

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MARCH 4, 2013; 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, March 4, 2013, 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: 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 Council Member Phillips.

RECOGNITION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Chairman Gray recognized:

Honorable Teresa Williams, Hampton County Auditor

Honorable Charlie Crews, Former Hampton County Council Chair and Chair of the County Transportation Committee

Honorable Ronnie Mixon, Member of the County Transportation Committee

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Gray stated that Item #10.3.1, Request from Open Arms Fellowship Church to Use Airport for Community Event – Egg Drop, be deleted from the agenda. Council Member Williams stated that he wanted Item #13.1.1 deferred until council could get a little more clarity. He stated that he did not think that council had decided how they would proceed regarding the capital projects, hiring a management team, etc. Council had a short discussion regarding the matter. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to delete Item #13.1.1, An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance And Sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013, Or Such Other Appropriate Series Designation of Hampton County, South Carolina, In The Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding \$6,750,000; Fixing The Form And Details Of The Bonds; Authorizing The County Administrator Or Her Lawfully Authorized Designee To Determine Certain Matters Relating To The Bonds; Providing For The Payment Of The Notes And The Disposition Of The Proceeds Thereof; To Adopt Written Procedures Related To Tax Exempt Debt;

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And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve the Consent Agenda:

4.1.1 February 19, 2013 County Council Meeting Minutes

and the March 4, 2013 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda as presented and amended. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

No public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

DR. MILLS, DENTIST, HAMPTON, SOUTH CAROLINA:

Dr. Mills came before council to respond to the presentation that was given at the last meeting by Mr. Roland Gardner regarding the Mobile School Based Health Units; Dr. Mills was concerned regarding the impact of the units on his practice and others in Hampton County regarding he dental care; he stated that Dr. Shealy was supposed to come also to speak on behalf of the medical community. Dr. Mills and several members of his staff were present. He reported that the presentation of a mobile health unit to be located at the school would impact the services as provided by the dental and medical providers in Hampton County. He presented information that entailed that he served at least 2,500 (two thousand, five hundred) children in the community. Dr. Mills reported that he was concerned that this mobile service would provide services but would not be available for emergency or follow up treatment after hours, etc. He explained that once a claim has been submitted by the mobile provider for services under Medicaid; a follow up service provided by another dentist will not be paid. Dr. Mills reiterated that as taxpayers in Hampton County, he and other dental and medical providers were concerned regarding Hampton County using tax dollars to support this proposal from Mr. Gardner. Council Member Phillips wanted to know if Dr. Mills if he has spoken to the school boards; he advised Dr. Mills that he may want to contact the school boards, because the school boards are the authority in which the approval of the Mobile School Based Health Units in the schools rest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

There were no presentation(s).

APPOINTMENT(S)

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There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

**FIRST READING TO ORDINANCE BY TITLE ONLY TO THE MULTI INDUSTRIAL
PARK AGREEMENT WITH JASPER COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND:**

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to give first reading by title only to the Multi Industrial Park Agreement with Jasper County and the Town of Ridgeland. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #1)

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Phillips

Council Member Phillips reported that he attended Lobby Day in Columbia and met with the Legislative Delegation.

Council Member Hollingsworth

Council Member Hollingsworth informed council that he attended Lobby Days and did meet with Senator Clementa Pinckney. He reported that he completed a survey on public transportation that was sent out by Ginnie Kozak as a part of a plan for the South Carolina Department of Transportation to address the needs of the Lowcountry.

Council Member Williams

Council Member Williams stated that he attended Lobby Day and also who saw them in the lobby and explained that he was unable to meet for the luncheon, because he had a previous obligation. He also reported that he attended the South Carolina Association of Counties' Mid-Year session.

Council Member Haulsee

Council Member Haulsee reported that he attended the Hampton School District 1 School Board meeting and the Lowcountry Regional Water System meeting.

CORONER'S REQUEST REGARDING DONATED VEHICLE:

Mr. Ernie Washington, Coroner, Hampton County, came before council to ask council to accept a donated Vehicle, a 2005 Ford Explorer, from Richland County on behalf of the Coroner's Office. He explained to council that repairs to window regulator and air compressor which would cost approximately \$600 (six

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hundred dollars) would have to be made. He reported to council that the vehicle in which he is driving that was donated by the Hampton County Sheriff's office is still leaking oil and brakes are making a noise. Mr. Washington also requested that the county allow him to get a tag (state and county – SLED) for the vehicle. There was a discussion. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to accept as a county vehicle and to be used in the coroner's office with the county mechanic inspecting the vehicle before going any further. Council Member Haulsee stated that the Coroner has not complied with the county's requirement that all county vehicles be marked with the county's seal, etc. Council Member Phillips inquired regarding the stipulation regarding the acceptance of the vehicle for the coroner's office. Council Member Phillips asked what would happen if the coroner no longer needed the vehicle and wanted to donate it to the county's vehicle pool; would the county have to get permission from Richland if the county accepted with stipulations? It was explained that once the vehicle was accepted by Hampton County, it would become the property of Hampton County. There was a short discussion. **Moved** Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to amend his motion to state that Hampton County would accept the vehicle (2005 Ford Explorer) from Richland County, South Carolina with no conditions and assign the vehicle to the Coroner's Office. Motion carried with Council Members Gray, Hollingsworth, Phillips and Williams voting in favor and Council Member Haulsee opposing.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Hampton Council on Aging to Receive Funding for Transportation

Administrator Graham reported that the Hampton County Council on Aging would receive the needed funding from the South Carolina Department of Transportation (\$16, 875 – Sixteen thousand, eight hundred seventy-five dollars) and the Lowcountry Council of Governments (\$15, 000 – Fifteen thousand dollars) to assist in getting through the remainder of the year and will be able to go back to Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority (LRTA) who allowed the county to get out of the contract. Administrator Graham and other council members also thanked Council Member Phillips who was instrumental in contacting officials which resulted in a positive manner and additional funding being provided to Hampton County's Council on Aging for transportation.

Second Quarter Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

Mr. Mike Meyer, Finance Director, Hampton County, came before council to present the Second Quarter Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. Council had several questions regarding Mr. Meyer's presentation regarding department overages. Administrator Graham commented that she will be requesting additional funding for the public works department due to overtime needed in the department due to inclement weather and will be requesting that the sheriff come regarding the overages in his department. Council Member Williams asked if the Public Works Director could come. Administrator Graham responded that she would be presenting for him. Council Member Phillips stated that he thought that council wanted the departments to come to council before they go over budget. Administrator Graham responded that this was requested for the upcoming fiscal year. Council had a short discussion and requested that the Administrator provide the following: Number of autopsies for the current year and in the last five years, guidelines for required autopsies, information regarding travel reimbursements for the deputy coroner, book value of the donated vehicle for the coroner's office and the estimated cost for repairs, the overtime records for the sheriff's department and Council Member Williams asked that the Public Works Director be present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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PERSONNEL MATTER(S):

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to go into executive session. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. **After coming out of executive session**, Chairman Gray reported hat council had a lengthy discussion regarding personnel matters and a legal matter. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p. m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:

Aline Newton, Clerk to Council

Hampton County Council Members:

Hugh B. Gray, Chairman

Charles H. Phillips, Vice Chairman

Christopher B. Haulsee

Roy Hollingsworth

Shedron D. Williams