

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; APRIL 2, 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, April 2, 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: None. 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 APRIL 2, 2018 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA AND  
CONSENT AGENDA:**

Chairman Hollingsworth stated that there were changes to the agenda as follows: Add Item #7.3 , Presentation from the Town of Yemassee Regarding Fire Service and Item #12.1.3, Legal Update Regarding Company Two. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to accept the April 2, 2018 agenda with changes. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**CHAIRMAN HOLLINGSWORTH REGARDING BEING SELECTED BEST COUNCIL  
MEMBER:**

Chairman Hollingsworth came before council to thank everyone for being named best council member.

**COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS REGARDING VOTING:**

Council Member Williams communicated that the US Attorneys Office will be looking very hard at voter suppression and will be watching Hampton, Colleton, Jasper and Bamberg Counties.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MARCH 19, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING AND MARCH 19, 2018 MEETING MINUTES:**  
**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillip, seconded by Council Member Winn, to approve the March 19, 2018 Special Meeting and March 19, 2018 Meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

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

Mrs. Betty Ruth Crews, Citizen, came before council to express her concerns about the saving of the Old National Guard Armory. Council all addressed Mrs. Crews and expressed their desire to find a way to save the armory and use as a community building. Mrs. Crews thanked council.

**MR. CLAY BISHOP, CHAIRMAN, HAMPTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Mr. Bishop came before council to aske in regards to an amendment to the Hampton County Planning Commission Ordinance regarding the addressing of a Zoning Appeals Board. Council expressed that they did not have the information before them to consider and asked that this be provided before considering taking action. Council requested that the wording be provided and consideration for first reading would be placed on the agenda. Mr. Bishop stated that he would ask that the Mr. Crews and Ms. Bennett provide the information that was voted on by the Hampton County Planning Commission.

**MR. CHARLES SIMMONS, TOWN OF YEMASSEE, REGARDING FIRE SERVICE FOR THE TOWN OF YEMASSEE:**

Mr. Simmons came before council to express his concern regarding the recent fire and the response time to the recent fire in Yemassee. He stated that he had concerns and wanted to know what could be done to improve or remedy the situation.

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

**LOWCOUNTRY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY:**

Council voted by ballot to reappoint Roy Hollingsworth and Marcella Brown (Ronald G. Winn Representative).

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

**FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION:**

**Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Winn, to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution recognizing the month of April as Fair Housing month. Motion carried unanimously.

**NON -DISCRIMINATION POLICY:**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adopt the Non-Discrimination Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

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**ORDINANCE(S)**

**SECOND 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:**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve second 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.

**SECOND READING TO AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFERENCE OF PROPERTY BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY AND LIGHTSEY TRUST:**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve second reading to Agreement for the Transference of Property Between Hampton County and Lightsey Trust. Motion carried unanimously.

**FIRST READING TO REAL ESTATE PURCHASE CONTRACT FOR PROPERTY WITH IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED AT PARTRIGE LANE, SC S-25-579, VARNVILLE, HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, IDENTIFIED BY TMS# AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY AND VARNVILLE INVESTMENTS, LLC, A TENNESSEE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY:**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve second reading to the Ordinance Real Estate Purchase Contract for Property with Improvements located at Partridge Lane, SC S-25-579, mVArville, Hampto County, South Carolina, Identified by TMS# by

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and between Hampton County and Varnville Investments, LLC, a Tennessee Limited Liability Company pending information. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith, voting in favor and Council Member Williams and Winn voting against.

**FIRST READING TO HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AIRPORT PROTECTION DISTRICT ORDINANCE:**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith Hampton County, South Carolina Airport Protection District Ordinance. 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 and 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.

**Coroner's Legal Update**

County Attorney Solomons gave the coroner's legal update.

**CLERK'S UPDATE:**

The Clerk had no report.

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Administrator Dobson-Elliott reported that:

- The Hampton County Arts Council will develop a list of prices and an agreement for usage of the Hampton County Palmetto Theater. This is in response to Mr. Craig Cylear's request regard process for usage of the Palmetto Theater.
- Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that there was the need to have a referendum. Each municipality or county would have to pass an ordinance designating the sale of alcohol in their local. This was in response to Mr. Mr. Andre Jones' request regarding liquor sales in Hampton County.
- The Department of Health and Environmental Control informed them that they were out of the issue. It is now in the hands of the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT). This was an update regarding Pocotaligo Road.
- Mr. Canzell never came before council; there was no resolution or agreement with Hampton

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County. This was an agreement between Mr. Canzell and his company and the Sheriff. Administrator Dobson Elliott reported that the Sheriff said that Mr. Canzell never provided a piece of equipment that would allow the program to work efficiently. This has nothing to do with Hampton County. There was no check cut by Hampton County. This is in response regarding clarification of Mr. Canzell's presentation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**PERSONNEL MATTER:**

By unanimous consent, the personnel matter regarding evaluation was deferred.

**REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**PERSONNEL MATTER:**

The personnel matter regarding evaluation was deferred.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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