsworth and Williams voted in favor and Council Members Phillips and Haulsee voted against. The motion failed for a lack of a majority. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that the match was given for the Hazard Mitigation on 10/20/2014. Vice Chairman Phillips stated that it was not as much for the match and where will the money come from after the three years are up.

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**Letters to Towns Regarding Appointments to County Boards**

Administrator Graham stated that she was providing a copy of the letter written for the towns regarding helping to find people to serve on the county boards.

**Letters to Legislative Delegation Members Regarding the Local Government Fund**

Administrator Graham provided a copy of the letter sent to the Legislative Delegation Members regarding the Local Government Fund (LGF).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**LEGAL MATTER:**

**Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter requested by a citizen. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**CONTRACTUAL MATTER:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray reported that council was apprised of some inquiries and complaints.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p. m.