

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; NOVEMBER 18, 2019; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019, 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; 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 Bishop called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Vice Chairman Phillips gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Hollingsworth.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2019 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Bishop asked for a motion to adopt the agenda with the changes of striking Items #3.1, 3.2, 8.2, 9.1,10.1.1 and 10.3.1 and adding 14.2 Executives Session - Opioid Litigation and 15.2, Report Out of Executive Session - Opioid Litigation. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the November 18, 2019 county council meeting agenda and consent agenda with the stated changes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MR. RAY WARD:

Mr. Ward presented a map and some publications to show that the Hampton County Airport was listed by the FAA.

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MR. DARRYL RUSSELL:

Mr. Russell, Toys for Tots Coordinator, came before council and read letter regarding Toys for Tots Program (See Attachment)

MR. D. KELLY PITTINGER:

Mr. Pittinger came before council to explain that he was not against the project but wanted to know more about the project and don't know why the county wants to spend this amount of money. He commented that he is not sold on the airport creating enough money to pay this money back. He commented that the penny sales tax money came up short.

REV. TOMMY KELLY:

Rev. Kelly reminded everyone of the Shoe Boxes that the church does also. He explained that they always pray for the leaders. He would like to see a the county find a county that was similar to Hampton County and compare what worked and what did not work. May be able to pare the project down some for a smaller county.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S NOVEMBER 18, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Council Member Winn, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the November 18, 2019 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes with the addition of the wording "Hampton County Parliamentary Procedure Ordinance" to Item #10.1.4 on page 1. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION(S)

MS. DAWN STUCKEY, CLEMSON EXTENSION, REGARDING AVIATION CAMP:

Ms. Dawn Stuckey, Clemson Extension along with Mr. from University of South Carolina Salkehatchie came before council regarding providing Aviation Camp for Hampton County youth. Ms. Stuckey explained that the camp is already being offered in Colleton County. (See PowerPoint)

RECOGNITION:

Chairman Bishop recognized Mr. Al Jenkins from Senator Scott's office.

APPOINTMENT(S)

HAMPTON COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION:

Council voted by ballot to appoint Jacob Brodersen to the Hampton County Airport Commission.

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RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

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

ORDINANCE(S)

FIRST READING TO AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND COLLETON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN COLLETON COUNTY AS PART OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to give second reading to an Ordinance to Approve Amendment of the Agreement for Development of a Joint County Industrial Park, By and Between Hampton County, South Carolina and Colleton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Industrial/Business Park, so as to Include Additional Property in Colleton County as Part of the Joint County Industrial Park. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Bishop addressed the "Breeze Report" that is published by Council Member Winn. Chairman Bishop clarified that the report starts with the wording that it is the opinion of Council Member Winn. Chairman Bishop read the following:

Mr. Winn's Breeze report: It starts out with it is the opinion of the Council Member Winn. Chairman Bishop read from Page 7 of the Model Rules of Parliamentary Procedure, **Role of the Individual Council Member**

"County council is a policy-making, legislative body. It provides a vision for the county and provides guidelines to county administration regarding how the county is to be run. County council members have authority only when acting together, speaking with one voice, and have no individual authority over county operations"; an individual council member does not speak for county council.

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Chairman Bishop commented that Mr. Winn's Breeze Report stated that the law required two working days for the agenda to be published. He read Model Rule 5, Agenda.

"Every public meeting shall have an agenda. The agenda will be compiled at the direction of the council chair by the clerk to council or such other person as may be designated. The agenda shall be posted, pursuant to Rule 4 and as required by the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act), at least twenty-four hours prior to meetings. A copy of the agenda shall be provided as part of the notice given to any person, organization, or news media requesting notification of county council meetings. The agenda will designate the time and location of the meeting and the type of meeting to be held: council session, committee meeting, public hearing, public comment, workshop or emergency session." Chairman Bishop reported that he and the Clerk to Council have been working to have the agenda posted by 2:00 p. m. on Friday prior to the meeting.

RECESS:

Chairman Bishop, by general consensus, recessed the meeting due to a member of the audience becoming ill. Chairman Bishop reconvened the meeting after EMS took audience member.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

The County Attorney gave updates on the following:

Opioid Update

County Attorney Solomons reported to Council that the class action suit is in state court but there is a federal class action suit. The county received from the federal claim and can opt out. He has contacted the lawyer that is handling the suit on behalf of Hampton County but has not heard from Mr. Parker. County Attorney Solomons commented that he is not a class action suit lawyer and wait to speak with the advocate of the court for the opioid class action.

CLERK'S UPDATE:

Boards and Commissions Update

The Clerk advised council gave an update regarding the boards and commissions.

The council's monthly retreat will be December 9, 2019 from 5:15 p. m. to 7:30 p. m.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Dobson Elliott reported to council that the Hampton County was chosen for the grant for the upgrades for the senior centers in Estill and Hampton. Also, reported that there will be a Bake Sale held by Hampton County employees for Fill the Stocking Campaign (Fill the Stocking is sponsored by Hampton County Department of Social Services) to be held in the B. T. DeLoach Building on December 13, 2019.

E-911 Update

Mr. Chris Altman, Hampton County EMS, and Kathy Bozard, Hampton County E-911, came before council and updated council regarding the recorder at the E-911 system failing over the weekend. They explained that a new

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recorder has been procured by the low bidder who is through state purchasing. The cost of the system is \$32,306.88 and will be moving from 24 channels to 32 channels.

Administrator Dobson-Elliott updated council regarding the Hangar project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

PERSONNEL MATTER AND LEGAL MATTER REGARDING OPIOID LITIGATION:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter and a legal matter regarding opioid litigation. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL MATTER AND LEGAL MATTER REGARDING OPIOID LITIGATION:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Winn to come out of executive session concerning a personnel matter and a legal matter regarding opioid litigation. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Bishop reported that personnel issues were discussed and no action was taken. He stated that Opioid Litigation was discussed.

Opioid Litigation

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Winn, to authorize the Chairman to sign the document regarding the Opioid Litigation. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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