

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; APRIL 20, 2015; 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 20, 2015, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Christopher B. Haulsee; Roy Hollingsworth, Vice Chairman; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips and Isaac Smith. Council Members absent: Shedron D. Williams, Chairman. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Interim Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Hampton County Guardian. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Council Member Smith gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE APRIL 6, 2015 HAMPTON COUNTY AGENDA:

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

- 3.1.1 April 6, 2015 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 April 6, 2015 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes

and the April 20, 2015 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: (1) Delete Items 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 7.1,9.1,10.2.1,10.2.2 and (2) Move 9.2, Resolution to Oppose the Transfer of State Roads to 9.1 and (3) Replace 9.2 by adding Peace Officers Memorial Day Proclamation. Motion carried unanimously with the adopted changes.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There was no public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MR. HOLBROOK PLATTS, CITIZEN AND FORMER MEMBER OF THE HAMPTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Mr. Platts stated that he was coming as a citizen and a past member of the Hampton County Economic Development Commission. Mr. Platts stated that he wanted to update council regarding the economic development. He informed council that the Southern Carolina Business Park did not

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have sewer capacity and have to upgrade. Mr. Platts stated that he was reading the paper whether good or bad that two or three companies were looking for somewhere else to go. He stated that council and all entities need to work together to make a success out of the Southern Carolina Park.

MS. BARBARA GRAY:

Ms. Gray wanted to know why the name of her nephew was not on the All Wars Monument. She informed council that in the September 8, 2010 minutes that money was donated to have the name put on the monument. She stated that the family was not aware of any money donated. She stated that if it was not donated anonymously, her sister would like to find out who donated and thank them. Ms. Gray stated that she would like her nephew's name on the monument by Memorial Day. She also stated that Mr. J. C. Clifton has been rude and arrogant.

MR. ISSAC SMITH:

Council Member Smith stated that he was inclined to agree with Ms. Gray. He stated that he was a Veteran and was in combat. Veterans have come back and men who don't – He reiterated the sentiment that there was no reason for Ms. Gray's nephew's name not to be on the monument. He gave the ultimate sacrifice.

MS. LISA WINN REGARDING THE ALL WARS MEMORIAL:

Ms. Winn, the sister of John Jarrell, wanted to remind council that the All Wars Committee is an advisory Committee. County Council has the last say in what is done. She stated that the family followed procedures. Council stated that they had an item on the agenda to address the matter. Ms. Winn asked to reserve the right to speak after the action on the item.

MS. MAUDE DUFF REGARDING THE ALL WARS MEMORIAL:

Ms. Duff requested to reserve the right to speak after the discussion of the item on the agenda pertaining to the All Wars Advisory Committee.

MS. MARY ANN DUNCAN REGARDING BIG MAMA'S ROAD:

Ms. Duncan came before council and wanted to know what needed to be done to get two tenth of their road condemned to get paved. She inquired as to what the process was to do so. Ms. Dobson-Elliott stated that Mr. Hodges, Public Works Director, will contact her.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

MR. SCOTT ALLEN, HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2'S FINANCIAL CONSULTANT:

Mr. Allen came before council and gave council an update regarding Hampton School District 2's financial situation. Mr. Allen stated that they have scheduled a meeting with the Auditor to

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discuss the debt service. He stated that this year, to fund the debt service, the school district will have to transfer \$207,000 out of the general fund. He stated that this should not be. The millage levied should be sufficient to cover the debt service. He stated that this is why they are meeting with the Auditor and Treasurer to try and rectify the matter. He stated that they hope to have it settled by late May.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE HAMPTON COUNTY ALL WARS MEMORIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Ms. Dobson-Elliott, Interim County Administrator, presented the recommendation on behalf of the Hampton County All Wars Memorial Advisory Committee. (See Attachment #1) **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the recommendations from the Hampton County All Wars Memorial Advisory Committee for the amount presented. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to amend the motion to include that the names be added on the monument by May 15, 2015. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams called for the vote on the main motion. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Maude, John Jarrell's mother, stated that she would like to know the name of the person who donated the money so she can thank them if it was not made anonymously.

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATIONS

STATE ROADS RESOLUTION:

Ms. Dobson-Elliott, Interim Administrator, stated that she drafted the State Road resolution and made it applicable to Hampton County. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to adopt the State Roads Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION FOR PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adopt proclamation recognizing May 15, 2015 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

No ordinance(s) scheduled.

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BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Williams stated that he did not have an update.

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Smith

Council Member Smith stated that he would like to go back and reference the proclamation in light of the tragic events that have place involving minority citizens nationwide. Council Member Smith stated that law enforcement has the responsibility to treat all citizens with respect. A manner of respect to law enforcement by citizens and vice versa. He reiterated that law enforcement must treat citizens like citizens.

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that he has had the same conversation about situations with the Sheriff and he is seeking other trainings. The Sheriff is fully aware of the impact nationwide and his entire department is receiving training.

Council Member Hollingsworth

Council Member Phillips stated that he did not have a comment but agreed with the comments made by Council Member Smith and Vice Chairman Hollingsworth.

Council Member Haulsee

Council Member Haulsee stated that he may not say anything, but Council Member Phillips will be holding a concert at the Palmetto Theater to raise money for the Animal Shelter. The concert will start at 7:00 p. m.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Budget Workshop

Interim Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that the date for the budget workshop has changed from April 28, 2015 to April 29, 2015 at 6:00 p. m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p. m.