

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JANUARY 22, 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, January 22, 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.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 22, 2019 HAMPTON COUNTY SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:**

Chairman Bishop asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to approve the January 22, 2019 Consent Agenda and Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

**MR. RONALD G. "BREEZE" WINN REGARDING TRANSPARENCY ON THE
WEBSITE:**

Mr. Winn came before council to state that he would like to see more transparency on the county website. He explained that there were too many gray areas not bringing up to par. Council thanked Mr. Winn for his comments.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S DECEMBER 3, 2018 MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Winn to approve the December 3, 2018 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S DECEMBER 17, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the December 17, 2018 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S JANUARY 7, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Council Member Winn, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the January 7, 2019 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION(S)

HAMPTON COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 AUDIT (LOVE, BAILEY AND ASSOCIATES):

Mr. Gary Bailey of Love, Bailey and Associates, LLC came before council and presented the Hampton County Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Audit. Mr. Bailey stated that it was an unmodified opinion which meant it was a clean audit. Council thanked Mr. Bailey.

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

REQUEST TO RECONSIDER THE RESOLUTION INDUCING AND IDENTIFYING A PROPOSED INVESTMENT UNDER THE CODE NAME OF "PROJECT HUCKLEBERRY" AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO:

Mr. Brantley Strickland, Project Manager for Hampton County, Southern Carolina Alliance (SCA), came before council and asked for reconsideration of the resolution for "Project Huckleberry". **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to reconsider the Resolution Inducing and Identifying a Proposed Investment under the Code Name of "Project Huckleberry" and Other Matters Related Thereto. Motion carried with Council Members Bishop, Hollingsworth and Phillips voting in favor and Council Members Williams and Winn voting against.

RESOLUTION INDUCING AND IDENTIFYING A PROPOSED INVESTMENT UNDER THE CODE NAME OF "PROJECT HUCKLEBERRY" AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the

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Resolution Inducing and Identifying a Proposed Investment under the Code Name of "Project Huckleberry" And Other Matters Related Thereto. . Motion carried with Council Members Bishop, Hollingsworth and Phillips voting in favor and Council Members Williams and Winn voting against.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AGREEMENT WITH ALLENDALE COUNTY REGARDING PROJECT CAN-CAN:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the Resolution Amending the Multi-County Industrial Park Agreement with Allendale County Regarding Project Can-Can.

Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained to council that there was not a need to act on the ordinances listed on the agenda since the resolution did not pass. Mr. Brantley Strickland concurred with the Administrator. Motion carried with Council Members Bishop, Hollingsworth and Phillips voting in favor and Council Members Williams and Winn voting against.

ORDINANCE(S)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AMONG ALLENDALE, BAMBERG, BARNWELL AND HAMPTON COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PARK; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (PROJECT HUCKLEBERRY):

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to give first reading to an Ordinance to Amend the Agreement for a Joint County Industrial Park among Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell and Hampton Counties so as to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Park; and other matters related thereto (Project Huckleberry). Council Member Winn stated that he did not feel that he was protesting, because he felt that this would not benefit Hampton County. Motion carried with Council Members Bishop, Hollingsworth and Phillips voting in favor and Council Members Williams and Winn voting against.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A CERTAIN COMPANY AS SPONSOR, AS IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT HUCKLEBERRY, TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES INCENTIVE AND CERTAIN SOURCE REVENUE SOURCE CREDITS, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to give first reading to An Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement By and Between Hampton County, South Carolina and A Certain Company As Sponsor, As Identified for the Time Being as Project Huckleberry, To Provide for a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive and Certain Source Revenue Source Credits, And Other Related Matters. Motion carried with Council Members Bishop, Hollingsworth and Phillips voting in favor and Council Members Williams and Winn voting against.

ORDINANCE FOR THE AMENDMENT TO AMENDED AND RESTATED MASTER AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUAD-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK I, PARK II AND PARK III (WORLD ENERGY ESTILL,

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LLC):

Moved Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give first reading to an Ordinance for the Amendment to Amended and Restated Master Agreement for the Establishment of the Quad-County Industrial Park I, Park II and Park III (World Energy Estill, LLC). Motion carried with Council Members Bishop, Hollingsworth and Phillips voting in favor and Council Members Williams and Winn voting against.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AMENDED AND RESTATED MASTER AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUAD COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK I, PARK II AND PARK III DATED AS OF MAY 6, 2013 BY AND AMONG ALLENDALE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, BAMBERG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARKS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN THAT PORTION OF THE PARKS GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to give first reading to An Ordinance to Amend the Amended and Restated Master Agreement for the Establishment of the Quad-County Industrial Park I, Park II and Park III Dated as of May 6, 2013 by and Among Allendale County, South Carolina, Bamberg County, South Carolina, Barnwell County, South Carolina and Hampton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of Certain Multi-County Industrial Parks, So As to Include Additional Property in that Portion of the Parks Geographically Located in Hampton County, South Carolina, and Other Matters Related Thereto. Council Member Williams explained that he is not voting against projects, but he doesn't vote on anything that he does know about. Mr. Strickland, Project Manager for Hampton County, SCA, commented that he understood about Mr. Williams being a new council member and would be glad to sit down with him to bring him up to speed on the projects. Council Member Williams commented that he just wanted to let everyone know. Motion carried with Council Members Bishop, Hollingsworth and Phillips voting in favor and Council Members Williams and Winn voting against.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)
COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:**

There was no update.

CLERK'S UPDATE:

There was no update.

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ACCEPTANCE OF THE DEED TO THE HANNAH PROPERTY:

County Attorney Solomons requested that council accept the Deed to Hannah Property. He explained that a title examination has been completed; it is three lots located in the Town of Varnville and no strings attached. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to accept the Deed for the Mariam Hannah property. Motion carried with Council Members Bishop, Hollingsworth and Phillips voting in favor and Council Member Winn voting against. Council Member Williams abstained.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- BETA Test Site for New Members – On March 26, 2019, New Elected Officials Course In Emergency Management will be conducted.
- January 28, 2019 – The Town of Hampton will be hosting the Municipal Association meeting at the Hampton Fire Station at 6:00 p. m. Please RSVP to Wayne at 914-2106.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL MATTER (MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE):

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter regarding the Magistrate's Office. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Winn, to come out of executive session concerning the discussion of a personnel matter regarding the Magistrate's Office. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Bishop reported that a personnel matter regarding the Magistrate's office was discussed and no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chair Phillips, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Bishop adjourned the meeting.