

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; NOVEMBER 17, 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 17, 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 Phillips, to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 3.1.1 September 29, 2014 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes
- ~~3.1.2 October 6, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- ~~3.1.3 October 20, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- ~~3.1.4 November 3, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes~~

and the November 17, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: (1) Delete Items #3.1.2 – 3.1.4, 12.1.3 and move 11.3 to 14.1. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

**THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE 2014-013, ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
MULTI-COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT WITH COLLETON COUNTY TO ADD METER
OF AMERICA, INC.:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding third reading of Ordinance 2014-013, Ordinance Amending the Multi-County Park Agreement with Colleton County to Add Meter of America, Inc. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

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**THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE 2014-014, ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
MULTI-COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT WITH COLLETON COUNTY TO ADD
PALMETTO AERO LLC:**

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding third reading of Ordinance 2014-014, Ordinance Amending the Multi-County Park Agreement with Colleton County to Add Palmetto Aero LLC. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

**MS. BARBARA GRAY REGARDING THE LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL WATER
SYSTEM:**

Ms. Gray came before council to speak against the county turning over Hampton County property to the Lowcountry Regional Water System. She commented that people should be able to keep their private wells and not be forced to connect to the water system. She informed council that a relative of hers was ill and was advised by doctor to drink non-chemically treated water.

**MRS. POLLY KNIGHT, CITIZEN, REGARDING THE LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL
WATER SYSTEM:**

Mrs. Knight came before council to inform council that she opposed the county turning the property over to the Lowcountry Regional Water System. Mrs. Knight wanted to know why the Lowcountry Regional Water System need to go into the industrial park, because that would be the water supply for the park. She informed council that that Early Branch is supplied by Yemassee currently. She asked the following questions of council:

- (1) What will be going in the park?
- (2) Can the Lowcountry Regional Water System (LRWS) transfer the property to someone else?
- (3) If the LRWS goes bankrupt, what will happen to the property?

Council Member Hollingsworth stated that he did not have a problem with the ordinance if it contained the reverter clause. He stated that at the November 3, 2014 meeting he asked that the reverter clause be included in the ordinance to transfer the property back to Hampton County. He stated that the ordinance presented to council included the wording that was to be taken out. County Attorney Solomons told Council Member Hollingsworth that this was a good catch. He stated that he will take it out. Council asked that a clean copy be presented before council votes on the ordinance. Mrs. Knight asked that council please read and notify the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved and deferred under the consent agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

**PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVE BILL BOWERS TO THE HONORABLE
HUGH B. GRAY, CHAIRMAN, HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL AND
MRS. SABRENA P. GRAHAM, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, HAMPTON COUNTY:**

Representative Bill Bowers came before council to present certificates of appreciation to the Honorable

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Hugh B. Gray, Chairman, Hampton County Council and Mrs. Sabrena P. Graham, County Administrator, Hampton County, for their outstanding service to Hampton County, South Carolina.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) LETTERS OF CONDITIONS
FOR AMBULANCES GRANTS – PRESENTED BY MS. NICKIE TOOMES, USDA AREA
SPECIALIST:**

Ms. Nickie Toomes, USDA Area Specialist, came before council and presented the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Letters of Conditions for Ambulances Grants:

- \$40,400 for the purchase of an ambulance for the North District of the County
- \$40,500 for the purchase of an ambulance for the South District of the County

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to accept the grants. Motion carried unanimously.

**UPDATE ON THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX PROJECTS PROGRESS BY
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK, MR. GREGG BRUNSON AND ARCHITECT, MR. JAY
WHITE WITH LIOLLO:**

Mr. Gregg Brunson, Construction Manager at Risk and Mr. Jay White, Liolio Architect, came before council to give an update on Capital Projects Sales Tax (CPST) Projects progress. (See Attachment #1)

APPOINTMENT(S)

**ACTION ON LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM MR. JAKE SULLIVAN, HAMPTON COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to accept the letter of resignation from Mr. Jake Sullivan, Hampton County Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

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

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, that the citizens have voiced their concerns and would like the wording regarding first refusal removed and a final, clean copy is presented, the ordinance is tabled until the December 1, 2014 county council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE 2014-013, ORDINANCE AMENDING OUR MULTI
COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT WITH COLLETON COUNTY TO ADD METER OF
AMERICA, INC. (PROJECT METER):**

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to give third reading to Ordinance 2014-013, Ordinance Amending our Multi County Park Agreement with Colleton County to Add Meter of America, Inc. (Project Meter). Motion carried unanimously.

**THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE 2014-014, ORDINANCE AMENDING OUR MULTI
COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT WITH COLLETON COUNTY TO ADD PALMETTO
AERO LLC (PROJECT DENT):**

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to give third reading to Ordinance 2014-014, Ordinance Amending our Multi County Park Agreement with Colleton County to Add Palmetto Aero LLC (Project Dent). Motion carried unanimously.

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BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Gray recognized Ms. Hannah Priester, Board Member, Hampton School District 1, Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #2)

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

There were no discussion point(s).

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Applications Received for Planning Commission and Other Boards

County Administrator Graham stated that the Planning Commission applications have been received and distributed.

Change Order to Potter Construction to Perform Additional Sewer Line Construction

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth to approve change order #3 for Potter Construction to perform additional sewer line construction. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #3)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel and an economic development matter. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER:

Chairman Gray reported that council was briefed by the Economic Development Director on an economic development matter and an advertisement has been developed to hire an Interim County Administrator; there is a possibility that the a retired Administrator as recommended by the South Carolina Association of Counties may be considered.

RESOLUTION(S)

INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION FOR PROJECT LC:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to adopt the

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Inducement Resolution for Project LC. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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