

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY; DECEMBER 19, 2012; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held a special meeting on Wednesday, December 19, 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 Phillips.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

- 3.1.1 December 3, 2012 County Council Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 Litter Report

and the December 19, 2012 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL MATTER REGARDING BIG MAMA'S ROAD:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter regarding Big Mama's Road. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray stated that council heard a proposal from the Mr. Solomons, County Attorney, regarding Big Mama's Road.

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**ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY REGARDING
BIG MAMA'S ROAD:**

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to pay the plaintiff \$6,000 (Six thousand dollars) and get covenants and permanent perpetual easement 30 feet wide and approximately 1,000 (one thousand) feet in length and to authorize the County Administrator to sign the documents and the county will continue to maintain the road. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

APPOINTMENT(S)

HAMPTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION:

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Gregg Brunson, William Hager and Collins Lane to the Hampton County Economic Development Commission

RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUAD-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK I AND II INVOLVING ALLENDALE, BAMBERG, BARNWELL AND HAMPTON COUNTIES DATED DECEMBER 18, 2008, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES IN BAMBERG COUNTY (MASONITE CORPORATION AND TOBUL ACCUMULATOR INCORPORATED) AS PART OF THE QUAD-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK I AND II, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THEREO:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approved the resolution authorizing an amendment to the Master Agreement for the Establishment of the Quad-County Industrial Park I and II Involving Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell and Hampton Counties dated December 18, 2008, so as to include additional properties in Bamberg County (Masonite Corporation and Tobul Accumulator Incorporated) as part of the Quad-County Industrial Park I and II, and other matters related thereto. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #1 – Resolution)

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ORDINANCE(S)

SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT WITH COLLETON COUNTY TO ADD PROPERTY TO AN EXISTING MULTI-COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give second reading to the Ordinance to amend the agreement with Colleton County to add property to an existing Multi-County Park Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

AWARDING OF BID FOR THE ESTILL LIBRARY RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS:

Mr. Mike Meyer, Finance Director, came before council to present the information regarding the bid for the Estill Library renovations and additions. He stated that funding for the \$967,901 (Nine hundred sixty-seven thousand, nine hundred one) dollars project was being primarily provided by grant funds from Commerce (\$357,572) and a combination of a USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Rural Development Community Facilities grant and long-term loan (\$574,570). He stated that there was a budgeted local match of \$35,759. He informed council that a portion of the proceeds from the recently approved on cent sales tax will be used to satisfy \$500,000 of the County's obligation on the USDA loan. Mr. Meyers stated that the bids were properly advertised and opened in accordance with Hampton County Policy and grantor requirements. He provided council with the bid tabulation. Mr. Meyers also provided council with a signed memo that was received from Tych & Walker Architects, the architect previously selected for the project, recommending the apparent low bidder, Beaufort Construction. He stated that the architect confirmed the qualifications and references and recommended the bid be awarded to Beaufort Construction in the amount of \$858,208, which includes Alternate #2, which would include provisions for landscaping. He stated that this award amount fits within the established project budget. Mr. Meyer also informed council that acceptance of the initial bid award by Council needed to be coordinated by the grantors (USDA and Commerce) before work can proceed; therefore, Council's approval of the intent to award the bid is requested this evening, contingent upon having an approved contract from CDBG. Mr. Meyer stated that the county's approval will be noted on the provided form "Notice of Intent to Award" and authorization is also being sought to allow the County Administrator to execute the contract upon acceptance and return from CDBG awarding. Mr. Meyer informed Council that Beaufort Construction was the company that did the renovations on the Department of Social Services Building. Council had questions regarding project being awarded to a local company, and also the landscaping contract being let separately to allow for local landscaping companies to bid. Administrator Graham informed council that the local company did not come within the 2% (two percent) local vendor preference. Also, the landscaping could not be bid separately since the other agencies are involved. She stated that the county can inform Beaufort Construction that the county would like for the local landscapers to be given an opportunity to bid. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to accept the recommendation of the architect retained by Hampton County, Tych and Walker, to select the apparent low bidder, Beaufort Construction, as the General Contractor for the Estill Library Renovations and Additions Project and authorize the Administrator to sign the acceptance; to approve the intent to award the bid, including Alternate #2, to Beaufort Construction in the amount of \$858,208 (Eight hundred fifty-eight thousand, two hundred eight) dollars and authorize the Administrator to sign the "Notice of Intent to Award" and to authorize the Administrator to execute the contract upon approval and return from CDBG (Community Development Block Grant). Motion carried unanimously. (See

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Attachment #2 – Bid Tabulation Sheet).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #3)

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

There were no discussion point(s).

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p. m.