

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; SEPTEMBER 28, 2015; 5:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held a special meeting on Monday, September 28, 2015, 5:00 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: There was no media present. 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 Vice Chairman Hollingsworth.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the Consent Agenda:

- ~~3.1.1 June 1, 2015 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes (Deferred)~~
- 3.1.2 July 20, 2015 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.3 July 20, 2015 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.4 August 10, 2015 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes

and the September 28, 2015 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER REGARDING ECOGY BIOFUEL,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER(S) AND CONTRACTUAL
MATTERS:**

Moved by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to go into executive session to discuss economic development matter regarding Ecogy Biofuel, economic Development matter(s) and a contractual matter. Motion carried unanimously.

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REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER REGARDING ECOGY BIOFUEL,
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MATTERS:**

Moved by Council Member Smith, seconded by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, to come out of executive session regarding an economic development matter regarding Ecology Biofuel, economic Development matter(s) and a contractual matter. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams reported that contractual and economic development matters were discussed and additional information will be researched by the County Attorney.

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that he would have Sheriff Smalls come before council concerning a resolution regarding a Mutual Aid Agreement Between the Municipalities in Hampton County and the Hampton County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Smalls came before council and explained the resolution to council regarding an agreement with the municipalities to allow the Sheriff's department to provide mutual aid to the towns/municipalities once permission have been granted by him, the Sheriff. He stated that the agreement spells it out. Sheriff Smalls reported that the Hampton County Sheriff's department along with the municipalities will put their resources together and implement a task force to investigate and narcotics cases. He explained that this is the same agreement that he has with Spartanburg, etc. Sheriff Smalls stated that this agreement has been tried and tested in court. He stated that folks have been taken to court and the provisions of the agreement regarding the arrest have been held up in court. He stated that it has been reviewed by the Solicitor's Office, Duffie Stone, Solicitor, and Stan Thorton, for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit supports the agreement. Sheriff Smalls stated that the Mutual Aid Agreement provides for the special condition, every agency pays their people. He explained that the Task Force will have jurisdiction in all the municipalities. He stated when the task force is in operation, someone from the Sheriff's office will be present. The Task Force will be operating as one unit. Chairman Williams stated that he served on the South Carolina Association of Counties (SCAC) Public Safety, Corrections and Judicial Policy Steering Committee. He stated that he attended a meeting/workshop earlier this month and mutual aid agreements were discussed. He stated that the attorneys at the SCAC recommended that these agreements be adopted by ordinance instead of resolution. Chairman Williams stated that they cited several cases. Sheriff Smalls stated that he has several agreements and cases have been upheld. He stated that sometimes the attorneys at the SCAC try to dictate the law to the Sheriffs. Sheriff Smalls stated that they have dotted all "Is" and crossed all "Ts". He felt assured that the resolution was all that was needed. Council decided to take action on the resolution and as a precaution give first reading to the ordinance. The County Attorney will research the matter. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, to adopt the Resolution Regarding a Mutual Aid Agreement Between the Municipalities in Hampton County and the Hampton County Sheriff's Department and also give first reading by title only to the Ordinance Regarding a Mutual Aid Agreement Between the Municipalities in Hampton County and the Hampton County Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Update Regarding Miley Fire Station Ribbon Cutting

Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Miley Fire Station is scheduled for October 9, 2015 at 6:00 p. m.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Smith, seconded by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p. m.