

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MARCH 3, 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 Monday, March 3, 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 Chairman Gray.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, 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 February 18, 2014 County Council Meeting Minutes~~

and the March 3, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revision, deferral of Items #3.1.1 – 3.1.4. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)/NOTICE

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MS. MARY DUNCAN REGARDING BIG MAMA'S ROAD:

Ms. Duncan came before council and stated that at the last council meeting, she felt that she was talked to in a rude manner and she was highly offended. Chairman Gray stated that if he did

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anything in which she was offended, he apologized but was trying to restore order.

MS. ARLENE WASHINGTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LOWCOUNTRY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY:

Ms. Arlene Washington, Executive Director, Lowcountry Community Action Agency, came before council to update council regarding the activities and funding provided to Hampton County citizens. Ms. Washington also inquired about space in a county building for Lowcountry Community Action Agency to relocate, if possible. Council Member Williams asked council and Administrator Graham to take a good look regarding trying to find space. Council thanked Ms. Washington for her report. (See Attachment #1)

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 Wallie Hiers and Marc Priester to the Hampton County Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

There were no ordinance(s).

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #2)

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DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Phillips

Council Member Phillips reported that he was able to visit with four congressmen and two senators in Washington, D. C. as a part of a team of SouthernCarolina Alliance regarding the industrial site.

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.

Council Member Williams

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.

Council Member Haulsee

Council Member Haulsee stated that he wanted to report that there were eight animals that were adopted from the Hampton County Animal Shelter. He stated that they were doing a good job down there.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Capital Projects Sales Tax Projects Financial Meeting

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to come out of executive session regarding a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously. **After coming out of executive session**, Chairman Gray reported that council discussed the possible need for security for council meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adjourn. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p. m.