

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY; FEBRUARY 17, 2015; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 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, Isaac Smith (Newly Seated Council Member) and Shedron Williams. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Interim Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: There was no media present. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Council Member Smith gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairman Phillips.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

3.1.1 Approval of Minutes

and the February 17, 2015 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions:
(1) Delete Item s #7.2, 11.1, 3.1.1, 9.1 and 9.2. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-001, TO GRANT EASEMENT TO PALMETTO ELECTRIC FOR POWER LINE IN STANLEY LOOP SUB-DIVISION:

Chairman Williams opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding third reading of Ordinance 2015-001, To Grant Easement to Palmetto Electric for Power Line in Stanley Loop Sub-Division. There were no comments. Chairman Williams closed the public hearing.

PRESENTATION(S)

MS. KARISSA ULMER, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY EXTENSION, REGARDING OFFICE SPACE:

Ms. Karissa Ulmer, Clemson University Extension, came before council regarding office space

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for a Row Crop Specialist, Extension Agent, to be placed in Hampton County. The agent will begin in May and will serve as the liaison for Hampton County. This agent will be the Coordinator for the office in Hampton County. Council asked Mrs. Ulmer to communicate with the Interim County Administrator, Mrs. Dobson-Elliott regarding office space for the Row Crop Agent.

MS. CHRISTINE JAMES, HAMPTON COUNTY FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR, REGARDING SECOND QUARTER REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 AND THE CPST (Capital Projects Sales Tax) COLLECTIONS REPORT:

Ms. Christine James, Hampton County Finance/Human Resource Director, came before council and presented the Second Quarter Report for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget and the CPST Collections Report. (See Attachment #1)

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MR. NEIL SULLIVAN, CITIZEN, REGARDING BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS:

Mr. Sullivan came before council regarding method of meeting notifications for boards, etc. Mr. Sullivan suggested that the information that was in the county's annual report be put in the Hampton County Guardian's Annual Magazine that is published in December. He stated that at least citizens would know the frequency, time and location of the board meetings. Mr. Sullivan informed council that if a citizen did not drive by the building in which the meeting was held, they would not know about the meeting. Mr. Sullivan informed council that he made a FOIA request to the Council on Aging on September 16, 2015 and has not received any response. Council Member Haulsee commented that it is the county's responsibility to notify the public, but the people have a duty to do so too. Council thanked Mr. Sullivan for his comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were deferred under the consent agenda.

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-001, TO GRANT EASEMENT TO PALMETTO ELECTRIC FOR POWER LINE IN STANLEY LOOP SUB-DIVISION:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to give third reading to Ordinance 2015-001, To Grant Easement to Palmetto Electric for Power Line in Stanley Loop

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Sub-Division. Motion carried unanimously.

EMS (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES) BILLING ORDINANCE:

Mr. Chris Altman came before council to ask council to give first reading to the EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Billing Ordinance. He reported that the ordinance would allow Hampton County EMS to bill and not have to change the ordinance. He explained that the rates under the Affordable Health Care Act changed the rates that can be billed. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to give first reading to the EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Billing Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Williams reported that he will be attending the South Carolina Association of Counties (SCAC) Mid-Year Conference for the next two days.

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Smith

Council Member Smith reported that he will be attending the SCAC Mid-Year Conference for the next two days. He also reported that he attended an Economic Development training.

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth reported that he will be attending the 2015 SCAC Mid-Year Conference in Columbia, South Carolina.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Update from Interim County Administrator

Mrs. Elliott reported that the CTC Funds will be used to pave the Sheriff's and the Detention Center's Parking Lot and Hudson Circle.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to go into executive session to discuss an economic development contractual matter and contractual matter regarding bids. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

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REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Williams reported that council discussed an economic development matter and a contractual matter regarding bids.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting.