

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JUNE 25, 2012; 5:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held a special meeting on Monday, June 25, 2012, 5:00 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. 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.

Chairman Gray stated that he would like to extend personal apologies to the Administrator and Auditor for not recognizing them at the Dignitaries Luncheon, because he did not see them come in; he also wanted to extend condolences to Representative Brantley on the passing of his wife.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the June 25, 2012 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

HAMPTON COUNTY'S 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:

Administrator Graham reported that there were no changes to the budget that was presented at the June 18, 2012 meeting. Chairman Gray asked the council members to do some soul searching to be able to pass a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. He stated that he would not want to be the member of council who would not be in compliance of state law by passing a budget by June

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3o, 2012. He stated that the County Administrator has presented a balanced budget as of February 4, 2012 and can make changes afterwards if they are necessary. Council Member Williams stated that he was going to fight for the programs and ask that council make the additional changes and partially fund the contingency and outside agencies and fully fund the Council on Aging and the additional funds for Soil and Water until the Local Government Funds are received. Council Member Phillips stated that this will be the same thing with the Sheriff Department as is the Council on Aging. The County did not cut the funding; the state and federal government did. Council Member Phillips stated that we about to do the same thing to the Sheriff's department as these people. Chairman Gray stated that the county cannot be expected to take up the slack when others are cutting revenues. Council Member Haulsee stated that right now unless there are some changes, he is standing by his decision. He stated that all the positions that Mr. Phillips mentioned were grant funded or retirees. Administrator Graham stated that some were vacated. Council Member Haulsee stated that he could not stress the importance of farmers and seniors. He stated the outside agencies can be reduced until local government funds are received. Council Member Phillips stated that he would be in favor to use the contingency funds to fund the Council on Aging and the Soil and Water until the Local Government Fund are received. Administrator Graham informed council that the budget presented is fixed until next year. You can patch, but it is not the best solution. She informed council that if the local funds were received, she would not say that she would put them in the Council on Aging, because she feels that it would be needed in other areas. Council Williams asked who decided where the Local Governments Funds were placed in the budget once they were received. Administrator Graham responded that council decides where it goes. There was much discussion. Chairman Gray stated that he would like to put a termination date on funding to any agreement like funding the **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to give third reading to the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget and take \$37,500 out of contingency to fund full-time the same employment of the Council on Aging and Soil and Water Conservation and to refund the Contingency that when the Local Government Funds are received up to \$37,500 will go back into contingency. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Update Regarding Reimbursable Funding from Sheriff Smalls that was Authorized on February 6, 2012

Administrator Graham asked that council take action to continue or discontinue funding for the sheriff's grant positions. Council Member Haulsee stated that he was ready to stop funding the part-time positions. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Chairman Gray to discontinue funding for the part-time grant positions that was authorized on February 6, 2012 effective upon two weeks' notice to discontinue. Motion carried with Council Members Gray, Haulsee and Phillips voting in favor and Council Member Williams voting against.

Revisions to the Retiree Health Insurance Benefits

Administrator Graham explained to council the change to retiree benefits. Mr. Meyer, Human Resources Director, came before council to present the changes to the retiree insurance. The changes would become effective as of September 1, 2012. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips,

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seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to adopt the revisions to the retiree health insurance benefits. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #1)

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p. m.