

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY; FEBRUARY 18, 2014; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 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 Williams.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

- ~~3.1.1 January 6, 2014 County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- ~~3.1.2 January 21, 2014 County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- ~~3.1.3 February 3, 2014 County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- 3.1.4 Litter and Animal Control Report

and the February 18, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: (1) Add, Item 11.1, Executive Session, (2) Add Item #11.2, Report Out of Executive Session, (3) Defer Items #3.1.1 – 3.1.3 and (4) Eliminate Items #14 and Item #15 and Item #16 becomes #14. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)/NOTICE

There were no public hearing(s).

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PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MS. MARY DUNCAN REGARDING BIG MAMA'S ROAD:

Ms. Duncan came before council and introduced herself as the spokesperson and other family members present, Barbara, Leroy and Priscilla and others. Ms. Duncan stated that they were there to see the process through for the condemnation of Big Mama's road; they wanted to make sure that it would be paved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were deferred.

PRESENTATION(S)

Ms. Lori Salley, McGregor and Company, came before council and presented the Hampton County's Audit for 2013-2014 Fiscal Year. She stated that the audit was unmodified (unqualified) which is a clean and very good opinion.

APPOINTMENT(S)

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Betty Johnson to the Hampton County Council on Aging, Thomas Dawkins to the Hampton County Planning Commission and Terry Wright to the SouthernCarolina Alliance Board.

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

There were no ordinance(s).

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

DISCUSSION OF LEGAL MATTER REGARDING ROAD CONDEMNATION:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to go into executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

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REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE

DISCUSSION OF LEGAL MATTER REGARDING ROAD CONDEMNATION:

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 that Council received advice from the County Attorney regarding road condemnation.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

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

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Hollingsworth

Council Member Hollingsworth thanked the Administrator Graham for having the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Wayfinding Sign installed and sending the advertisement and notification to the commission. He also stated that he had an opportunity to go around the county and look at roads that were reported. He stated that he visited six locations so that he could better address citizens' requests regarding these roads as to which roads get rocked and which roads get paved. He stated that there was no type of signage at 4 of the 6 roads that he visited. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that the only way that he found the roads were due to his knowledge of the county as an Extension Agent with Clemson for thirty plus years. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that visiting the roads give you a different perspective than just looking at maps, etc.

Council Member Williams

Council Member Williams wanted to know if all council members had received document A1-207. Council responded that they did. Council Member Williams stated that he wanted to make it clear that if a document referred to another document; then council needed to have a copy of the document that is being referenced. He asked Administrator Graham two questions: (1) On the RFP, was low bid a requirement? Administrator Graham responded that it was not. (2) Was local bid a requirement? Administrator Graham responded that it was not. Administrator Graham wanted to elaborate on her answers but Council Member Williams responded that he only wanted a yes or no answer. Council Member Williams stated that he would be attending SCAC's Mid-Year Conference. Council Member Williams stated that he wanted to give a huge thanks to the county employees and others who helped during the ice storms. He stated that it is a thankless job.

Big Mama's Road Issue

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to have a meeting with all parties involved in the Big Mama's Road Issue along with the CTC to get all questions answered and also confirmation from the CTC regarding funding is available for the paving of the road is possible. Meeting will be held at 4:30 prior to the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Capital Projects Sales Tax Projects Financial Meeting

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Construction Manager will meet with council regarding CPST projects financials on March 10, 2014 at 5:00 p. m.

Second Quarter Financial Report

Mr. Mike Meyer, Finance Director, came before council and gave the financial report.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adjourn. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p. m.