

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MAY 21, 2012; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, May 21, 2012, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administration Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Christopher B. Haulsee, Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Vice Chairman and Shedron Williams. Council Member(s) absent: Virgin Johnson, Sr. Staff present: Sabrena P. Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Michael DeWitt, 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 Phillips, to approve the Consent Agenda:

3.1.1 May 7, 2012 County Council's Meeting Minutes

and the May 21, 2012 County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revision, (1) Delete Item #14.1, Economic Development Contractual Matter and (2) Add Item #10.3.1, First Reading of Capital Projects Tax Ordinance by Title Only. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE 2012-004, HAMPTON COUNTY'S 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comment(s) on third reading to Ordinance #2012-004, Hampton County's 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

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PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

There were no presentation(s).

APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE 2012-004, HAMPTON COUNTY'S 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:

Finance Director, Mike Meyer, presented the budget to council. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to defer third reading to Ordinance #2012-004, Hampton County's 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget until a budget workshop can be held to discuss several items of concern. Motion carried unanimously. Council scheduled a budget workshop for May 29, 2012 at 6:00 p. m.

SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE #2012-006, AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #2001-0716-002, E-911 ORDINANCE:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to give second reading to Ordinance #2012-006, Amendment to Ordinance #2001-0716-002, E-911 Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX ORDINANCE:

Chairman Gray asked if there was a motion to give first reading by title only to the Capital Projects Sales Tax Ordinance. Council Member Haulsee stated that he wanted to make some comments before making the motion. Council Member Haulsee presented to council the possibility of relocating the library for a proposed cost saving. Council discussed the proposal and asked if the

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matter had been discussed by the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission. Mr. Chad Westendorf, Chair, Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission, stated that the matter was brought up and the Commission voted not to relocate the library. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips to take the proposed project and compare regarding the feasibility of locating in the Gooding Building. Mr. Westendorf stated that the proposed location was presented to him personally after the Commission had voted and presented to Council. Council Member Williams wanted to know whose job it was to get correct quotes for the project. Chairman Gray called for the vote. Chairman Gray stated that the vote failed for the lack of a majority. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to get cost estimates for the projects. Council Member Phillips stated that it needed to be a single entity looking at each location. Council asked the Finance Director if bids had to be taken for the services. Mr. Meyer, Finance Director, stated that if the value of the service exceeded \$15,000, then bids would have to be taken. The Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission members wanted to know what their involvement would be regarding the remainder of the process. Council explained that if any changes were made by council regarding the priority list presented; it would come back to the commission for action. Motion carried with Council Members Haulsee, Phillips and Williams voting in favor and Chairman Gray voting against.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):
Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #1)

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT(S):
There were no discussion point(s).

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Mr. Mike Meyer, Finance Director presented the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Third Quarter Financial Report. (See Attachment #2)

FOLLOW UP ON REIMBURSABLE FUNDING FROM SHERIFF SMALLS THAT WAS AUTHORIZED ON FEBRUARY 6, 2012:

Administrator Graham reported that the reimbursements from the Sheriff's department had not been received yet and the amount keeps increasing. Council asked that a special meeting be called before the budget workshop and ask that Sheriff Smalls attend to discuss the matter. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, to stop funding the part-time positions approved for reimbursements as of tomorrow. The motion failed for a second.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter regarding a lawsuit. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. After coming out of executive session, Chairman Gray stated that Council discussed a legal matter regarding a lawsuit and was updated by the County Attorney; Council discussed a personnel matter and Council also asked the Clerk to include information addressed to Council to be provided to the County Administrator also.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p. m.