

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY; MAY 29, 2012; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 29, 2012, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administration Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Christopher B. Haulsee, Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Vice Chairman and Shedron Williams. Council Member(s) absent: Virgin Johnson, Sr. 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 Haussler.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the May 29, 2012 County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revision, (1) Add Item #4, Executive Session Regarding a Legal Matter and (2) Change #4 to #5, Adjournment. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

FOLLOW UP ON REIMBURSABLE FUNDING FROM SHERIFF SMALLS THAT WAS AUTHORIZED ON FEBRUARY 6, 2012:

Chairman Gray stated that the special meeting was called to discuss the reimbursable funds. He stated that not receiving the reimbursements have put the county in the hole for about three months. Sheriff Smalls appeared before council and restated the reimbursement process. He stated that he informed council and the Administrator regarding the reimbursements as he received them from the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). Sheriff Smalls informed council that some funds were received but was used to move and secure the buildings from Beaufort County in which they were able to acquire. Sheriff Smalls stated that the funds used for the part-time workers are helping to keep the safety of the county, etc. Council Member Phillips informed the Sheriff that council was under the impression that they would have the funds in about two months. Sheriff Smalls stated

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that he reported what was told to him. Council Member Williams asked council not to discontinue the funding tonight. No action was taken by Council on the matter.

RETIREMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER VIRGIN JOHNSON, SR.:

Administrator Graham reported that she received a letter from Council Member Johnson stating that as of June 1, 2012, he is retiring from council, because of health reasons and is not able to serve.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter regarding a lawsuit. Motion carried unanimously. **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 was updated by the County Attorney on a legal matter regarding the courthouse and Mosley.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p. m.