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AGENDA

HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

200 JACKSON AVENUE EAST

HAMPTON, SC 29924

FEBRUARY 17, 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 February 17, 2026 Meeting Agenda
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 4.1 Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2026 Hampton County Council Meeting
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT(S) (5 minutes)**
- 6. APPROVAL(S) OF ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION**
 - 6.1 Three-year Reappointment of Councilman Jinks to SCA Board of Directors
- 7. PRESENTATIONS**
 - 7.1 Low Country Council of Governments-Hank Amundson
 - 7.2 2026 Community Development Block Grant-Felicia Knopf
 - 7.3 Hampton County Fire Chief-Chris Parker
- 8. RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)**
 - 8.1 Proclamation-Arts Advocacy Week
- 9. ORDINANCE(S)**
 - 9.1 **THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE(S)**
 - (a)NONE
 - 9.2 **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE(S)**
 - (a)NONE

9.3 FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE(S)

(a) First reading of an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development for joint County industrial park to include additional property in the park

10. COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)

10.1 Chairman's Update

10.2 County Council Members Liaison Reports

10.3 County Attorney's Update

10.4 Clerk's Update-

11. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

11.1 Operations and Outcomes

11.2 Finance Report

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

12.1 Economic Development/Contract Negotiations - Estill Industrial Park land purchase request (**Project Code Name: TBD**)

12.2 Personnel / Legal Matter - Matter raised by an individual (**Administrator will present**)

12.3 Personnel Matter (**Evaluations** for County Administrator, County Attorney and Clerk to Council

13. ADJOURNMENT

*****NEXT COUNCIL MEETING 3/2/2026*****

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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. I 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
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200 JACKSON AVENUE EAST
HAMPTON, SC 29924
JANUARY 20, 2026 @6:00 PM

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER @ 5:58 pm**
Roll Call

<i>Roy Hollingsworth, Chairman</i>	<i>(Present)</i>
<i>Darin Williams, Vice Chairman</i>	<i>(Present)</i>
<i>Jordan JJ 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 Solomon, County Attorney</i>	<i>(Absent)</i>
<i>Altresis Orr, Clerk to Council</i>	<i>(Present)</i>
2. **INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - 2.1 *Invocation -Councilman Jinks*
 - 2.2 *Pledge of Allegiance -Councilman Williams*
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
 - 3.1 *Hampton County Council January 20, 2026 Meeting Agenda*
Motion to approve made by Councilman Williams, seconded by
Councilman Jinks
All in favor, no opposed
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 4.1 *Meeting Minutes from January 5, 2026 Hampton County Council*
Meeting
Motion to approve made by Councilman Thompson, seconded
by Councilman Williams
All in favor, no opposed
5. **PRESENTATIONS (10 Minutes)**

- 5.1 2025 Annual Audit Report-David Erwin from Mauldin & Jenkins
- 5.2 The State of the Public Defender's Office-
Stephanie Smart-Gittings-deferred for a future unknown date
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT(S) (5 minutes)-None**
7. **APPROVAL(S) OF ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION**
- 7.1 Hampton County Credit Card Policy Update
Motion to approve Councilman Jinks, seconded by Councilman Williams
All in favor, no opposed
8. **COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)**
- 8.1 Chairman's Update-No Update
- 8.2 County Council Members Liaison Reports
Councilman Love-
***Detention Center**-Director Smith still recuperating is out for another three weeks and Capt Frazier is doing a great job
***Recreation Center**-season started January 17th and commended the Administrator for assisting and allowing Glenn to do the floor and light bulb still needed for the clock
***Sheriff Department**-commended the Sheriff for his press release and letting the public know he's involved with what's happening,
-He's working with the Sheriff Dept to implement programs for the Rec Center
-Thanked Davita and the Captain for investigations, the three deputies(Brown, Myers and Deloach) that were injured in the line of duty for being courageous -
Councilman Thompson-
Attended Hampton County Economic Development Commission meeting with their 2026 plans, brought in three new members and one was Director Smith who's still recovering from surgery, waiting on the new director to get on board, Mr. Hamilton
***Spoke about getting the students involved with redeveloping the motto and flag**
***SCDOT clearing site on 363 for equipment to be stored**
Councilman Williams-No Comment
Councilman Jinks-
Replacing street signs(Administrator-looking at repairing the current system to print signs-spoke with Mr. Samples to see how they're moving forward)

*Library parking lot
Scraping dirt road
Administration Building Clean up-no plans yet per Administrator*

*Councilman Love asked if he could go back-
Wanted to make a statement to the Council Members
He thanked the Administrator for checking on the deputies
When he asked them to come forward, he thought they would be acknowledged
by all of council. He didn't hear one council member.....
Councilman Hollingsworth let him know his statement was finished
Councilman Love stated Point of Order
Councilman Hollingsworth said no sir, we've heard enough*

*Councilman Hollingsworth made a motion to go into executive session,
seconded by Councilman Jinks
Discussion-Councilman Love-that was planned and he heard it before he
sat down, God Bless You
All in favor but Councilman Love (he didn't oppose or abstain)
Councilman Love didn't stay for executive session and didn't return to the
rest of the meeting
Executive session A started at 6:37 PM*

*Motion to get out of executive made by Councilman Jinks, seconded by
Councilman Thompson
All in favor, no opposed
Executive session A ended at 6:44*

Outcome-

There's a decorum for meetings-citizens as well as Council Members

- 1. no councilman will use his position for political gain***
- 2. you don't belittle anyone***
- 3. we will not allow anyone to come in and hijack council meetings***

8.3 County Attorney's Update-Memo sent by email to council members

8.4 Clerk's Update- No Comment

9. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

9.1 Finance Update-Finance Director-

**CFO Mike Savino gave update*

**Administrator Youmans made the statement we're gearing up to partner up with the tax collector, treasurer, auditor and Assessor for a town hall*

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

All in favor, no opposed

Executive session B started at 7:04 PM

Motion to get out of Executive session made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Thompson

All in favor, no opposed

Executive Session B ended at 7:37 PM

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.1 Personnel Matter- Discussion (Clerk to Council)

Clerk to Council will be working one Saturday out of each month and being off one day out of the week-request of the clerk to council

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

All in favor, no opposed

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM

*****NEXT COUNCIL MEETING 2/2/2026*****

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Council Chair

County Administrator

Clerk to Council

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT
)	FOR THE DEVELOPMENT FOR JOINT COUNTY
COUNTY OF HAMPTON)	INDUSTRIAL PARK TO INCLUDE
)	ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN THE PARK
)	
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WHEREAS, Colleton County, South Carolina ("Colleton County"), and Hampton County, South Carolina ("Hampton County") (collectively, the "Counties" and each a "County"), as authorized under Article VIII, Section 13(D) of the South Carolina Constitution and Chapter 1, Title 4 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended ("Act"), entered into an "Agreement for the Development of Joint Industrial Park" dated December 11, 2007 ("Park Agreement");

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3(A) of the Park Agreement, the boundaries of the park created as a result of the Park Agreement ("Park") may be enlarged pursuant to ordinances of the County Councils of Colleton County and Hampton County;

WHEREAS, in connection with certain incentives being offered by Colleton, it is now desired that Exhibit A to the Park Agreement be amended so as to enlarge the boundaries of the Park to include additional parcels located in Colleton County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL:

Section 1. Expansion of Park Boundaries. There is hereby authorized an expansion of the Park boundaries to include the additional parcels listed in Exhibit A attached hereto. The County Council Chair, or the Vice Chair in the event the Chair is absent, the County Administrator and the Clerk to the County Council are hereby authorized to execute such documents and take such further actions as may be necessary to complete the expansion of the Park boundaries. Pursuant to the terms of the Park Agreement, the expansion is complete on the passage of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Savings Clause. If any portion of this Ordinance is deemed unlawful, unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity and binding effect of the remaining portions are not affected thereby.

Section 3. General Repealer. Any prior Ordinance, the terms of which are in conflict herewith, is, only to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 4. Effectiveness. This Ordinance is effective after its adoption by the Hampton County Council.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025

HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____
Chair
Hampton County Council

[SEAL]

Clerk to Council

EXHIBIT A
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

All or a portion of that parcel of real property, with improvements thereon, located in Colleton County, South Carolina, consisting of approximately 45.9 acres, identified by tax number 061 - 00-00-053.