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## **AGENDA**

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
200 JACKSON AVENUE EAST  
HAMPTON, SC 29924  
JANUARY 5, 2026 @6:00 PM**

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  - 2.1 Invocation**
  - 2.2 Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
  - 3.1 Hampton County Council January 5, 2026 Meeting Agenda**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - 4.1 Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2025 Hampton County Council Meeting**
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT(S) (5 minutes please)**
- 6. APPROVAL(S) OF ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION**
  - 6.1 Hampton County Credit Card Policy Update**
- 7. COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)**
  - 7.1 Chairman's Update**
  - 7.2 County Council Members Liaison Reports**
  - 7.3 County Attorney's Update**
  - 7.4 Clerk's Update-**
- 8. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**
- 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
  - 9.1 Personnel Matter (Evaluations for County Attorney, Clerk to Council and County Administrator)**
  - 9.2 Personnel Matter (Administrator and Finance)**
  - 9.3 Personnel Matter(County Council Discussion)**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

## **\*\*\*NEXT COUNCIL MEETING 1/20/2026\*\*\***

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- (5) Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body.

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## **Decorum Policy for County Council Meetings**

Welcome to a meeting of your Hampton County Council. Council always enjoys seeing our citizens come to see Council at work on the issues which will move Hampton County forward.

No weapons of any type are allowed in this building at any time except by uniformed law enforcement officers on duty. All visitors are invited to stand and participate in the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation done at the start of every Council meeting.

Hampton County Council is a legislative body. For that reason, there are a number of rules in force for people who attend a Council session. As a legislative body, a council meeting is not a conversation with visitors or the public except during designated items on the agenda, such as during a Public Hearing. Rather, a Council meeting is a dialogue between its members regarding issues on the agenda. Visitors are welcomed as quiet observers of a Council meeting. The public may speak or participate only when recognized by the Chairman or by a Council member who has the floor. No smoking is allowed in this building and visitors are expected to remain quiet during council meetings except when properly recognized to speak. All cell phones will be turned off so as not to distract or interrupt the meeting or speakers.

A member of the public may speak during "Public Comments" in the agenda. To speak during "Public Comments" a visitor must first sign the register at the door prior to the start of the meeting. Speakers during "Public Comments" are given five (5) minutes by county ordinance to address the Council with their concerns. However, this time may be extended if questions or comments arise by Council members, the County Administrator or the County Attorney for the speaker. Persons already on the agenda as a speaker or presenter do not have to register.

Upon being recognized, speakers during "Public Comments" shall come forward to the podium and speak from the podium first giving their name and identifying the area of the county in which they reside. Speakers shall not approach the Council beyond the podium unless invited to by the Chairman or Acting Chairman. Speakers with handout materials for council members will give these materials to the Clerk to Council to be distributed to council members prior to speaking. Only one (1) person shall speak at a time and all speakers will come forward to the podium. Interruptions of a speaker by comments from the audience are not permitted. However, Council members, the County Administrator or County Attorney may have questions or comments of a speaker or presenter.

Visitors, speakers or presenters may leave the meeting at any time they wish.

Visitors who abuse this policy by repeatedly interrupting a speaker or presenter or by creating distractions will be asked to leave the meeting.

The County Council thanks you for your interest and attendance at a Council meeting and asks for your compliance with this policy.

## **Addendum to the Existing Decorum Policy for County Council Meetings**

**(Approved May 6, 2024)**

**Public Comment Period:** No public comment period shall extend beyond 30 minutes. However, the Chair reserves the right to adjust the time limitation for individual speakers or the overall time period as necessary for the efficient and effective conduct of business.

1. A speaker may not share or relinquish any remaining time they have not used to another speaker.
2. Speakers are only allowed to speak one (1) time during the public comment period.
3. Speakers who have prepared written remarks or supporting documents are encouraged to leave a copy of such remarks and documents with the Clerk to Council.
4. Speaker substitutions at the meeting are not allowed.
5. Speakers shall refrain from personal attacks and/or threats directed towards elected Council members, County staff, or members of the public.
6. Speakers shall be civil and courteous in their language and presentation. Insults, profanity, use of vulgar language or gestures, or other inappropriate behavior are not allowed.
7. Campaigning for political office shall be disallowed by the Chair.
8. Speakers shall address the Chair with any, and all public comments. Comments, questions, jeering, or other interruptions from the audience are not allowed. Speakers shall likewise not address or respond to members of the audience.
9. During Public Comment (Citizen Recognition) periods, speakers should not expect elected Council members to comment on or respond to their comments directly during the meeting. The Chair, or presiding council member may, however, request the County Administrator's office to follow up with a speaker after the meeting or provide additional information to Council at a later date.
10. 1 I. The Chair, or presiding council member, has the authority to enforce the Rules of the Decorum Policy for County Council Meetings. Failure to obey these Rules may result in the forfeiture of the remaining speaking time.

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## **MINUTES**

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
200 JACKSON AVENUE EAST  
HAMPTON, SC 29924  
DECEMBER 15, 2025 @6:00 PM**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

<i>Roy Hollingsworth, Chairman</i>	<i>(Present)</i>
<i>Darrin Williams, Vice-Chairman</i>	<i>(Present)</i>
<i>Jordan Jinks, Member</i>	<i>(Present)</i>
<i>Dennis Thompson Jr, Member</i>	<i>(Present)</i>
<i>Marvin Love, Member</i>	<i>(Present)</i>
<i>Lavar Youmans, County Administrator</i>	<i>(Present)</i>
<i>Algie Solomons, County Attorney</i>	<i>(Present)</i>
<i>Altresia Orr, Clerk to Council</i>	<i>(Present)</i>

**2. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2.1 Invocation -Councilman Love**

**2.2 Pledge of Allegiance -Councilman Hollingsworth and Audience**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**3.1 Hampton County Council December 15, 2025 Meeting Agenda**  
***Motion to approve agenda made by Councilman Jinks, seconded by Councilman Williams***  
***All in favor, no opposed***

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Meeting Minutes from December 1, 2025 Hampton County Council Meeting**  
***Motion to approve minutes with necessary corrections made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jinks***  
***All in favor, no opposed***

**5. PRESENTATION(S)**

5.1 *Palmetto Electric Utility Award-Presented by Ashley Feaster*

5.2 *Honorary Swearing in of Varnville Elementary Students-Tashara Morgan and Velma Carter-Presented by Director Tashara Morgan*

6. **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

6.1 *Public hearing authorizing the execution and delivery of a special source revenue credit agreement by and between Hampton County, SC and Ironline Metals LLC*  
*Floor opened @6:19 PM, closed @6:20 PM*

6.2 *Public hearing to amend the fiscal year FY2024-2025 Hampton County budget to reflect year end reconciliation and Interdevelopmental adjustments as set forth in the FY 2025 Budget reconciliation Preliminary results*  
*Floor opened @6:20, Floor closed @6:20*

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT(S) (5 minutes please)**

- *Caroline Hughes-Budget and equipment*
- *Jason Brown-Sheriff's Budget and bonuses*
- *Francis Sanders-Dedication*
- *Ervin Ford-Expectations*
- *Josh Dawling-Sheriff support*
- *John Lawson-Fire/EMS update*
- *Charlie Laffitte-Financial Reports*

8. **APPROVAL(S) OF ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION**

8.1 *Recommendation from Economic Development Commission for new Board Members*

- *Charlie Copeland-Business Owner and resident of Estill*
- *Libby Holloway-Yemassee Resident and small business owner*
- *Pamela Smith-Director of Hampton County Detention Center a Varnville resident*

**\*\*Council voted unanimously for all three candidates\*\***

8.2 *Hampton County Credit Card Policy Update*  
*Motion to table made by Councilman Love, motion died, no second*  
*Motion to approve with further review made by Councilman Jinks, Seconded by Councilman Thompson with obtaining a prepaid card*

*Discussion-Councilman Love wanted to be clear that council is asking the administrator to take another look*

**9. ORDINANCE(S)**

**9.1 THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE(S)**

*(a) Third ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a special source revenue credit agreement by and between Hampton County, SC and Ironline Metals, LLC. With respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will receive special revenue credits; and other matters related thereto*

*Motion to approve third reading made by Councilman Jinks, seconded by Councilman Williams*

*All in favor, no opposed*

*(b) Third Ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Hampton County Budget to reflect Year-End Reconciliation and Interdepartmental Adjustments, as set forth in the attached FY2025 Budget Reconciliation Preliminary Results*

*Motion to approve third reading made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Jinks*

*Councilman's Hollingsworth, Williams, Jinks and Thompson all in favor, Councilman Love opposed*

**9.2 SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE(S)**

**9.3 FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE(S)**

**10. COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)**

**10.1 Chairman's Update-**

*Councilman Hollingsworth-No Comment*

**10.2 County Council Members Liaison Reports or Update**

*Councilman Love-No Comment*

*Councilman Thompson-Wished the County a Merry Christmas*

*Councilman Williams-No Comment*

*Councilman Jinks-Proclamation for football team and fish fry*

**10.3 County Attorney's Update-No Comment**

**10.4 Clerk's Update- No Comment**

**11. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*Administrator Youmans-*

*\*Acknowledgement to the committee of the Awards Ceremony*

- *Altresia Orr*
- *Susanne Peeples*

- *Velma Carter*
- *Tashara Morgan*
- *Anna Fields*
- *Jvondra Creech*
- *Ladeania Gordon*

*\*Close out of CPST Audit on the way*

*\*2025 Audit is complete -3million dollar deficit erased in two years,  
positive balance in the county 1.6 million*

*Motion to go into executive session made by Councilman Williams,  
seconded by Councilman Jinks*

*All in favor, no opposed*

*Executive session started at 7:30 PM*

*Motion to get out of executive session made by Councilman Thompson,  
seconded by Councilman Jinks*

*All in favor, no opposed*

*Executive Session ended at 7:44 PM*

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*12.1 Personnel Matter (Information purposes only from the  
Administrator)-No Action taken*

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Jinks, seconded by  
Councilman Thompson*

*All in favor, no opposed*

*Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM*

**\*\*\*NEXT COUNCIL MEETING 1/05/2026\*\*\***

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***COUNCIL CHAIR***

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***COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR***

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***CLERK TO COUNCIL***