

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JULY 20, 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, July 20, 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 and Brantley Strickland, Hampton County Project Manager, were 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 Council Member Winn.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**ADOPTION OF THE JULY 20, 2020 HAMPTON COUNTY VIRTUAL MEETING
AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:**

Chairman Bishop asked that Item 8.1 be struck from the agenda. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the July 20, 2020 Hampton County Council Meeting agenda and consent agenda as stated. Motion carried unanimously. Council Members’ votes:

Charles H. “Buddy” Phillips – Yes

Roy Hollingsworth – Yes

Darin Williams – Yes

Ronald Winn – Yes

Clay Bishop – Yes

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

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

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07/20/2020) 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, July 20, 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

JUNE 15, 2020 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Bishop asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **Moved** by Council Member Winn, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the June 15, 2020 Hampton County Council Virtual Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members' votes:

Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips – Yes

Roy Hollingsworth – Yes

Darin Williams – Yes

Ronald Winn – Yes

Clay Bishop – Yes

PRESENTATION(S)

MS. NIKKI TOOMES, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) REPRESENTATIVE, REGARDING THE HAMPTON COUNTY TRACTOR AND DISC HARROW GRANT:

Ms. Nikki Toomes, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Representative, explained to council that the total of the Hampton County Tractor and Disc Harrow Project for the airport was \$62,000 (Sixty-two thousand dollars) and the Community Facilities Grant was \$44,500 (Forty-four thousand, five hundred dollars). The applicant which is Hampton County would have to match \$17,500 (Seventeen thousand, five hundred dollars). Ms. Toomes also explained that council would have to accept the Letter of Conditions for the grant.

ACCEPTANCE OF LETTER OF CONDITIONS FOR THE USDA (UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE) GRANT FOR THE HAMPTON COUNTY TRACTOR AND DISC HARROW PROJECT:

Moved Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to accept the Letter of Conditions for the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Community Facilities Grant for the Hampton County Tractor and Disc Harrow Project. Council Member Winn asked Ms. Toomes to explain what rural development was. Ms. Toomes explained that USDA Rural Development assisted rural communities and to help improve the lives of citizens. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members' votes:

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APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

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

ORDINANCE(S)

There were no ordinance(s).

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Bishop reminded everyone that the Hampton County Arts Council is sponsoring Dr. Thaddeus Jones who will be conducting film camp this afternoon and remainder of this week. The fee is \$10 per child, but there have been sponsorships and the camp is free to participants. This is a great opportunity for the youth.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

The County Attorney had no update.

CLERK'S UPDATE:

The Clerk had no update.

HAMPTON COUNTY'S HOLIDAY CALENDAR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021:

Administrator Dobson Elliott explained that the document needed to be amended to include November 3, 2020, General Election Day. She reported that the holiday was listed in the personnel policy but was not included because the calendar was just updated and this happens every four years. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the Hampton County's Holiday Calendar Fiscal Year 2020-2021 with new addition. Motion carried unanimously.

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Clay Bishop – Yes

ACCEPTANCE OF LETTER OF CONDITIONS FOR THE USDA (UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE) GRANT FOR THE HAMPTON COUNTY TRACTOR AND DISC HARROW PROJECT:

Action was taken on the Letter of Conditions for the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Grant for the Hampton County Tractor and Disc Harrow Project under Presentation(s).

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Dobson-Elliott asked council to remember the Singleton family and keep them in prayer. Lt. Perry Singleton, Hampton County Sheriff's Office, passed away suddenly. She commented that he was a long time employee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER REGARDING PROJECT CLEAN (MR. BRANTLEY STRICKLAND, HAMPTON COUNTY PROJECT MANAGER, SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE)

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Winn, to go into executive session regarding an economic development matter concerning Project Clean (Mr. Brantley Strickland, Hampton County Project Manager, SouthernCarolina Alliance). Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members' votes:

Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips – Yes

Roy Hollingsworth – Yes

Darin Williams – Yes

Ronald Winn – Yes

Clay Bishop – Yes

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Strickland, Hampton County Project Manager, SouthernCarolina Alliance). Motion carried unanimously.

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Darin Williams – Yes

Ronald Winn – Yes

Clay Bishop – Yes

Chairman Bishop reported that an economic development matter concerning Project Clean was discussed. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Winn, 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