

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JULY 20, 2015; 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, July 20, 2015, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Christopher B. Haulsee; Roy Hollingsworth, Vice Chairman; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Isaac Smith and Shedron D. Williams, Chairman. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator and Aline Newton, Clerk to Council. Media present: Hampton County Guardian. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth called the meeting to order. Chairman Williams arrived.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Council Member Smith gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE JULY 15, 2015 HAMPTON COUNTY AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 3.1.1 ~~June 1, 2015 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes~~ (Deferred)
- 3.1.2 June 15, 2015 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes

and the July 20, 2015 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: (1) Move Items 9.1 to 7.1, 7.1 to 7.2, 7.2 to 7.3 and 7.3 to 7.4. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There was no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MR. DAVID BAKER REGARDING PRIVATE ROAD PAVED:

Mr. Baker came before council to ask how a road that was deemed a private road was plowed and not when they asked, because they were told that it was a private road. Mr. Blake Hodges, Public Works Director, came before council and stated that a request was received from the school district, because there were school children and the bus could not turn around. Mr. Baker reported that other families had children would they plow the driveway. Council thanked Mr. Baker for his comments and Mr. Hodges for his explanation.

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MR. WILLIAM BOWMAN REGARDING HIS CANDIDACY FOR SENATE DISTRICT 45 SEAT:

Mr. Bowman came before council to introduce himself and inform everyone that he was running for Senate District 45 Seat. The seat left vacant by the death of Senator Clementa Pinckney.

QUEEN QUET, GULLAH/GEECHEE NATION:

Queen Quet came before council and invited council and everyone to join in the celebration of the Gullah/Geechee Nation Celebration.

PRESENTATION OF THE GULLAH/GEECHEE NATION APPRECIATION WEEK PROCLAMATION:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, to adopt the proclamation recognizing the week of July 25, 2015 – August 2, 2015 as Gullah/Geechee Nation Appreciation Week. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams presented Queen Quet the proclamation. Queen Quet thanked council and stated that she appreciated them moving her up on the agenda, because she also had an appointment with the Beaufort County Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

MR. SCOTT ALLEN, HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2'S FINANCIAL CONSULTANT:

Mr. Allen came before council and gave council an update regarding Hampton School District 2's financial situation. (See Attachment #1 – Mr. Allen's Report)

MR. RONALD "BREEZE" WINN, REGARDING THE COUNCIL ON AGING:

Mr. Winn came before council regarding the Council on Aging. He stated that Mr. Sullivan had come before council prior regarding several issues. Mr. Winn was concerned regarding the board not having a meeting in over a year and the posting of the agenda so everyone is aware of the meeting.

MS. BARBARA GRAY, REGARDING LOWCOUNTRY RURAL WATER SYSTEM:

Ms. Gray came before council and stated that the Lowcountry Rural Water System was going to have a meeting on July 28, 2015.

MR. GREGG BRUNSON, CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK, BRUNSON CONSTRUCTION AND MR. JAY WHITE, LIOLLO ARCHITECTURE:

Mr. Brunson and Mr. White came before council to discuss the CPST Projects. Mr. Brunson

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reported that \$25,000 was saved on the repair of the roof on the Administrative Building which can go back to do additional repairs on the Administrative Building. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth asked if there were any leaks that would occur in the next ten years, who would be responsible if it were manufacturer's defect. Mr. Brunson stated that if it was a defect on the manufacturer's defect, then the manufacturer would have to fix. He explained that the statute of limitations is seven years and if a limb falls or other, then the owner has to fix. The cause of the damage would have to be determined to determine the responsible party. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that he did not equate savings with quality. Mr. Brunson stated that they met with county officials on Thursday regarding the bids for the Library. He reported that the plans are in the hands of the Town Building Inspector. He stated that it should be the middle of August for the ground breaking ceremony. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth asked about the cost appearing twice. Mr. White stated that one was for the lay out and the other flood elevations. He stated that there were several parcels in which the surveyor had to do work and will be combined into one parcel. Administrator Elliott stated that the Request for Bids were advertised in SCEBO and the Hampton County Guardian. Chairman Williams reported that he was told that the Pre-Bid was not mandatory, but SCEBO listed that the Pre-Bid was mandatory. Mr. Brunson and Administrator Elliott assured that it was not mandatory.

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATIONS

DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION HONORING DECEASED APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Chairman Williams stated that council is working on recognition of deceased appointed and elected officials in Hampton County during National County Government Day in April.

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LATE SENATOR CLEMENTA PINCKNEY AND VICTIMS OF THE EMANUEL A.M.E. CHURCH SHOOTING OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, to adopt the resolution honoring the late Senator Clementa Pinckney and Victims of the Emanuel A.M.E. Church Shooting of Charleston, South Carolina. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

There were no ordinance(s).

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BID(S)

HAMPTON COUNTY LIBRARY ADDITION AND RENOVATION:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to defer the Hampton County Library Addition and Renovation bid. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that until some more information is received. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

DISCUSSIN POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Smith

Council Member Smith stated that he wanted to bring up this issue coming here.

Council Member Phillips

Council Member Phillips stated that he attended the Promise Zone meeting in Varnville, South Carolina, and hopefully, citizens will participate.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Williams stated that he attended the NaCO Conference, Promise Zone meeting and Senator Pinckney's funeral. He stated that he attended NaCO Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, and there are pots of money that the county needs to be working on trying to get.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- The Miley Fire Station is about 99% completed.
- Mr. Brantley Strickland, Project Manager, SouthernCarolina Alliance – Project Fatback about to close and Project Beacon.
- Promise Zone meeting attended by county people and cross section of meeting had different voices.
- Will show building at the airport. Blake, Dobie, Glenn and others did a great job. Will show the building on the 2nd Monday, August 10, 2015 at 5:00 p. m. – Pilot lounge, recruit returnees, volunteer and in the future self-serve fuel.
- Chamber meeting at 6:00 p. m. on July 21, 2015 at Lake Warren. Palmetto Electric is hosting.
- Spoke at the Rotary and asked that they take a step above to help find board members for the county's boards and commissions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No matters.

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REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

No matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p. m.