

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; DECEMBER 2, 2013; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, December 2, 2013, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Christopher B. Haulsee, Roy Hollingsworth, 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 Williams, to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 3.1.1 June 10, 2013 County Council Special Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 November 18, 2013 County Council Meeting Minutes

and the December 2, 2013 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE 2013-014, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND ECOGY BIOFUELS, LLC DATED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007, ASSIGNMENT THEREOF TO PROJECT REDO AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance 2013-014, An Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment of a Fee Agreement by and Between Hampton County, South Carolina and Ecogy Biofuels, LLC Dated as of December 31, 2007,

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Assignment Thereof to Project REDO and Matters Related Thereto. Mrs. Sandy Fowler, Economic Development Director, came before council and explained that Ordinance 2013-014 was to transfer the Fee of Lieu of taxes from one business (Ecogy, to the new company that is purchasing Ecogy's existing building and land. She explained that the ordinance would allow the company to assume the fee in lieu of taxes. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 2013-015, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE QUAD-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AGREEMENT AMONG ALLENDALE COUNTY, BAMBERG COUNTY, BARNWELL COUNTY AND HAMPTON COUNTY:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance 2013-015, An Ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to the Quad-County Industrial Park Agreement Among Allendale County, Bamberg County, Barnwell County and Hampton County to Provide for the Addition of Property to the Park. Mrs. Sandy Fowler, Economic Development Director, came before council and explained that there was one change to the ordinance as discussed earlier. The percentage that Hampton County would receive would be 70 % with the other three counties receiving 10% each instead of the 99-1-1-1 as stated earlier. She explained that this agreement fell under the new agreement adopted by the counties. There were no other comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE 2013-016, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT REDO PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES, SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding Ordinance 2013-016, An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee Agreement by and Between Hampton County, South Carolina and Project REDO Providing for a Payment of a Fee In Lieu of Taxes, A Special Source Revenue Credit and Other Matters Related Thereto. Chairman Gray stated that the Fee In Lieu of Taxes (FILOT) Agreement had received two readings from county council. There were no comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

RECOGNITION(S)

Chairman Gray recognized Representative Bill Bowers, South Carolina House of Representatives and Sheriff T. C. Smalls, Hampton County.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

PRESENTATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE GRADUATION CERTIFICATES:

Representative Bowers came before council to present South Carolina Economic Development Institute Graduation Certificates to Council Members Roy Hollingsworth and Shedron Williams. Representative Bowers commended all council members for their support of economic development in Hampton County and also for their dedication of their time and interest in economic development through attending meetings and trainings. Council thanked Representative Bowers.

HONORABLE T. C. SMALLS, SHERIFF, HAMPTON COUNTY, REPORT REGARDING OVERTIME:

Honorable T. C. Smalls, Sheriff, Hampton County, came before council regarding the reporting of overtime. Sheriff Smalls explained to council that the court security was not funded in his budget although he was required to provide court security. He stated that the School Resource Officer's (SRO's) is included in the figures. Sheriff Smalls explained that the figures presented was based on the \$80,000 (eighty thousand dollar) figure that was allocated for overtime for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year. Sheriff Smalls presented a report that outlined the expenses and reimbursements for the first quarter. He also provided figures from the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year as a comparison. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that looking at the figures, there was a great difference in the figures from last year of the overtime that was paid. Council Member Haulsee asked if the figures were for three and a half months. Sheriff Smalls stated that the figures were from July 6, 2013 through October 6, 2013, the first quarter. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that it was his understanding that any time any overtime was accumulated by a deputy; it is sent here (Payroll). Council Member Hollingsworth verified the process of the School Resource Officer's filling out the timesheets, reporting at school and verification of time by the schools. It was verified that the School Resource Officers' time was documented by the schools. Sheriff Smalls stated that the records from the payroll department and his records match. Administrator Graham stated that the cost for the School Resource Officer does not go against the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff stated that the figures that do not go against his department does not need to go into his report. Administrator Graham stated that they need to sit down and go through the report. Council Member Hollingsworth (Law Enforcement Committee) stated that they will sit down and get the kinks out, but if nothing changes, the Sheriff has done an impressive job. Council Member Haulsee wanted to know if any deputies work seven days a week. Sheriff Smalls stated that they do not unless they are called out on narcotics. Council asked if they could wait until the second quarter to see the figures.

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

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RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolutions.

ORDINANCE(S)

THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE 2013-014, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND ECOGY BIOFUELS, LLC DATED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007, ASSIGNMENT THEREOF TO PROJECT REDO AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, Council Member Haulsee, to give third reading to Ordinance 2013-014, An Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment of a Fee Agreement by and between Hampton County, South Carolina and Ecogy Biofuels, LLC dated as of December 31, 2007, Assignment Thereof to Project REDO and Matters Related Thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

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Moved by Council Member Haulsee, Council Member Phillips, to give third reading Ordinance 2013-015, An Ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to the Quad-County Industrial Park Agreement Among Allendale County, Bamberg County, Barnwell County and Hampton County to Provide for the Addition of Property to the Park. Motion carried unanimously.

THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE 2013-016, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT REDO PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES, SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to give third reading to Ordinance 2013-016, An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee Agreement by and Between Hampton County, South Carolina and Project REDO Providing for a Payment of a Fee In Lieu of Taxes, A Special Source Revenue Credit and Other Matters Related Thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING TO ORDINANCE 2013-017, AN ORDINANCE PLACING A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON WETLANDS IN THE LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL PARK:

Mrs. Sandy Fowler, Economic Development Director, came before council and presented the ordinance placing a conservation easement on wetlands in the Lowcountry Regional Industrial Park. (See Attachment #1). Council Member Hollingsworth informed Mrs. Fowler that the Corps of Engineers really like to have an area to stay in its natural state. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to give first reading to Ordinance 2013-017, Ordinance Placing a Conservation Easement on Wetlands in the Lowcountry Regional Industrial Park. Motion carried unanimously.

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BID(S)

**CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX
(CPST) PROJECTS:**

Council had a discussion regarding the awarding of the bid for Construction Manager. Council would like to hear the presentations of the top three. Administrator Graham suggested that they hear the top five. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to delay the awarding of the bid for the Construction Manager at Risk. Motion carried.

BID FOR TWO 2014 AMBULANCES:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams to approve the bid for two 2014 ambulances. Council Member Williams wanted to know if this would have any impact on the Strike Force funding. It was stated that it would not. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #2)

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

There were no discussion points.

REVIEW OF SHERIFF'S OVERTIME PAY METHOD:

There was no discussion. Discussed under Presentations by Sheriff.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Clarifications for Construction Manager Presentations

Administrator Graham received clarification for the presentations of companies for Construction Manager.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no executive session matters.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were executive session matters to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Phillips, 9seconded by Council Member Williams, to adjourn. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting.

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Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:

Aline Newton, Clerk to Council

Hampton County Council Members:

Hugh B. Gray, Chairman

Charles H. Phillips, Vice Chairman

Christopher B. Haulsee

Roy Hollingsworth

Shedron D. William