

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; AUGUST 20, 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 Monday, August 20, 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. 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 Williams.

RECOGNITION:

Chairman Gray recognized Council-Elect Roy Hollingsworth.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

- 3.1.1 July 16, 2012 County Council's Special Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 July 16, 2012 County Council's Meeting Minutes

and the August 20, County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revision(s): (1) Delete Item #9.2, Inducement Resolution for Project E and Item #13.1.1, Accepting South Carolina Department of Commerce's Grant for Project E. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There was no public hearing.

RECOGNITIONS:

Chairman Gray recognized Mayor Risher, Town of Gifford; Mayor Wright, Town of Brunson; Ms. Teresa Williams, Hampton County Auditor and T. C. Smalls, Hampton County Sheriff.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

MR. RANDY CREWS, HAMPTON COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTOR, REGARDING THE COMMERCIAL SECTION OF THE NEW LAND USE ORDINANCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY):

Mr. Crews came before council on behalf of the Hampton County Planning Commission to present to council the Commercial Section of the New Land Use Ordinance (For Information Only).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MRS. TERESA WILLIAMS, AUDITOR, HAMPTON COUNTY, REGARDING OFFICE SPACE AND FURNISHINGS AT THE RENOVATED B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING:

Ms. Williams came before council to express her concerns about the new office. She stated that there was no shelving or storage for her books (Large Books). She stated that she needed appropriate work areas for her staff to work efficiently. Administrator Graham reported that she and Ms. Williams had talked about the furnishing, but there is no funding. Ms. Williams stated that her budget was cut which included the funding for the furnishing. Council responded that the Administrator and the Auditor get together. Council assured Ms. Williams that she would have what she needs.

PRESENTATION(S) (continued)

PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL POLICIES – FY 2012-2013 (MR. MIKE MEYER, FINANCE DIRECTOR):

Mr. Meyer came before council to present and request approval of the Financial Policies for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. He stated that the approval is needed to be included in the budget document. He also stated that the document is needed in conjunction with application of the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN). **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve the budgetary and financial policies as presented. Motion carried. (See Attachment #1)

APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

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RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE (TAN), NOT TO EXCEED \$1,800,000 (ONE MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS), PENDING COLLECTIONS FROM CURRENT YEAR TAX NOTICES:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to adopt a resolution for a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) not to exceed \$1,800,000 (One million, eight hundred thousand dollars), pending collections from current year tax notices. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2012-007, AMENDMENT TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 BUDGET:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to table third reading to Ordinance #2012-007, Amendment to the Hampton County Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE TO ORDINANCE #2012-011 FOR THE DONATION OF PROPERTY TO THE TOWN OF GIFFORD FOR PURPOSES OF IMPROVING THE PLAYGROUND IN THE TOWN:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to give second reading to Ordinance # 2012-011, the donation of property to the Town of Gifford for purposes of improving the playground in the town. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE #2012-010, THE AMENDMENT TO HAMPTON COUNTY'S RULES AND PROCEDURES:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give second reading to the Amendment to Hampton County Council's Rules and Procedures Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #2) Chairman Gray stated that council extended an invitation for Mr. Hollingsworth to attend the executive sessions with council. Mr. Hollingsworth responded that he had not been elected yet and would like to wait until after the General Election.

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT(S):

Council Member Williams reported that he attended the South Carolina Association of Counties' Annual Conference and learned a lot. He reported that he graduated from Level I of the training.

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Council Member Haulsee reported that the cell phone signal near the industrial park drops. Administrator Graham reported that Ms. Fowler, the Economic Development Director, has already been working on the matter.

CODIFICATION UPDATE:

A written report was presented to council regarding the Codification Update.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Law Enforcement Agreement with the Town of Brunson (Honorable Terry Wright, Mayor of Brunson and/or Sheriff Smalls)

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the Law Enforcement Agreement with the Town of Brunson. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #3)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING A 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. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Haulsee to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. **After coming out of executive session**, Chairman Gray reported that council discussed a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p. m.