

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; APRIL 7, 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, April 7, 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 Vice Chairman Phillips.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

- 3.1.1 April 3, 2014 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 Codes Enforcement Report for Animal and Litter Control

and the April 7, 2014 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revision(s): (1) Revise Item #4.2 to Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application for the Brunson/Gifford Water Department. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

**PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE 2014 ANNUAL ACTION FOR THE
BEAUFORT COUNTY/LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM:**

Chairman Gray opened to the public hearing. Ms. Barbara Johnson, Lowcountry Council of Government Representative, came before council to conduct the public hearing to review the 2014 Annual Action for the Beaufort County/Lowcountry Regional HOME Consortium.

There were no public comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

(See Attachment #1)

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**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK (CDBG)
APPLICATION FOR THE BRUNSON/GIFFORD WATER DEPARTMENT:**

Chairman Gray opened to the public hearing. Ms. Barbara Johnson, Lowcountry Council of Government Representative, came before council to conduct the public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application for the Brunson/Gifford Water. There were no public comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing. (See Attachment #2)

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the consent agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

PRESENTATION TO MR. JERRY TUTEN, HAMPTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR:

Mr. Gray, Hampton County Council Chairman, presented a certificate of recognition and Mr. Bill Hager, Hampton County Economic Development Commission, presented the name plate for inclusion on the plaque of all Hampton County Economic Development Ambassadors to Mr. Jerry Tuten, Hampton County Economic Development Ambassador of the Year. Mr. Tuten thanked everyone.

MR. JOHN HENDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (SCAC) DIRECTOR OF RISK MANAGEMENT, CAME BEFORE COUNCIL TO PRESENT A SERVICE AWARD TO MR. DOBIE HIERS, HAMPTON COUNTY RISK MANAGER:

Mr. John Henderson, Risk Management Director, South Carolina Association of Counties, came before council to present a Service Award to Mr. Dobie Hiers, Hampton County Risk Manager, for providing assistance to a Mr. William Robinson, Risk Manager in Allendale County. Mr. Robinson nominated Mr. Hiers for the award.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Peach Morrison, Lowcountry Tourism

Mr. Scott Strawn, A-H-J Regional Library

Ms. Rochelle Ferguson, Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority (LRTA)

Dr. Richard J. Gough, Technical College of the Lowcountry

Dr. Doug McTeer, Superintendent, Hampton County School District #1

Agency Directors came before council to update regarding their services to the county and also ask that consideration is given the funding requested. Chairman Gray thanked everyone.

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APPOINTMENT(S)

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Janie Rivers to the Hampton County Tax Appeals Board.

RESOLUTION(S)

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

NON –DISCRIMINATION POLICY:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to adopt the Non-Discrimination Policy Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 13-19, 2014 AS NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to adopt the Proclamation Recognizing April 13-19, 2014 as National Telecommunications Week. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

FIRST READING TO THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE FORM AND DETAILS OF SAID NOTES; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID NOTES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF CERTAIN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS: OBLIGATING THE COUNTY TO ISSUE SAID BONDS; AND MAKING OTHER COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING:

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give first reading to the Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding \$1,000,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes of Hampton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Form and Details of Said Notes; Providing for the Payment of the Principal of and Interest on Said Notes from the Proceeds of Certain General Obligation Bonds: Obligating the County to Issue Said Bonds; and Making Other Covenants and Agreements in Connection with the Foregoing. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #3)

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DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Hollingsworth

Council Member Hollingsworth stated that he and Ms. Bridgett Gray-Peebles, Director, Hampton County Department of Social Services, had a conversation regarding the availability of space for the Lowcountry Community Action Agency. He thanked Administrator Graham for following up with the conversation with Ms. Gray-Peebles regarding the provision of space for Lowcountry Community Action Agency.

**CONSIDER THE "OTHER MATTERS" RECOMMENDATION LETTER FROM
McGREGOR & COMPANY:**

Council Member Haulsee stated that after understanding that council has no authority over the sheriff in turning over the seizure money; he stated that he understood that under the Equitable Sharing Program, Section A that there is an accounting system in place regarding the use of the funds. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Gray, to rescind the motion telling the Sheriff to turn the drug seizure funds over to the County Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, that Hampton County Council request that all federal drug and forfeiture drug funds be volunteered by the Hampton County Sheriff to be turned over to the Hampton County Treasurer. Motion carried with Council Members Gray, Haulsee and Phillips voting in favor and Council Member Hollingsworth and Williams voting against. Chairman Gray stated that he would get with the County Administrator regarding the matter.

SECURITY MEASURES FOR COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS:

Council Member Hollingsworth stated that he would like the matter of security at the county council meeting addressed. Chairman Gray and council asked that the County Administrator to prepare a proposal regarding security. Chairman Gray stated that he will be working on the decorum of citizens at a council meeting to be attached to the agenda.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Approve the 2014 Needs Assessment Prioritized List

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve the 2014 Needs Assessment Prioritized List. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #4)

Recognition

Chairman Gray recognized the Honorable Alexander Campbell, Town of Varnville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no matter(s).

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no matter(s).

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adjourn. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting.