

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY; JANUARY 19, 2016; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Roy Hollingsworth, Vice Chairman; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Isaac Smith and Shedron D. Williams, Chairman. Council Member(s) absent: Christopher B. Haulsee. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator and Aline Newton, Clerk to Council. Media present: Hampton County Guardian. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Williams 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 DECEMBER 7, 2015 HAMPTON COUNTY CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda:

- ~~3.1.1—December 7, 2015 County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- ~~3.1.2—January 4, 2016 County Council Meeting Minutes~~

and the January 19, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions, (1) Defer Item # 3.1.1, December 7, 2015 Hampton County Meeting Minutes and (2) Defer Item 3.1.2, January 4, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

**HAMPTON COUNTY NEEDS ASSESSMENT, MS. BARBARA JOHNSON,
AFFORDABLE HOUSING MANAGER, LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENTS:**

Chairman Williams opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding the needs assessment for Hampton County. Ms. Johnson came before council to present information on the Fair Housing. Ms. Johnson read the fair housing statement and discussed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) regarding the Hampton County Needs Assessment. The hearing was held to receive input from the public and council in regards to the needs of the community and county. There were several suggestions given:

- Mr. Charlie Grant, Rosenwald School Restoration/Renovation Project for library/technology center for Gifford Community,
- Ms. Suzanne Peebles and the need for the replacement of road signs in Hampton County to get back in compliance with the state

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- Mr. Chris Altman regarding the state's unfunded mandate. Special projects for expensive monitors and stretchers
- Recreation for the communities

Chairman Williams closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MR. CHARLIE GRANT REGARDING PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING 50TH YEAR INTEGRATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

Mr. Grant came before council to ask council recognize the 50th anniversary of desegregated public schools in Hampton County. He asked that the county adopt a proclamation commemorating this historic event. Mr. Grant informed council that he plans to go to Hampton 1 and 2 School Boards to ask that the school boards also adopt a resolution commemorating this 50th anniversary. Council Member Phillips asked that it be placed on the agenda for the next times. Council Member Smith stated that he felt that it was befitting commemorate the 50th anniversary. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that he felt that council should give this some thought. Council asked Mr. Grant to get with Administrator Dobson-Elliott to get the information.

MR. DANNY BENNETT, CITIZEN, REGARDING RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL:

Mr. Bennett came before council and explained that he at one time was a troubled youth and got into trouble. He stated that back then there was a recreational basketball league in which the teams in Hampton, Estill played each other. He requested that county help to restore this league. He stated that this helped him to stay out of trouble playing in the league. He stated that he would like to see this come back. Council Member Phillips asked that the Administrator look into this. Chairman Williams asked that the Administrator, Mr. Hiers and Mr. Bennett get together to talk. Administrator Dobson-Elliott asked that Mr. Bennett give his contact information to Mr. Hiers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

RECOGNITION OF MS. ROSA ORR FOR YEARS OF SERVICE AS CHIEF DISPATCHER:

Council presented a rocker with a plaque to Mr. Rosa Orr for over 20 years of dedicated service to Hampton County as Chief Dispatcher.

MR. SCOTT ALLEN, FINANCIAL CONSULTANT FOR HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 (HD2) REGARDING HD2 FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Mr. Scott Allen, Financial Consultant for Hampton School District 2 (HD2), came before council to update council regarding HD2's financial condition. Mr. Allen reported that everything is still looking good. (See attachment)

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MR. GREGG BRUNSON, BRUNSON CONSTRUCTION, CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK AND MR. JAY WHITE, LILLIO ARCHITECTS REGARDING UPDATE ON CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX PROJECTS:

Mr. Brunson came before council and gave an update regarding the library. He reported that in a couple of weeks that the steel framing for the library should be going up, the exterior shelling, HVAC ducts put in on the first thirty days, second thirty days, membrane shingles and roof and the concrete is about to get dried in. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that he went by and saw that the brick part was being gutted out. Mr. Brunson reported that the completion date is June 20, 2016. He stated that they have been really fortunate with the weather.

Mr. Jay White reported that they are there about every week and take a look at both projects. He stated that Tommy Shells, Liollo is the Project Manager. He reported that the Health Department is a little behind because of the rain. Completion date is June 2, 2016; it is on an accelerated schedule. He also reported that the invoices come to their office and is reviewed before it is presented to the Hampton County Finance Department for payment.

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

RESOLUTION – REAL PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF YEMASSEE:

Administrator Dobson-Elliott reported that the Town of Yemassee has reviewed and approved the agreement. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, to approve the Resolution – Real Property Lease Agreement with the Town of Yemassee. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AREA:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, to give second reading to Ordinance Amending the Boundaries of the Fire Protection Service Area. Motion carried unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF WATERCRAFT SUBJECT TO PROPERTY TAX IN HAMPTON COUNTY:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to give second reading to an Ordinance to Provide for the Assessment of Watercraft subject to Property Tax in Hampton County, South Carolina and to Establish the Assessment Ratio of the Fair Market Value of Such Watercraft. Motion carried unanimously.

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BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Chairman Williams

Chairman Williams reported that he participated in the MLK Parade and it was a nice crowd. This was the first time that it was held on the Estill side. He would like council to look at the dates of February 19th and 20th for the retreat.

Council Member Smith

Council Member Smith stated that he participated in the MLK Parade and participated in the Prayer Breakfast. Also pray for County Attorney Solomons and his wife.

Council Member Phillips

Council Member Phillips stated that he would like to commend the Administrator or who wrote the article in the Hampton County Guardian. Administrator Elliott stated that it was a collaboration with Chris, Gregg and Jennifer. Administrator Elliott stated that she mentioned it to Representative Bowers and it lit a fire under some people. Mr. Gregg Cook, Fire Chief, stated that Representative Bowers contacted someone in the state insurance office, and they got in touch with ISO and he got a call from ISO late this afternoon and questions were asked.

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth reported that he participated in the MLK Parade with his colleagues.

Chairman Williams

Chairman Williams reported that South Carolina Association of Counties sent communication that Governor Nikki Haley was supporting full funding of the Local Government Funds. Council Member Phillips stated that if counties don't double down on asking legislatures to support the full funding, it won't happen. He is glad that Governor Haley is supporting full funding.

Chairman Williams recognized Councilman Campbell from the Town of Varnville, Officer Smalls and other county officials.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to go into executive session to discuss an economic development matter. Motion carried unanimously.

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REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to report out of executive session regarding an economic development matter. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams reported that council discussed economic development prospects possibly in Hampton County in the Town of Varnville limits. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to give first reading to Project Philips with adding of no finding. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p. m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:
Aline Newton, Clerk to Council

Hampton County Council Members:
Shedron D. Williams, Chairman
Roy Hollingsworth, Vice Chairman
Christopher B. Haulsee
Charles H. Phillips
Isaac Smith