

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MAY 18, 2020; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting virtually on Monday, May 18, 2020, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Clay Bishop, Chairman; Charles H. “Buddy” Phillips, Vice Chairman; Roy Hollingsworth, Ronald G. “Breeze” Winn, and Darin Williams. Council Member(s) absent: None. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator and Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Staff absent: None. Wilson Holland, Hampton County Information Technology Director was present. Media present: None. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Bishop called the virtual meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Council Member Hollingsworth gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairman Phillips.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**ADOPTION OF THE MAY 18, 2020 HAMPTON COUNTY VIRTUAL MEETING
AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:**

Moved by Council Member Winn, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to approve the May 18, 2020 Hampton County Council Meeting agenda and consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members’ votes:

Ronald Winn – Yes

Charles H. “Buddy” Phillips – Yes

Roy Hollingsworth – Yes

Clay Bishop – Yes

Darin Williams – Yes

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Bishop read the following that was listed on agenda for public comments:
Due to the COVID-19 Threat, public comments will be accepted in writing via email to the Clerk to Council at anewton@hamptoncountysc.org (Please place in the subject line Public Comments 05/18/2020) or mail to the Hampton County Council's Office at 200 Jackson Ave., E., Hampton, SC 29924. All comments must be received by noon on Monday, May 18, 2020, and will be presented to Council at the meeting. Public comment guidelines will apply. Chairman Bishop commented that there were no public comments received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MAY 4, 2020 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Bishop asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the May 4, 2020 Hampton County Council Virtual Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members' votes:

Ronald Winn – Yes

Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips – Yes

Roy Hollingsworth – Yes

Darin Williams – Yes

Clay Bishop – Yes

Chairman Bishop commented that he was using satellite as connection (weather was inclement) and if his connection was lost during the meeting, Vice Chairman Phillips would continue the meeting.

PRESENTATION(S)

There were no presentation(s).

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

There were no resolution(s)/proclamation(s).

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ORDINANCE(S)

**AN AMENDMENT TO EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2020-006 TO CHANGE
THE EXPIRATION DATE ENDING THE CURFEW IN THE
UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF HAMPTON COUNTY:**

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to suspend the curfew in unincorporated areas of Hampton County, an amendment to Emergency Ordinance 2020-006 to Change the Expiration date ending the curfew in the unincorporated areas of Hampton County. There was a short discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members' votes:

Ronald G. Winn - Aye

Roy Hollingsworth – Yes

Charles H. “Buddy” Phillips - Yes

Darin Williams – Yes

Clay Bishop – Yes

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN’S UPDATE:

Chairman Bishop commented that he had no updates, but requested that the Clerk notify the Sheriff that the curfew for the unincorporated areas has been terminated.

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S UPDATE:

The County Attorney had no update;

CLERK’S UPDATE:

The Clerk had no update.

**CONSENT TO THE PALMETTO RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC’S
APPLICATION FOR STATE-ISSUED CERTIFICATE OF FRANCHISE AUTHORITY:**

Chairman Bishop asked council if there was a motion to consent to the Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s Application for State-Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority. There was no motion. Council had a short discussion. By acclamation, council tabled the matter until the next meeting.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Administrator Dobson-Elliott reported that Ms. Suzanne Peoples would give an update on COVID-19 and Tornado. Ms. Peoples gave an update. She explained that there were 30 cases in

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Hampton County since testing. She also reported that 139 persons applied for FEMA assistance from the tornado. South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) will have two more pick-ups for debris. May 26, 2020 and June 9, 2020. June 9, 2020 is the last pick-up. Administrator Dobson-Elliott commented that she and the Chair were looking as Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15 p. m. – 7:00 p. m. in the front conference room to meet for budget workshops starting next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no matters.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no matters.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Council Members' votes:

Ronald Winn – Yes

Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips - Yes

Roy Hollingsworth - Yes

Darin Williams – Yes

Clay Bishop – Yes