

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY; JANUARY 21, 2020; 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 Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 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: None. 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:**

Council Member Hollingsworth gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Williams.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 21, 2020 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA  
AND CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the January 21, 2020 county council meeting agenda and consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**REV. KELLEY REGARDING AUDIT:**

Rev. Kelly informed council that he served on boards that dealt with audit and was good to know that county’s audit got an unmodified rating.

**MR. JOHNNY ALLEN REGARDING CONDITION OF ROAD:**

Mr. Allen came before council and commented that their road is still in a mess. He explained that he called three (3) times and has been having trouble for the last ten (10) years with the road. Every time he calls he gets an excuse that the equipment broke and can’t come. He stated that ambulances would have a hard time getting through on the road because of the bushes growing in the road. He reported that it was in the Cummings, Camp Branch area. Mr. Allen provided his

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address to council and the Administrator. Chairman Bishop commented that the matter will be looked into to get some information.

**MR. QUINCY JONES:**

Mr. Jones came before council and reported to council that 10-15 fire departments were called in and Company Two was glad to help at the fire in Brunson. He explained that he has approached the Town of Hampton and the Town of Varnville regarding a mutual aid agreement. He explained that Company 2 would supply equipment at no cost, but the minute the equipment was in use, it would go on the insurance of the entity in which the aid was given. He reported that he will approach the Town of Estill and Yemassee and is making Hampton County the same offer. Mr. Jones reported that Company Two has assisted in the past with the Old Salvation Army fire, the Hampton County Airport Wildfire and the Hampton Elementary fire. He also reminded council that the mediation will be on Friday at 10:00 a. m.; Mr. Jones stated that he hoped that they could work out some agreement to put a stop to this. Mr. Jones commented that if the county and Company Two reached a mutual aid agreement, the minute it would go into service for the county, it would go under Hampton County's insurance, and the county would be able to use the equipment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**January 6, 2020 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:**

Chairman Bishop asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **Moved** by Council Member Winn, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to approve the January 6, 2020 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**January 6, 2020 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:**

Chairman Bishop asked for a motion to approve the minutes. He asked if Vice Chairman Phillips had any corrections. Vice Chairman Phillips explained that the typos were corrected by the Clerk. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the January 6, 2020 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.

**SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE (SCA) QUARTERLY REPORT (MR. BRANTLEY STRICKLAND, HAMPTON COUNTY PROJECT MANAGER, SCA)**

Mr. Brantley Strickland, Hampton County Project Manager, SouthernCarolina Alliance (SCA), came before council to present SCA's Quarterly Report.

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

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**HAMPTON COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER BOARD:**

Council voted by ballot to recommend Christopher Altman and Lee Ellis to the Hampton County Regional Medical Center Board for appointment.

**HAMPTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD:**

Council voted by ballot to appoint Myrtle Sumter and Dawn Winn to the Hampton County Library Board.

**HAMPTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL:**

Council voted by ballot to appoint Georgiana Neldecu to the Hampton County Arts Council.

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE “COUNTY”) AND A COMPANY IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT Z, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES, AND/OR PROJECT SPONSORS (THE “COMPANY”), PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COUNTY SHALL COVENANT TO ACCEPT CERTAIN NEGOTIATED FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES (“FILOT”) WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR EXPANSION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY (THE “PROJECT”); (2) THE BENEFITS OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL OR BUSINESS PARK TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY AND THE PROJECT; (3) CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT; AND, (4) OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO (PROJECT Z):**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to adopt a Resolution Authorizing (1) The Execution and Delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement By and Between Hampton County, South Carolina (The “County”) and a Company Identified for the Time Being as Project Z, Acting for Itself, One or More Affiliates, and/or Other Project Sponsors (The “Company”), Pursuant to Which the County Shall Covenant to Accept Certain Negotiated Fees in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes (“FILOT”) with Respect to the Establishment and/or Expansion of Certain Facilities in the County (The “Project”); (2) The Benefits of a Multi-County Industrial or Business Park to be made Available to the Company and the Project; (3) Certain Special Source Revenue Credits in Connection with the Project; and, (4) Other Matters Relating Thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

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**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MASTER AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUAD-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK I AND PARK II, DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2008, ENTERED 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 (PROJECT Z):**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to give first reading to an Ordinance to Amend the Master Agreement for the Establishment of the Quad-County Industrial Park I and Park II, Dated as of September 12, 2008, Entered 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. Motion carried unanimously. **(Project Z)**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE “COUNTY”) AND A COMPANY IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT Z, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES, AND/OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS (COLLECTIVELY, THE “COMPANY”), PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COUNTY SHALL COVENANT TO ACCEPT CERTAIN NEGOTIATED FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES (“FILOT”) WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR EXPANSION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY (THE “PROJECT”); (2) THE BENEFITS OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL OR BUSINESS PARK TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY AND THE PROJECT; (3) CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT; AND (4) OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO (PROJECT Z):**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to give first reading An Ordinance Authorizing (1) The Execution and Delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement by and between Hampton County, South Carolina (The “County”) and a Company Identified for the Time Being as Project Z, Acting for Itself, One or More Affiliates, and/or Other Project Sponsors (Collectively, the “Company”), Pursuant to which the County Shall Covenant to Accept Certain Negotiated Fees in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes (“FILOT”) with Respect to the Establishment and/or Expansion of Certain Facilities in the County (The “Project”); (2) The Benefits of a Multi-County Industrial or Business Park to be Made Available to the Company and

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the Project; (3) Certain Special Source Revenue Credits in Connection with the Project; and (4) Other Matters Relating Thereto. Motion carried unanimously. **(Project Z)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO PROJECT MAGIC AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (PROJECT MAGIC):**

**Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Williams, to give first reading An Ordinance to Provide for the Sale of Real Property Owned by Hampton County, South Carolina to Project Magic and Other Matters related thereto. Motion carried unanimously. **(Project Magic)**

**BID(S)**

There were no bid(s).

**COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)**

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

Chairman Bishop reported that he wanted to report that there were about 21 people that showed up for the "Come Pray for Yemassee" at Fletcher's Cafe this morning. Chairman Bishop added that those were some of the best tasting doughnuts.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:**

**ACTION ON PROPOSED ORDER FOR THE ROAD ABANDONMENT ON PALACHUCOLA AND EXHIBITS:**

County Attorney Solomons came before council and asked that authority be given him to answer the proposed order from SCDNR (South Carolina Department of Natural Resources) for the road abandonment of portions of Old Orangeburg Road and Treadwell Road. Council Member Winn wanted to know if it would be a permanent closure. County Attorney Solomons replied that it would be better maintained and people would not be there when hunting is going on. He explained that it would not be closed all the time but will be determined by SCDNR. Council Member Winn commented that he did not agree with not having authority to say when access is given. County Attorney Solomons explained that SCDNR will control access to property and road. He reported that the South Carolina Department of Transportation has already consented. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the recommendation as counsel has mentioned. Motion carried unanimously.

**CLERK'S UPDATE:**

The Clerk had no update.

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

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Administrator Dobson Elliott explained that Mrs. Suzanne Peeples would give the update regarding the Active Shooter Training at Wade Hampton High School. Mrs. Peeples reported that there were 435 people that participated. She reported that it was a learning experience for everyone especially when hearing the gun shots. She commented that every municipality participated except the Town of Estill. She announced that the training scheduled for March 12, 2020 will be held at Patrick Henry Academy.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**PERSONNEL MATTER:**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to go into executive session regarding a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**PERSONNEL MATTER:**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to come out of executive session regarding a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Bishop reported that no action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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