

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; NOVEMBER 21, 2011; 6:00 P. M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING  
201 JACKSON AVENUE, WEST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, November 21, 2011, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Christopher B. Haulsee, Virgin Johnson, Sr. and 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.

**/RECOGNITION(S):**

Chairman Gray asked that no one park in front of the building. He stated that it was a historic moment, because the Hampton County Council was meeting in the new facility, the Hampton County Administration Center, a facility donated by Danny Speights and Allan Runyan. He stated that the council met in the Council Chambers of the B. T. DeLoach Building for thirty-six (36) years.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda

3.1.1 November 7, 2011 County Council's Meeting Minutes and the November 21, 2011 County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: (1) Delete Item #12.4, Codification Update, (2) Delete Item #13.1.1, Residential Districts – Part of the New Land Used Ordinance (Randy Crews, Building Inspector, Hampton County), (3) Delete Item #13.1.3, Update on the Lowcountry Regional Water System and (4) Add Item #14.1, Economic Development Matter. Motion carried unanimously.

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**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**REPRESENTATIVE BILL BOWERS:**

Representative Bill Bowers, South Carolina House of Representatives, rose to express his gratitude to Hampton County for the nice facility in which the county government office is housed. He also stated that he was there also to hear the presentation on the Lowcountry Regional Water System.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

**UPDATE ON LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM BY MR. BELTON ZIEGLER OF POPE ZIEGLER LAW FIRM:**

Mr. Ziegler of Pope Ziegler Law Firm came before council to update council on the progress of the Lowcountry Regional Water System. He stated that the municipalities involved and the county were ready to move to the next step which was to form the political body to oversee the Lowcountry Regional Water System. Mr. Ziegler stated that the board would have representatives from the participating municipalities. He explained that there would be a total of 100 votes to divide among the participating municipalities which the division would be based on the number of customers served. The larger municipalities would have larger number of votes. There would be an additional 10 votes in which would go to the county since the county has no customers. Therefore, it would be a total of 110 votes. Mr. Ziegler stated that resolutions would have to be adopted. Mr. Ziegler stated that he will provide resolutions for the municipalities and the county to adopt.

**APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**HAMPTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:**

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Clarence Fennell, William Hager and DeThane McKenzie Johnson to the Economic Development Commission.

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**HAMPTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Okey Byrd and Lawton O'Cain to the Hampton County Planning Commission.

**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):**

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

**COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT(S):**

There were no discussion points.

**UPDATE FROM THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX PROCESS COMMITTEE:**

The CPST Process Committee stated that the Town of Hampton had made their appointment, Mr. Chad Westendorf (Town of Hampton). Mr. Westendorf has named Mr. Mark Cooper (Town of Furman) and Mr. Steve Kemmerlin (Town of Varnville). Council will appoint the remaining two members for council at the next meeting.

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Lease Agreement for Temporary Office Space During the Renovation**

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**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the Lease Agreement for Temporary Office Space during the renovation. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #2)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**LEGAL MATTER(S):**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to go into executive session to discuss legal matters. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. After coming out of executive session, Chairman Gray announced that council heard a report from the Economic Development Director on prospects.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p. m.