

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; DECEMBER 3, 2018; 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 3, 2018, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Roy Hollingsworth, Chairman; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Vice Chairman; Isaac Smith; Shedron D. Williams and Ronald G. "Breeze" Winn. Council Member(s) absent: None. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Staff absent: None. Media present: Mr. Michael DeWitt, Hampton County Guardian. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Hollingsworth 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 Council.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2018 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Hollingsworth informed council that there would probably be a meeting on December 17, 2018 also. We normally do not have a meeting on the third Monday in December, but some things might come in focus to have a meeting on the third Monday. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the December 3, 2018 Consent Agenda and Agenda to include the changes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND WORLD ENERGY ESTILL, LLC PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT OF A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Chairman Hollingsworth opened the public hearing to receive public comments on third reading to Ordinance Authorizing Thereto. Execution and Delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and Between Hampton County, South Carolina Forfeiture Commission will receive the payments and World Energy Estill, LLC Providing for a Payment of a Special Source Revenue Credit and Other Matters Related Thereto. Mr. Brantley Strickland, Project Manager for Hampton County, Southern Carolina Alliance came before council to explain that this is the economic project that has been dealing with in the last year and a half. We are ready to move forward on incentive. It was explained after a short discussion that the first payment of \$250,000 to the Forfeiture Land Commission and will be divided out to the Town of Estill, Hampton School District 2 and Hampton

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County as would the taxes would have been. Council Member Williams had some question about the credit agreement; Mr. Strickland explained that for the first five years they would be paying on the installment and on year 6; they will be paying 45% and 55% for the remainder. Council Member Williams explained that he needs clarity that the school district and the town will get their portion.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MR. JOHN BAKER, MALTESE ARMS SHOOTING RANGE:

Mr. Baker explained that he was there for clarification. There is a shooting range in Yemassee, SC that running illegally. There have been nine (9) police reports for bullets striking houses. He has explained that he had sent each member a copy of the laws in which they are violating. He explained that the law says that the explained that shooting ranges should be one mile and this one is 300 feet away from residential, no safety wall, etc. He stated that he contacted the Zoning Board back in May, the Building Inspector and the Sheriff's office and has gotten no response. Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that she was there the day that he came over but did not shoot after seeing the condition of the range. She explained that the Building Inspector and the Sheriff are looking into the matter. Mr. Parker explained that he liked recreational shooting but would like to have it done safely. Vice Chairman Phillips commented that something needed to be done. Chairman Hollingsworth thanked Mr. Baker for bringing this before council. He commented that Mr. Baker followed the proper procedure. Council thanked Mr. Baker for his time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S NOVEMBER 19, 2018 MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the November 19, 2018 Hampton County Council meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION(S)

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS ISAAC SMITH AND SHEDRON WILLIAMS:

Chairman Hollingsworth along with other council members presented to outgoing Council Members Isaac Smith and Shedron Williams plaques in appreciation for service.

APPOINTMENT(S)

HAMPTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Council voted by ballot to appoint Glynis Avant, William "Bill" Hager and Holbrook Platt to the Hampton County Economic Development Commission.

LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LRTA) BOARD (PALMETTO BREEZE):

Council voted by ballot to appoint Darrell Russell to the Lowcountry Regional Transportation

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Authority (LRTA) Board (Palmetto Breeze).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

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

ORDINANCE(S)

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Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to give third reading to Ordinance Authorizing The Execution and Delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and Between Hampton County, South Carolina and World Energy Estill, LLC Providing for a Payment of a Special Source Revenue Credit and Other Matters Related Thereto. Motion carried with Council Member Williams abstaining.

BID(S)

HVAC FOR PALMETTO THEATER:

Administrator Dobson-Elliott presented the bid amounts to council and explained that they were sent out to council. Council Member Winn wanted to know who the property owner of the theater is and would not like to spend money on property not owned by Hampton County. Attorney Solomons stated that he sent out copies of the deed and the Friends of the Arts owns the Building and have owned it for some time. Mr. Brown is the one that is moving the bylaws through to give this body more control. Council Member Winn explained that the building that the HVAC unit is used is for the Friends of the Arts. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Winn, to table until the called meeting on the 17th, Motion failed with Council Members Williams and Winn voting in favor and Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting against. Chairman Hollingsworth explained that the county has maintained the Palmetto Theater, and he feels that the county should accept the bid for the repair of the HVAC system. Council Member Winn wanted to know why the county was spending money on the theater when the county doesn't own it. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to award the bid for the HVAC system for the Palmetto Theater to Complete Air in the amount of \$19,875. Council Member Williams explained that he disagreed with spending county money on property that is not owned by the county and have this building that when you look at it, needs repairs and the handicap accessible door is not working at the health department which has been reported and is still not fixed but the county money for a HVAC system for property that does not belong to the county. County Attorney Solomons commented that no one has challenged ownership. Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting in favor and Council Members Williams and Winn voting against.

BIDS FOR AUDIT:

Ms. James sent out the bids. Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that it is just \$500 difference and recommend Love, Bailey and Associates for \$28,000. Chairman Hollingsworth asked what

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Ms. James, Finance Director, thought. Ms. James explained that she concurs with the Administrator because it is a learning curve with the new program and Love, Bailey and Associates is familiar with the old program and the new program. Council Member Winn shared his views of disapproval of keeping the same auditor for audit. Council Member Williams explained that he had the same questions from audit last year as this year and it has not appeared in the audit. Vice Chairman Phillips asked if there were any problems with departments and the auditor. Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that there were not. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to award bid to Love, Bailey and Associates, LLC for \$28,500. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting in favor and Council Members Williams and Winn voting against.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

County Attorney Solomons explained that Forfeiture Land Commission have received and recorded the deed and mortgage; examined title to the Mariam Hannah airport property donated to the county; spoke with Will Dillard and explained that the county would not consent with request of road closure until more information; this was last week but have not received any information from him and the attorney has filed representing the State on the CSX matter but no resolution to report. County Attorney Solomons thanked Council Members Isaac Smith and Shedron Williams for the service.

CLERK'S UPDATE:

There was no update.

2019 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING CALENDAR:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Members Williams, to approve the 2019 Hampton County Council Meeting Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Grant to Demolish 21 Structures

Administrator Dobson-Elliott reported that Hampton County received a grant to demolish 21 dilapidated structures in Hampton County. The grant was received with the hard work of the Hampton County Building Inspector and Lowcountry Council of Governments (LCOG).

Sealed Bid for Komatsu Trackhoe PC200LC-6LC

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Winn, to sell the Komatsu Trackhoe PC200LC-6LC to Laffitte Farms for \$8,500. Motion failed with Council Member Williams and Winn voting in favor and Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting in favor. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to accept the recommendation of County Administrator Dobson-Elliott and sell the Komatsu Trackhoe PC200LC-6LC to S&S Disposal for \$8,700. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting in favor and Council Members Williams voting against.

Personnel Update

Administrator Dobson-Elliott gave the personnel update to council.

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Road Complaints Update

Ms. Dobson-Elliott reported that the complaint regarding Karla Road has been resolved; the backhoe left the area to address a blow out at another location but was back in the area the next day. She explained that she has been trying to reach Mr. McQuire and Mr. Booker about Brookway Drive.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There is no executive session

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no report.

ADJOURNMENT

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