

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; MARCH 19, 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, March 19, 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: Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Staff absent: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator. Media present: 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 FEBRUARY 5, 2018 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:**

Chairman Hollingsworth stated that there were changes to the agenda as follows: Add Item #7.8, Possibly a Grant Presentation for the Sheriff's Department, Remove 7.6, Students Regarding School Safety, Move Item #10.3.3 to Executive Session and add by title only, Add by title only to Item #10.3.1. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Winn, to accept the March 19, 2019 agenda with changes. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**COUNCIL MEMBER RONALD WINN REGARDING LITTER IN HAMPTON COUNTY:**

Council Member Winn came before council to comment about the litter in Hampton County. Council Member Winn cited the road from Elliott Sawmill to Furman and Scotia Highway 321 South. He wanted to know if inmates from the detention center could not be used to clean up the sides of the roads. Chairman Hollingsworth commented that council could discuss the matter at council's monthly retreat.

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**MR. ANDRE JONES REGARDING LIQUOR SALES:**

Mr. Jones was not present.

**MR. CLAY BISHOP:**

Mr. Clay Bishop came before council to introduce himself as a candidate for Hampton County Council in the upcoming primary. He informed everyone that he is presently Chairman of the Hampton County Planning Commission and serves as an ad hoc member on the Hampton County Economic Development Commission. Council thanked Mr. Bishop.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 5, 2018 MEETING MINUTES:**

**Moved** by Council Member Winn, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the February 5, 2018 Meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

**MS. BETTY RUTH CREWS, CITIZEN, REGARDIN THE OLD NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY:**

Chairman Hollingsworth explained that Mrs. Betty Ruth Crews, Citizen, Regarding Old National Guard Armory was absent and would be placed on the April 2, 2018 agenda.

**MR. SCOTT ALLEN, HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2, REGARDING FINANCIAL REPORT FOR HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2:**

Mr. Scott Allen, Hampton School District 2, came before council and stated that all looks well. He explained that he will be making one more report; his job will be completed. Council thanked Mr. Allen.

**MS. MARY LEE CARNS, VICE PRESIDENT, INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS, DR. RICHARD GOUGH, PRESIDENT OF THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY AND MRS. MELANIE GALLION, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR BUSINESS AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS REGARDING TRECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY'S ANNUAL REPORT AND CENTER FOR BUSINESS AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS UPDATE:**

Ms. Mary Lee Carns, Vice President, Institutional Advancement and External Relations, Dr. Richard Gough President of the Technical College of the Lowcountry and Ms. Melanie Gallion, Director of the Center for Business and Workforce Solutions came before council to give the Technical College of the Lowcountry's Annual Report and Center for Business and Workforce Solutions update. Council thanked them for the report and update.

**LOVE, BAILEY, CPA REGARDING THE HAMPTON COUNTY AUDIT:**

Love. Bailey, CPA, came before council and gave a clean and unqualified opinion for the audit

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Hampton County which means that all looks good for Hampton County.

**MR. MARVIN LOVE AND MR. CRAIG CYLEAR, KINGSDOM WORKS  
PRODUCTION:**

Mr. Craig Cylear, Kingdom Works Production, came before council to find out what was the process to be able to use the Palmetto Theater to put on a production. Council informed Mr. Cylear that the Hampton County Arts Council would be the group that needed to be contacted regarding the use of the Palmetto Theater. Council asked County Administrator Dobson-Elliott to contact the Chairman of the Hampton County Arts Council, Mrs. Annette Tuten and find out what is the process for Mr. Cylear.

**MRS. CHRISTINE JAMES, FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR,  
REGARDING THE SECOND QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORT:**

Ms. Christine James, Finance/Human Resources Director, came before council to give the second financial report. Council accepted the audit for information.

**MR. WILLIAMS DANZELL REGARDING POSSIBLE GRANT FOR SHERIFF'S  
DEPARTMENT WITH PUBLIC FINANCE SOLUTIONS, LLC:**

Mr. Danzell came before council and discussed a contractual arrangement that he and the sheriff's department had. He also stated that he had presented the proposal before council. Council informed Mr. Danzell that they will look in the matter and get back to him.

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

**SOUTHERN CAROLINA ALLIANCE (SCA):**

Council voted by ballot to reappoint Mr. Bill Hager as a representative for Hampton County on the Southern Carolina Alliance (SCA) Board of Directors.

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD:**

Council voted by ballot to appoint Ms. Julia Arlene Dunbar to the Workforce Development Board as a Business Representative for Hampton County

**RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)**

**HAMPTON COUNTY RESOLUTION REGARDING UPDATING THE CIVIL RIGHT  
COORDINATOR:**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt the resolution updating the Civil Rights Coordinator. Motion carried unanimously.

**HOPE HORIZON PROCLAMATION:**

**Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adopt the proclamation recognizing April 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A  
FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY AND**

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**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt R2018-003, Resolution Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Hampton County And An Industry Currently Known To The County As "Project Tide", Whereby Hampton County Will Enter Into A Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes Arrangement With Project Tide; Providing For Payment By Tide Of Certain Fees In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes; Providing For Certain Special Source Revenue Or Infrastructure Credits; To Further Amend The Amended And Restated Master Agreement For The Establishment Of The Quad-County Industrial Park I, Park II, And Park III, Among Hampton County, South Carolina And Allendale County, South Carolina, Bamberg County, South Carolina, And Barnwell County, South Carolina, Providing For The Development Of A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial Park, So As To Include Additional Property In Hampton County As Part Of The Park; Providing For The Allocation Of Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes Paid By Project Tide Under The Agreement; Authorizing An Agreement To Sell And To Buy Between Hampton County And Project Tide To Convey Certain Real Property To Project Tide; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

**FIRST READING TO THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY AND AN INDUSTRY CURRENTLY KNOW TO THE COUNTY AS "PROJECT TIDE", WHEREBY HAMPTON COUNTY WILL ENTER INTO A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES ARRANGEMENT WITH PROJECT TIDE; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT BY TIDE OF CERTAIN FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE OR INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS; TO FURTHER AMEND THE AMENDED AND RESTATED MASTER AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUAD-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK I, PARK II, AND PARK III, AMONG HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND ALLENDALE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, BAMBERG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL PARK, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN HAMPTON COUNTY AS PART OF THE PARK; PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES PAID BY PROJECT TIDE UNDER THE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT TO SELL AND TO BUY BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY AND PROJECT TIDE TO CONVEY CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO PROJECT TIDE; AND OTHER MATTERS**

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**RELATING THERETO:**

**Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Winn, to approve first reading to the Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Hampton County And An Industry Currently Known To The County As "Project Tide", Whereby Hampton County Will Enter Into A Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes Arrangement With Project Tide; Providing For Payment By Tide Of Certain Fees In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes; Providing For Certain Special Source Revenue Or Infrastructure Credits; To Further Amend The Amended And Restated Master Agreement For The Establishment Of The Quad-County Industrial Park I, Park II, And Park III, Among Hampton County, South Carolina And Allendale County, South Carolina, Bamberg County, South Carolina, And Barnwell County, South Carolina, Providing For The Development Of A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial Park, So As To Include Additional Property In Hampton County As Part Of The Park; Providing For The Allocation Of Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes Paid By Project Tide Under The Agreement; Authorizing An Agreement To Sell And To Buy Between Hampton County And Project Tide To Convey Certain Real Property To Project Tide; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

**FIRST READING TO 2018-2019 HAMPTON COUNTY FISCAL YEAR BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY:**

**Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Winn to give First Reading to 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget by Title Only to the Same Figures as Stated in Ordinance #2017-013, Hampton County 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

**BID(S)**

There were no bid(s).

**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)**

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:**

**ACCEPTANCE OF DISMISSAL REGARDING PITTMAN VERSUS HAMPTON COUNTY, JASPER COUNTY, ET AL:**

County Attorney Solomons informed council that he has communicated by purpose that the Pittman litigation by particular has moved Hampton County from the lawsuit and to accept the dismissal by Pittman. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to accept the dismissal regarding Pittman versus Hampton County, Jasper County et al. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting in favor and Council Members Williams and Winn voting against.

**CLERK'S UPDATE:**

The Clerk had no report.

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Administrator Dobson-Elliott reported that:

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- County Council's Budget Workshop is scheduled for April 2, 2018 at 5:00 p. m. Budget books will be passed out at this time
- Gave the employee update
- Reported that council's monthly retreat for March has be cancelled
- Gave a report on the activities of Air Methods regarding fly out, etc.

**MR. ANDRE JONES REGARDING LIQUOR SALES:**

Mr. Jones came in and apologized for being late but just got off from work. Mr. Jones came before council wanting to know what the process was to allow businesses to sell alcoholic beverages on Sunday. Council informed Mr. Jones that if the business was located in a municipality, then the municipality would have to take action to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages where the business was located. If a business was located in the county, then the county would have to adopt an ordinance to allow. Mr. Jones thanked council for the information.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**LEGAL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONTRACTUAL MATTERS:**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to go into executive session to discuss legal (Civil Actions), economic development (Projects Duck and Godfather) and contractual matters (Projects Life and Home Run). Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**LEGAL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONTRACTUAL MATTERS:**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to come out of executive session regarding legal (Civil Actions), economic development (Projects Duck and Godfather) and contractual matters (Projects Life and Home Run). Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hollingsworth reported that council discussed several issues and will continue to look into matters.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hollingsworth adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p. m.