

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY; FEBRUARY 21, 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 Tuesday, February 21, 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. Chairman Hollingsworth recognized Senator Tim Scott's Representative, Mr. Al Jenkins and elected officials present.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**ADOPTION OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2017 HAMPTON COUNTY AGENDA AND
CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- 3.1.1 November 7, 2017 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 January 17, 2017 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.3 February 6, 2017 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes

and the November 21, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: (1) Defer Items #3.1.1 – 3.1.3, 8.1, 9.1 and 10.2.1. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

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PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were deferred.

PRESENTATION(S)

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), Regarding HD2 Financial Update.

MR. JIM BROWN REGARDING PUBLIC SAFETY CHAPLAINCY FOR HAMPTON COUNTY AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAPLAIN:

Mr. Jim Brown came before council to express his concern for the need of a Public Safety Chaplain for Hampton County. Council thanked Mr. Brown for his presentation.

MR. QUINCY JONES, COMPANY TWO, REGARDING HIS LETTER OF INTENT:

Mr. Quincy Jones came before council and presented a proposal for use of the Hampton County Airport runway. Council thanked Mr. Jones for his presentation.

APPOINTMENT(S)

HAMPTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL:

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Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Nykki Smalls, Annette Tuten and Ron Youmans to the Hampton County Arts. Council.

HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD:

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Louise Hopkins, Stephanie Lewis and Neil Sullivan to the Hampton County Council on Aging Advisory Board.

HAMPTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD:

Council voted by secret ballot to appoint Michael DeVore, Devona Doctor, and Myrtle Sumter to the Hampton County Library Board.

**CONFIRMATION LETTER FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE LOWCOUNTRY
COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY (LCAA) BOARD:**

Mr. A. G. Solomons, Jr. , County Attorney, Hampton County, informed council that he discussed the matter with the Staff Attorney at the South Carolina Association of Counties and also reviewed the bylaws of LCAA. He related to council the findings regarding representation on the LCAA Board for council. Hampton County Council was asked to appoint two representatives from Council. A member of council was also serving as a Community Representative. Mr. Solomons related that it would be more plausible to appoint one representative to represent council instead of having three members of council which would represent a quorum. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to appoint Roy Hollingsworth and Marcella Brown to serve as representatives for Hampton County Council on the Lowcountry Community Action Agency (LCAA) Board. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

There were no resolution(s)/proclamation(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

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PROJECT CURIE:

Mr. Morris, Parker Poe, came before council and informed council that this is an additional solar project that is a community solar project. He stated that it is a 205 million dollar investment. The county will receive a flat fee of \$18,000 for 40 years. **Moved** by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give first reading to Project Curie. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting in favor and Council Member Williams and Winn opposing.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Hollingsworth reported that he attended the 2017 Aviation Conference and learned a lot. He shared with council that the aeronautical chart show that a flight pattern from Savannah, Georgia to Charlotte, North Carolina came directly over Hampton County; there was a great potential to fuel at airport in Hampton. He provided a handout to council regarding the airport.

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

There were no discussion points from council members.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

There was no update. Council Member Williams asked if there was an update regarding the Coroner's issue. County Attorney Solomons informed council that there was none.

CLERK TO COUNCIL'S UPDATE:

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There was no update.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Update Regarding Health Department Generator

Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that she sent a follow up to the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), and she will provide information as soon as she hears from the follow-up.

Sale of Surplus Equipment

Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that the county would like to sell the surplus equipment that no longer in use. Council Member Williams asked if there were any sheriff's equipment.

Administrator Dobson-Elliott informed council that the Sheriff conducts his sale and the funds go back into his budget. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Smith, for the sale of Hampton County's surplus equipment. Motion carried unanimously. She informed council that the items will be listed on the governmental websites for sale.

Update of County Employees

Administrator Dobson-Elliott gave an update on employees on the county:

Eight left (1- Detention, 1-CC, 1-Fire, 1-Dispatch, 1 Clerk of Court, 1 –Tax Collector and short 6 at EMS-Brought in 2 and lost 2). Incoming: (5 (4 grant positions)-Sheriff, 1 Recreation, 1-EMS, 1-Detention and 1-CC).

FEMA Reimbursement

Administrator Dobson-Elliott informed council that all documents were received on debris; the guy that Hampton County had was sent back to Haiti. The Governor did approve the 25% match so the state will pick up the match. Payroll is accurate. The payroll and overtime expenses, Audrey should be able to provide.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Williams, to come out of executive session regarding a legal matter and a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hollingsworth reported that council discussed the matter but no action was taken.

CANCELLATION OF MARCH 6, 2017 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING:

Moved by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Winn to cancel the March 6, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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