

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY; SEPTEMBER 4, 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, September 4, 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.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

3.1.1 August 20, 2012 County Council's Meeting Minutes

and the September 4, 2012, County Council Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**MS. EDNA ALLS REGARDING HENRY ROAD:**

Ms. Alls came before council to request that something be done about Henry Road. She stated that the road needed work. She stated that it was when it rained is almost impassable. Ms. Alls stated that approximately twenty (20 families lived on the road. Chairman Gray stated that the County Administration will look into the matter with the Public Works Director.

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**MRS. MARTHA BAZZLE REGARDING SALES TAX IN THE COUNTY:**

Ms. Martha Bazzle came before council with questions regarding the amount of taxes being charged by certain businesses in the county. It was explained to Mrs. Bazzle that it depended on the items being purchased; if food was being purchased, there was an exemption of one tax. Mr. Neil Sullivan, Member, Council on Aging Advisory Board, offered to explain the tax matter to Mrs. Bazzle after the meeting, he explained that he had the same questions at one time and was given the explanation. Mrs. Bazzle thanked council for their time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

**MR. JAMES FENNEL, CITIZEN, CAME BEFORE COUNCIL REGARDING A BUSINESS PROPERTYMAP REFERENCE #101-00-00-087:**

Mr. Fennell came before council to ask that some assistance be given this taxpayer. He stated that the County assist industry, etc. and should help this lady who was disabled, came into some money and decided to invest in the county by trying to open a business. A stop order issued to the property. He stated that the county should assist in dissolving this matter. Mr. Fennel stated that he had pictures of the property/project to show on the monitor. The visual aid equipment did not work. Mr. Fennell scolded the county for paying all the money for equipment and not having it working for citizens when they had something to present. He noted that everything was working for presentations at the last meeting. Council apologized and stated that they would try to have the equipment working, if he would come back to the next meeting. Mr. Fennell stated that he would.

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

There were no appointment(s).

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**ACCEPTING THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE GRANT FOR PROJECT E:**

Ms. Sandy Fowler came before council and acknowledged some people, past and present members of the Southern Carolina Alliance, the Hampton County Economic Development Commission and Mrs. JoAnn Lamprecht, Administrative Assistant. Mrs. Fowler came before council to ask that council accept the South Carolina Department of Commerce Grant for Project E. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to accept the grant from the Department of Commerce. Chairman Gray called for the question. Council Member Williams stated that he applauded the efforts of Mrs. Fowler and the commission but stated that he had been contacted by several citizens from the Estill Area regarding their objection to Project E being located near the Estill Middle and Estill High schools. He asked that the matter be tabled until he can get answers to some of the questions asked of him. He asked if there was an

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environmental impact study done. Ms. Fowler stated that a formal environmental impact study was not done. Council Member Williams stated that there were some questions in regards to inconsistencies in the permitting received from the Department of Health and Environmental Control. Motion carried with Council Members Gray, Haulsee and Phillips voting in favor and Council Member Williams abstaining. (See Attachment #1)

**INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION FOR PROJECT E:**

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the Inducement Resolution for Project E. Motion carried with Council Members Gray, Haulsee and Phillips voting in favor and Council Member Williams abstaining. (See Attachment #2)

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING A SHERIFF SUBSTATION PROJECT IN THE SCOTIA/SOUTHSIDE AREA:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt the resolution endorsing the Sheriff Substation Project in the Scotia/Southside Area. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #3)

**ORDINANCE(S)**

**SECOND READING ORDINANCE TO ORDINANCE #2012-009, THE SALE OF LAND IN THE ESTILL INDUSTRIAL PARK:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to give second reading to Ordinance #2012-009, The Sale of Land in the Estill Industrial Park. Motion carried with Council Members Gray, Haulsee and Phillips voting in favor and Council Member Williams abstaining. (See Attachment #4)

**BID(S)**

There were no bid(s).

**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)**

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):**

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #5)

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

**Council Member Haulsee** reported that he got a call from a native of Estill. He stated that he has a grandchild that has cerebral palsy and the neighbors play their music so loud that it shakes the windows of their house. They have asked that they turn the music down, and the neighbors turn it up louder. He was asking about a noise ordinance for the unincorporated areas. Chairman Gray stated that council discussed the matter several years ago, but it was never adopted. Council Member Haulsee asked the Sheriff who was present if there was any law that would help. Sheriff Smalls stated that he was aware of the situation in which Council Member Haulsee was speaking. He stated that the Code that this falls under is what is called a Breach of Peace.

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**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Move Back to the B. T. DeLoach Building**

Administrator Graham reported that the move began today back to the B. T. DeLoach Building.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING A PERSONNEL MATTER:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter and a legal matter. 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 reported that council discussed a personnel matter and a legal 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 7:15 p. m.