

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; SEPTEMBER 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 Monday, September 19, 2016, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. 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, Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. 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 SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 HAMPTON COUNTY AGENDA AND  
CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to accept with the Consent Agenda:

- 3.1 Consent Agenda
  - 3.1.1 August 3, 2016 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes
  - 3.1.2 August 15, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes

and the September 19, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**THE LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM INVITES CITIZENS TO  
COMMENTS ON ITS DRAFT CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE  
EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER):**

Chairman Williams opened the public hearing to receive public comments from the Lowcountry Regional HOME Consortium invites citizens to comment on its draft Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). Mrs. Barbara Johnson, Lowcountry Council of Governments Representative, explained the CAPER. She asked if there were any comments. There were no comments from the public. Chairman Williams closed the public hearing.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**REPRESENTATIVE BILL BOWERS CAME BEFORE COUNCIL TO INFORM THE PUBLIC THAT HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE SPECIAL TAX COMMITTEE:**

Representative Bowers came before council and informed everyone that he was appointed to a special tax committee. The members represent rural. He explained that they will be meeting next Tuesday. Representative Bowers stated that they will be talking equity in taxation and that is no short task. Representative Bowers informed the citizens that tax reassessments are regulated by state government. Representative Bowers thanked everyone for their time.

**MR. RONALD "BREEZE" WINN CAME BEFORE COUNCIL REGARDING TAXES AND INQUIRY ABOUT HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION:**

Mr. Winn came before council regarding taxes and inquiry regarding him not having his Homestead Exemption anymore. Council asked Administrator Dobson-Elliott to look into the matter.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

There were no presentation(s).

**MR. SCOTT ALLAN, FINANCIAL CONSULTANT, HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2, REGARDING UPDATE FOR HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2:**

Mr. Scott Allen, Financial Consultant, Hampton District 2, Regarding Update for Hampton School District 2, came before council and gave report. He informed council that all was going well.

**CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK AND CAPITAL SALES TAX PROJECT REPORT:**

Administrator Dobson Elliott stated that there was no report tonight; the buildings have been turned over to us. Council Member Haulsee wanted to know when they were going to tear down the old health department. Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that it would be soon. Chairman Williams reminded council and the Administrator that there were certain mechanisms that they discussed previously at workshops, etc. regarding CPST projects that he wanted to make sure that they were adhering to.

**VICE CHAIRMAN HOLLINGSWORTH REGARDING LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:**

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Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that the Law Enforcement Committee (Vice Chairman Hollingsworth and Council Member Smith) met on August 12, 2016 at 9:00 a. m. He stated that they met to discuss the reimbursement of the Sheriff's Department to the county. He stated that Administrator Dobson Elliott researched the matter and all parties agree that the amount to be paid back to the county is \$60,000.00 (Sixty thousand dollars). By acclamation, council accepted the report as information.

**MR. ERNIE WASHINGTON, HAMPTON COUNTY CORONER:**

Mr. Virgin Johnson, Jr. came before council on behalf of the coroner. He stated that he felt that there was some communication problem and there was no disrespect intended but just a disagreement. Mr. Johnson cited several cases in which supported the view of the coroner regarding his vehicle. Mr. Johnson and the Coroner and his family thanked council.

**APPOINTMENT(S)** – No appointment(s) scheduled.

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

There were no resolution(s).

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

There were no appointment(s).

**ORDINANCE(S)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BETWEEN COLLETON COUNTY AND HAMPTON COUNTY TO ADD J&L WIRE, CLOTH, LLC TRACT:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to give second reading to An Ordinance to Amend that Certain Agreement for the Development of a Joint County Industrial Park Between Colleton County and Hampton County to Add J&L Wire, Cloth, LLC Tract. Motion carried unanimously.

**BID(S)**

There were no bid(s).

**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)**

**DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):**

**Council Member Smith**

Council Member Smith stated he received information from the SCA the other day and there are a lot of businesses coming into our region, and he would like to commend Brantley Strickland,

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Project Manager for Hampton County, SCA.

**Vice Chairman Hollingsworth**

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that he will be able to attend the ribbon cutting for the library. He stated that the date of his cousin's wedding has changed.

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

Chairman Williams stated that he hope that all will move forward in county. He stated that he visited the schools; today was the first day for students. He asked that all think about mentoring a student and communicate positively to the youth. Chairman Williams asked why the taxes owed on the businesses had not been published yet. He reminded the Administrator that this was requested by council months ago.

**SEAL ON CORONER'S VEHICLE:**

Chairman Williams stated that council will discuss the seal on Coroner's vehicle. **Motioned** by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Smith, that Hampton County Council approve the issuance of the County Fleet Vehicle for the Hampton County Coroner pursuant to Hampton County Personnel Policy as it relates to the vehicle policy; the 2008 Dodge Durango assigned from the Hampton County Fleet Pool assigned to the coroner shall have state coroner decals applied to the driver's front door and the passenger's front door, and they shall state Hampton County as well. Shall the coroner refuse to comply with county council's directive; the coroner is to return the 2008 Dodge Durango to the county fleet pool within 48 hours. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting in favor and Council Member Williams voting against.

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Four Wheelers Tearing Up Roads**

Administrator Dobson-Elliott reported that four wheelers are tearing up the roads.

**Library Ground Breaking**

Administrator Dobson Elliott stated that the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Hampton County Library is September 10, 2016.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to go into executive session to discuss legal matters and personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to come out of executive session regarding legal matters and personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams reported that legal matters and matters will continue to be researched.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**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