

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; DECEMBER 1, 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, December 1, 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 Chairman Gray.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

- ~~3.1.1 October 6, 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 Special Meeting Minutes~~
- ~~3.1.4 October 20, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- ~~3.1.5 November 3, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- ~~3.1.6 November 17, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- ~~3.1.7 November 24, 2014 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes~~

and the December 1, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: (1) Delete Items #3.1.1 – 3.1.7, Add Item #7.1, Mr. Scott Allen, Financial Consultant for Hampton School District 2, Regarding Financial Update, Add 13.1.3, Appoint Jennifer Youmans as ADA Coordinator and Add 13.144, New Position and Add 14., Executive Session and 15.1, Report Out of Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

No public hearing(s).

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PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

No public comment(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were deferred under the consent agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

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

Mr. Allan came before council to give a financial update regarding Hampton School District 2. (See Attachment #1)

APPOINTMENT(S)

HAMPTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION:

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Gary Youmans, Marilyn Jarrell-Tyler and Sam Tracey to the Hampton County Planning Commission.

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

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 Chairman Gray, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to approve 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 Williams stated that he does not approve the transfer of property to the Lowcountry Regional Water System. Council Member Hollingsworth explained that he thought it was in the best interest of the citizens. He stated that the only people who have come are against approval of Ordinance 2014-010. He commented that the direction in which this is going is not in the best interest of the citizens. He stated that he feels that this is something that the county has rushed into without considering any other options to look into. Vice Chairman Phillips commented that he thought that the citizens that came had a personal interest. The county is not giving but the two (2) acres just as the towns gave their equipment. The towns did not have the money to bring up to standards. This is a regional, countywide system. Don't know what postponement will do and maybe at this particular point, looking at other options. We have appointed representatives and can go to them and say that we would like this...It's a situation and appointed officials. Council Member Williams commented

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that we appoint a representative but we are giving away our resource-water. Council Member Williams stated that we need to stop sugar coating things. Council Member Williams stated that we can work with the LRWS and not give away our property; the county can do a lease. County Administrator Graham informed council that during the time, the county and municipalities came together to create the system. The Attorney has to give transfer access and the LRWS will serve only the industrial park, towns have transferred their inventory, towns and county approved resolution and part of the water system, the property should revert back to county if the water system ceases to exist. She commented that maybe need to look back at the whole system. Council Member Williams stated that council needs to look back at resolution, water system; the county will be giving away one of the most valuable resources – water. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that he was not on council when the decision was made by council. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that he does not believe in giving away a natural resource. He commented that since he has come on council, he will abide by the decision made as long as the reverter clause and the other corrections are made. Council Member Haulsee stated that with the exception of Estill and Furman, anyone he talked to did not think it was a big deal. He commented that it was easier to make more and an opportunity to pump out of the ground. It was not anything wrong other than wording. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that the reason was not an issue. Focusing on one thing. Working with the system that could be transferred. Is this a 501(c)3, and change bylaws and make rules of their own, if changed limited or restructured out of 501(c)3, the assets will be distributed to shareholders. Motion carried with Council Members Gray, Haulsee and Phillips voting in favor and Council Member Hollingsworth and Williams voting against.

BID(S)

LEASE/PURCHASE FINANCING FOR THE MILEY FIRE STATION:

Administrator Graham presented the lease/purchase financing at 2.75 percent for ten (10) years. She stated that this was the final step to begin financing of the Miley Fire Station (See Attachment #2). **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve financing option as presented by County Administrator Graham. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #3)

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

There were no discussion point(s).

ACTION ON HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S 2015 MEETING CALENDAR:

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve the Hampton County Council's 2015 Meeting Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Approve Easement for Miley Fire Station

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the Easement for the Miley Fire Station. Motion carried unanimously.

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Capital Project Sales Tax – Roof Project Funding Options

Administrator Graham presented Mr. Gregg Brunson, Construction Manager at Risk regarding roof. Mr. Brunson discussed the room at the Detention Center. He stated that no bids were received. He also explained to council that a roof replacement was needed. He stated that \$102,000 budgeted and this is not enough to cover replacing the entire roof. He reported that it could be done with a budget about \$600,000. Mr. Brunson stated that he just wanted to let council know. Vice Chairman Phillips wanted to know if the bid was put out for the entire roof. Mr. Brunson commented that it was only by project description.

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, that put replacement of who roof on rebid – rebid entire roof of the Detention Center. Council Member Hollingsworth wanted to know if a cost analysis was done for these projects and was a feasibility study completed. Mr. Brunson, Construction Manager at Risk, reported that he did not know how the cost was allocated. The cost for the architect, surveyor, lab being deducted, it only leaves \$94,000 for the whole roof. Council Member Haulsee stated that the roof was in bad shape. Council Member Hollingsworth advised that a cost analysis be given on that building. Council Member Williams stated that all have questions. Council Member Haulsee, and Vice Chairman Phillips, withdrew their motion. A report of reinspection of the project is due in January.

Appointment of Section 3 Coordinator

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to appoint Jennifer Youmans as the Section 3 Coordinator. Motion carried unanimously.

Authorize Position at Detention Center

Administrator Graham requested that council authorize a position at the Detention Center; she stated that this was not a new position. Council is requested to authorize to fill the position and funding is in operations. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to authorize the position at the Detention Center. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL MATTER:

Chairman Gray reported that council discussed a personnel matter and will interview the Interim County Administrator on December 15, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

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