

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; SEPTEMBER 21, 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, September 21, 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 and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Hampton County Guardian. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Council Member Smith gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Phillips.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE AUGUST 21, 2015 HAMPTON COUNTY AGENDA:

Chairman Williams stated that there were some additions to the agenda: (1) First Reading by Title Only to Project Handler, (2) Second Reading to Project Vittirio and (3) Executive Session Regarding a Legal Matter. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, approve the Consent Agenda:

- ~~3.1.1 June 1, 2015 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes (Deferred)~~
- ~~3.1.2 August 17, 2015 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes~~
- ~~3.1.3 August 17, 2015 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- ~~3.1.4 September 1, 2015 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes~~

and the September 21, 2015 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the revisions as stated. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Williams stated that the 3.1.1 – 3.1.4 will be deferred due to technical problems.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

ORDINANCE REGARDING SALE OF PARKER BUILDING TO SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE:

Chairman Williams opened the public hearing to receive public comments concerning the Ordinance Regarding the Sale of the Parker Building to SouthernCarolina Alliance. Mr. Danny Black, Executive Director, SouthernCarolina Alliance reported that they have the plans from engineers and architects to go forth using USDA (United States Department of Agriculture)

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funding. He relayed that construction will begin. Also, the building is centrally located in the region. Chairman Williams closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

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

Mr. Scott Allen, Financial Consultant, Hampton District 2, Regarding Update for Hampton School District 2, came before council to present. (See Attachment 1 – Report)

**MRS. JENNIFER YOUMANS, GRANTS COORDINATOR AND WEBMASTER,
REGARDING REDESIGN OF THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE:**

Ms. Youmans came before council to inform Council that Civic Plus informed the county that the county's website needed to be updated. She stated that the website is being redesigned, and she has formed a team of county employees to assist with this task. Mrs. Youmans expressed her gratitude to the team. She also shared with council that the website will be more user friendly and adaptable to electronic devices such as smartphones, tablets, etc. She stated that February 14, 2016 is the go live date for the redesigned website. Council thanked Mrs. Youmans.

**AUTHORIZATION OF AN INTER-FUND TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND
OF HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT AND REPAYMENT OF SAID TRANSFER:**

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, to authorize an Inter-Fund Transfer from the General Fund of Hampton County, SC to the Hampton County Fire Protection District and the repayment of said transfer. Motion carried unanimously.

**AUTHORIZATION OF MATCH MONEY FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION:**

Mr. Gregg Cook, Fire Chief, Hampton County, came before council and requested match funds for a CDBG Grant for two fire trucks. He stated that it was a 90/10 match. The fire trucks are for the Yemassee and Furman area. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth asked Mr. Cook to tell why these two areas were chosen. He stated that the areas were chosen due to low to moderate income. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to authorize \$75,000 (seventy-five thousand dollars) match money for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application for two fire trucks for Yemassee and Furman. Motion carried unanimously.

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UPDATE ON MILEY FIRE STATION:

Vice Chairman asked Mr. Gregg Cook, Fire Chief, Hampton County, for an update regarding the Miley Fire Station. Mr. Cook stated that they will move trucks in tomorrow and other materials. He stated that they have the Grand Opening scheduled for October 7, 2015 at 10:00 a. m.

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATIONS

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK, BY AND BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN JASPER COUNTY AS PART OF THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to amend the resolution regarding the agreement for the establishment of Multi-County Industrial/Business Park, by and between Jasper County, South Carolina and Hampton County, South Carolina, providing for the development of a Multi-County Industrial/Business Park, so as to include additional property in Jasper County as part of the Multi-County Industrial/Business Park regarding Project Handler. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

THIRD READING TO THE ORDINANCE FOR THE SALE OF THE PARKER BUILDING TO SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give third reading to the ordinance for the sale of the Parker Building to SouthernCarolina Alliance. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND READING TO THE ORDINANCE REGARDING PROJECT VITTIRIO:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give second reading to the ordinance regarding Project Vittirio. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY TO TRANSFER HIGHWAY 68 PROPERTY TO SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SCDOT):

Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that SCDOT will pay the county \$18,600 for 14,000 square feet. This will go toward redesigning the entrance for Bob Gifford entrance. County will redesign entrance to match the other side of the industrial park entrance. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give first reading by title only to transfer Highway 68 property to South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT). Motion carried unanimously.

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BID(S)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Administrator Dobson-Elliott presented the bids. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to accept the bid for the Health Department. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

DISCUSSIN POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Smith

Council Member Smith stated that last week he and Vice Chairman Hollingsworth completed a couple of days training of NIMS. Training to prepare for disasters. He stated that it was pretty interesting.

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that he will piggy back on what Council Member Smith said. He stated that Suzanne Peeples has Hampton County prepared for any kind of disaster and training.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Williams stated that he was reading the South Carolina Association Policies that were passed 11/4/2014, and it stated that if a matter is not listed on the agenda, and it is a final action, then it cannot be acted upon. Chairman Williams stated that council added the LRWS ordinance at the meeting in which it was given third reading. He stated that he wants things to be handled properly. He stated that council needs to take the action necessary to correct this matter. The County Attorney will advise council regarding the necessary process to take.

Chairman Williams stated that he will serve as the alternate to Vice Chairman Hollingsworth on the Lowcountry Regional Water System Board for Hampton County.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk to Council stated that she received about four reports and would have an update for council at the next meeting.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

**FOURTH QUARTER 2014-2015 FINANCIAL REPORT BY MS. CHRISTINE JAMES,
HAMPTON COUNTY FINANCE DIRECTOR/HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR:**

Ms. James, Finance Director/ Human Resources Director, came before council and presented the fourth quarter 2014-2015 financial report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that Easement 1 and 2 for the South Carolina Department of Transportation had been acted on earlier.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONTRACTUAL MATTERS:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to go into executive session to discuss economic development and contractual matters. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONTRACTUAL MATTERS:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to come out of executive session regarding economic development and contractual matters. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams stated that council discussed economic development and contractual matters.

PRESENTATION OF CONTRACT:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, to present the contract to the Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p. m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:

Aline Newton, Clerk to Council

Hampton County Council Members:

Shedron D. Williams, Chairman

Roy Hollingsworth, Vice Chairman

Christopher B. Haulsee

Charles H. Phillips

Isaac Smith