

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; MARCH 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, March 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 Darin Williams.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

Chairman Bishop requested the following changes to the agenda, deferral of items 10.1.1 and 10.1.2; he asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to adopt March 18, 2019 Meeting Agenda with the necessary changes and the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(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):**

Chairman Bishop opened the public hearing to receive public comments on the 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). There were no public comments. Chairman Bishop closed the public hearing.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A CERTAIN**

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**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:**

Chairman Bishop opened the public hearing to receive public comments on the 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. There were no public comments. Chairman Bishop closed the public hearing.

**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):**

Chairman Bishop opened the public hearing to receive public comments on the 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). There were no public comments. Chairman Bishop closed the public hearing.

**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:**

Chairman Bishop opened the public hearing to receive public comments on 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. There were no public comments. Chairman Bishop closed the public hearing. There were no public comments. Chairman Bishop closed the public hearing.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

**PRESENTATION TO MR. MARVIN GRIFFIN ON HIS 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY:**

Chairman Bishop along with other council members presented a resolution to Mr. Marvin Griffin recognizing and congratulating him on his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday which was February 19, 2019.

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**MS. PAULA RHODES, REGIONAL EARTH DAY:**

Ms. Paula Rhodes, Regional Earth Day, came before council to share information about a Regional Earth Day which is scheduled for April 22, 2019 in Hampton County. She explained that volunteers from Beaufort and Jasper counties will be participating also.

**MR. BRANTLEY STRICKLAND, PROJECT MANAGER FOR HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE:**

Mr. Brantley Strickland, Project Manager for Hampton County, SouthernCarolina Alliance, came before council and gave the quarterly report of activities regarding the recruitment of industry for Hampton County.

**MS. CHRISTINE JAMES, FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, REGARDING THE 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER FINANCIAL/CPST REPORT:**

Ms. Christine James, Finance/Human Resources Director, came before council to present the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial/CPST Report. (See Attachment #1)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S FEBRUARY 4, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:**

**Moved** by Council Member Winn, seconded by Council Member Williams to approve the February 4, 2019 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes as received. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**MR. QUINCY JONES, COMPANY TWO:**

Mr. Quincy Jones, Company Two, came before council passed out information to council and the Administrator; he presented a proposal to settle the lawsuit. County Attorney advised council not to respond. Council had no response.

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

**HAMPTON COUNTY TAX APPEALS BOARD:**

Council voted by ballot to appoint Thomas M. Tollison and Norris Williams to the Hampton County Tax Appeals Board.

**LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD:**

Council voted by ballot to appoint Darrell Russell Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority Board.

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

**RESOLUTION REGARDING QUAD COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK REGARDING AKPA:**

**Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to adopt the Resolution Regarding Quad County Industrial Park Regarding AKPA. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

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It was deferred.

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It was deferred.

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**Moved** Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to give third 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 unanimously.

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**Moved** Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to give third reading to an Ordinance to Amend the Amended and Restated Master Agreement for the Establishment of

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**PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURES:**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to give first reading to the Model Rules of Parliamentary Procedure for South Carolina Counties Ordinance. Council Member Winn asked if council will go through parliamentary ordinance at the retreat prior to adoption. Chairman Bishop responded that council will. Motion carried unanimously.

**BID(S)**

**TREE CLEARING BID:**

(See Attachment #2)

Administrator Dobson-Elliott presented the tree clearing bid at the airport. She identified the area and explained that the state will reimburse the county for the clearing of these trees as long as the lowest bid is accepted. If the lowest bid is not accepted, then the county will have to pay the difference of the bid accepted and the lowest bid. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to accept the lowest bid of \$58,778 (Fifty eight thousand, seven hundred, seventy eight dollars). Council Member Winn wanted to know what was going to be done with the trees. Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that the sawmills do not take trees from yards. She explained that they will be hauled to the landfill and may grind them and use in the landfill for covering. Council Member Winn asked that the county make sure that they have the signatures from the residents before removing the trees. Administrator Dobson-Elliott commented that this is a part of the process. Motion carried with Council Members Bishop, Hollingsworth, Phillips and Williams voting in favor and Council Member Winn voting against.

Administrator Dobson-Elliott presented the second tree cutting bid. **Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to award the tree cutting bid to Ansley Tree Cutting for the amount of \$12,500 (Twelve thousand, five hundred dollars). Council Member Winn explained that they can be sold for biofuels, etc.

**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)**

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:**

County Attorney Solomons stated that he sent out an e-mail message and only thing that he wants to add to that is that DNR (Department of Natural Resources) would like to appear at the next meeting to explain their position and why they are asking for the closing of part of the Old Orangeburg Road.

**CLERK'S UPDATE:**

There was no update.

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**PRIORITIZATION AND APPROVAL OF HAMPTON COUNTY'S NEEDS ASSESSMENT:**

Council prioritized the six items presented by Administrator Dobson-Elliott from the previous meeting. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Winn, to approve accept the prioritized list:

1. Recreation Complex
2. Yemassee Waste Water Treatment Plant
3. Tower Water Tank – SouthernCarolina Industrial
4. Council on Aging Facility Upgrades
5. Neighborhood Revitalization
6. Community Walking Trail – Varnville

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Personnel Update**

There was no personnel update.

**Budget Calendar**

Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that need to know what days; usually the Mondays when there is not a meeting. Council Member Hollingsworth commented that Tuesday and Wednesday he has classes. Council explained that they will try to have retreats on Saturday since he and Mr. Williams works. Council will meet on Saturday, March 30, 2019 for a retreat.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no executive session matters.

**REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no matters to report out.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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