

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; JUNE 5, 2017; 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, June 5, 2017, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Roy Hollingsworth, Chairman; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Vice Chairman; Isaac Smith; Shedron D. Williams and Ronald G. "Breeze" Winn. Council Member(s) absent: None. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council; 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 Hollingsworth 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 JUNE 5, 2017 HAMPTON COUNTY AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to accept the Consent Agenda and the June 5, 2017 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the deletion of Items #4.1 – 4.4, Items 8.11, 10.1.1- 10.1.4 and 12.5. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**THE DANCING SENSATIONS:**

Representatives for the Dancing Sensations, a youth dancing group came before council to request a space at the Recreation Department for the group. They explained that they have outgrown the facility in which they are now using. The young ladies stated that they have contacted the Recreation Department and have been told that the space was not available. Chairman Hollingsworth asked Administrator Dobson-Elliott to please look into the matter. Administrator Dobson-Elliott got the contact information and will report to council and The Dancing Sensations Representatives.

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**REV. CHARLIE GRANT, REGARDING THE CHURCHES AND COMMUNITY  
REQUESTING A MEETING WITH THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION:**

Rev. Grant came before council and stated that his church and church's union and association requested a meeting with the Legislative Delegation on April 18<sup>th</sup> but has not gotten a response. He was requesting the council write a letter of endorsement for the meeting. Chairman Hollingsworth stated that council has requested a meeting and the Legislative Delegation has been unable to meet. Chairman Hollingsworth stated that he will write the letter.

**MR. JARVIS HOLMES REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE POCOTALIGO ROAD  
AND THE HAMPTON COUNTY RECREATION COMPLEX:**

Mr. Holmes came before council to ask about the status of the Pocotaligo Road. Mr. Holmes was given an explanation by Ms. Suzanne Peeples, Emergency Preparedness Director, in that the dam under the road is privately owned and has to be repaired by the owner of the dam before South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) can repair the road. The Pocotaligo Road was damaged by Hurricane Matthew. Mr. Holmes also asked for an update regarding Capital Projects Sales Tax Projects, Recreation Complex. Administrator Dobson Elliott stated that the county is in the process of selecting a location.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MAY 15, 2017 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING MINUTES AND MAY 26, 2017  
HAMPTON COUNTY SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the May 15, 2017 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes and the May 26, 2017 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

**MS. ANNA MCCOLLUM, AIR METHODS CORPORATIONS:**

Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that Ms. Anna McCollum, Air Methods Corporations, could not be present and will reschedule.

**MS. SUZANNE PEEPLES, LONG TERM RECOVERY:**

Ms. Suzanne Peeples, Emergency Preparedness Director, came before council to invite Council to the June 15, 2017 Table Top exercise from 9:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m. Ms. Peeples reported that there were 230 applications from Hampton County for recovery.

**MR. MARTIN WRIGHT, SUPERINTENDENT AND MS. CORINE MILLER, FINANCE  
DIRECTOR, HAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2, REGARDING FISCAL  
YEAR 2017-2018 SCHOOL BUDGET:**

Mr. Martin Wright, Superintendent and Ms. Corine Miller, Finance Director, Hampton County School District 2, came before council and presented the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget for Hampton County School District 2.

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**MR. ALBERT PL WIGGINS, PRESENTATION REGARDING CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG) PROGRAM:**

Mr. Albert P. Wiggins came before council to make presentation regarding Hampton County establishing a Certified Local Government (CLG) Program. Mr. Wiggins brought supporters from towns such as Mayor Wright, Town of Brunson and Mayor Ellis, Town of Furman, etc., museums, The Hampton County Museum and the Old Colored School Museum; the Historical Society, Ms. Betty Ruth Crews, LaClaire Laffitte, Ms. Christine Peeples, etc.

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

There were no appointments.

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

There were no resolutions/proclamations.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

**FIRST READING FOR AIR METHODS LEASE:**

Administrator Dobson-Elliott reported that Hampton County Council had a special meeting on May 26, 2017 to adopt an Emergency Ordinance to lease property to Air Methods Corporations for 180 days, but the Emergency Ordinance is only good for 60 (sixty) days and an ordinance has to be adopted because the need for the property at the airport may be longer than sixty (60) days for Air Methods Corporations to build their permanent building on the Hospital grounds. Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that the Hampton County Airport Commission supported the lease. Mr. Ward of the Hampton County Airport Commission, commented that they were "Happy to have guys come in and help." Mr. Chris Altman, Emergency Services Director, commented that Air Methods Corporations will need temporary housing for about three (3) months. Council Member Williams commented that he saw this as a service and a legal matter. He explained that Council on the recommendation of the Hampton County Airport Commission turned down the Car Show and Race, the Mud Run with the Hampton County Watermelon Festival and Company Two. Council Member Williams reported that the use is a need, but this could be a nasty situation. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to give first reading to the lease for Air Methods Corporations. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting in favor and Council Members Williams and Winn voting against.

**BID(S)**

There were no bid(s).

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**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)**

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

There was no Chairman's update.

**DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):**

**Council Member Smith**

Council Member Smith reported that a couple of weeks ago, he and the Clerk to Council attended the Estill High School Athletic Awards Banquet and presented the certificates to the Estill Lady Gator

Division IA State Champs.

**Vice Chairman Phillips**

Vice Chairman Phillips stated that he had no report.

**Council Member Williams**

Council Member Williams stated that for the last two weeks he has tried to get in touch with the Chair, Council Members and the County Attorney. He explained that professionally he expect a respect as a council member.

**Council Member Winn**

Council Member Winn wanted to know the status of the brass plate that was under the portrait of the B. T. DeLoach in the B. T. DeLoach Building. Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that they had a picture but could not make out the wording. The Clerk to Council reported that she took pictures before moving out of the building and had the wording for the plaque. She will supply the picture and wording to Administrator Dobson-Elliott.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:**

County Attorney Solomons brief of the appellate regarding Coroner.

**CLERK TO COUNCIL'S UPDATE:**

The Clerk to Council informed council that the Council on Aging meeting will be scheduled.

**SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER (COUNCIL MEMBER WINN)**

Council Member Winn stated that it has been three (3) weeks that the Air Conditioner System has been out. Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that four ((4) units were struck by lightning and got two (2) working and dealing with insurance issues. Council Member Winn stated that this needs to be taken care of, and the county can find the money to take care of the units. He reported several other items regarding the sites (See Attachment1) Chairman Hollingsworth commented that the Administrator is aware of what is out there and there is a procedure.

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Personnel Update**

Administrator Dobson-Elliott gave council the report on the personnel update.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**LEGAL, ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AND PERSONNEL MATTERS UPDATE  
AND PERSONNEL MATTER (MAGISTRATE):**

**Moved** by Council Member Smith, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to go into executive session to discuss legal, economic development, personnel matters update and personnel matter (Magistrate). Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**LEGAL, ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AND PERSONNEL MATTERS UPDATE  
AND PERSONNEL MATTER (MAGISTRATE):** **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to come out of executive session regarding legal, economic development and personnel matters update and personnel matter (Magistrate). Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hollingsworth reported that council looked at legal matters and economic development updates, personnel matters update and took personnel matter (Magistrate) for information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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