

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY; JANUARY 19, 2021; 6:00 P. M.  
T. G. AND AILIE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER  
103 LEE AVENUE, HAMPTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Hampton County Council held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 6:00 p. m. Council Member(s) present: Charles H. “Buddy” Phillips, Chairman; Darin Williams, Vice Chairman; Roy Hollingsworth, Clay Bishop, and Noah O. Alexander. Council Member(s) absent: None. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator, Aline Newton, Clerk to Council, A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Staff absent: None. Wilson Holland, Hampton County IT Director was present. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Phillips called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION:**

Council Member Hollingsworth gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Alexander.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 21, 2021 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:**

Chairman Phillips asked for approval of the consent agenda (3.1) and the agenda (3.2). Vice Chairman Williams asked for council to strike Item 9.1 until further discussion at a retreat. Council Member Hollingsworth wanted to know why he wanted Item 9.1 removed. Vice Chairman Williams explained that he wanted it removed to further discuss, but council already have a standing committee already, and he felt that you don’t have to create another one. Also, he said that council did not come up with the selection of persons to serve. Council Member Hollingsworth explained that the Hampton County veterans served their county and falls in line to create or establish a veteran’s memorial park. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Williams to delete Item 9.1; there was no second. The motion died for the lack of a second. Administrator Dobson Elliott stated that Mr. Danny Black, SCA, has requested that 7.2 be on the next agenda; 7.2 be deleted. **Moved** by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to eliminate Item 7.2. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to adopt the January 21, 2021 county council consent agenda and meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There was no public hearing(s).

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**JANUARY 4, 2021 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:**

**Moved** by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the January 4, 2021 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Council Member Alexander asked if the vote count for the election of officers for the January 4, 2021 meeting could be included. Council Member Hollingsworth said he needed changes on page 1 of 3 under Adoption of Agenda to remove the word “virtual” and to change the spelling of his daughter’s name from “Alana” to “Alanna.” Council Member Hollingsworth commented that he had one more correction. On page 3 of 3, it read, “Moved by Vice Chairman Williams, seconded by Council Member Alexander, to table the matter until the second meeting. Motion carried with Council Members Alexander, Hollingsworth and Williams voting in favor, and Council Member Bishop voting against.” He commented that the minutes reflected that it was a 3 to 1 vote. Council Member Hollingsworth wanted to asked Chairman Phillips if he voted. Chairman Phillips reported that he did not vote; it was a three to one vote. Because it was not a tie, he did not have to vote to break a tie. Council Member Hollingsworth commented that the Hampton County Guardian was incorrect; Council Member Hollingsworth informed council that the paper said that the vote was 4 to 1. He wanted to know who provided them with the incorrect information. Chairman Phillips said that Council Member Hollingsworth wanted to know how the paper reported something that did not actually happen at the meeting. Council responded that they did not know. Council Member Bishop stated that he would **retract** his original motion and **move** to approve the minutes with the corrections; it was seconded by Council Member Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

**PRESENTATION TO RETIREES PATRICIA BROOKS STEVENS, E-911 DISPATCHER, AND JOHN STANLEY, DIRECTOR, SOLID WASTE:**

Chairman Phillips recognized Patricia Brooks Stevens, E-911 and John Stanley, Director, Solid Waste. Administrator Dobson Elliott and Mr. Chris Altman, Director, Emergency Services, recognized retiree, Ms. Patricia Brooks Stevens, for her 28 years of service as an E-911 Dispatcher. Administrator Dobson Elliott recognized retiree, Mr. John Stanley, for his 26 years and 2 months years of service as Solid Waste Director.

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

There were no appointment(s).

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

**R2021-001, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TASK FORCE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (SPECIAL PROJECTS):**

**Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Alexander, to approve Resolution R2021-001, A Resolution to Approve the Task Force Committee Appointments (Special Projects). Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

**CONSIDERATION TO RECALL MOTION REGARDING 2020-013, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MASTER QUAD COUNTY MULTI-COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT TO REFLECT A NEW DISTRUBUTION OF ALL FEE PAYMENTS FOR FUTURE PARK MEMBER DEVELOPMENT IN HAMPTON COUNTY, WHEREAS HAMPTON COUNTY WOULD EARMARK A PORTION OF FUTURE FEE PAYMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC ITEMS: 20% - PROPERTY TAX RELIEF, 15% - ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECONOMIC DEVLOPMENT FUND, 3% - INDUSTRIAL PARK MAINTENANCE AND 2% - COUNTY RECREATION:**

Chairman Phillips asked if there was a motion regarding Consideration to Recall Motion Regarding Ordinance 2020-013, An Ordinance to Amend the Master Quad County Multi-County Park Agreement to Reflect a New Distribution of Fee Payments for Future Park Member Development in Hampton County, Whereas Hampton County Would Earmark a Portion of Future Fee Payments for the Following Specific Items: 20% - Property Tax Relief, 15% - Establishment of an Economic Development Fund, 3% - Industrial Park Maintenance and 2% - County Recreation. **Moved** by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Council Member Williams, to recall Ordinance 2020-013 from the table and to add to the next county council meeting agenda as a fully written ordinance with noted changes that were made at the previous county council retreat. Motion carried unanimously.

**FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY TO 2021-002, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY AND AN ENTITY IDENTIFIED BY THE COUNTY AS PROJECT VITTORIO II AND ITS AFFILIATES AND RELATED ENTITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES INCENTIVE AND CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO. (PROJECT VITTORIO II):**

**Moved** by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to give first reading by title only to Ordinance 2021-002, An Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, The Execution and Delivery of an Amended and Restated Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, By and Between

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Hampton County and An Entity Identified by the County as Project Vittorio II and Its Affiliates and Related Entities, to Provide for a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Incentive and Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; and Other Matters Related Thereto. (Project Vittorio II). Motion carried with Council Member Alexander abstaining, because he did not have enough information except what he had before him.

**BID(S)**

There were no bid(s).

**COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)**

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

Chairman Phillips stated that he had no update.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:**

County Attorney Solomons stated that he had no update. He just wanted to confirm that council received the email regarding CSX litigation memo. He commented that if anyone had any questions, they could contact him.

**CLERK'S UPDATE:**

The Clerk had no update.

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Administrator Dobson Elliott commented that she had nothing to add except for her report that went out to council. She informed council that if you want to see something, go out to the airport; they are pouring the concrete.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTER (COMPENSATION)  
AND LEGAL MATTER (HAMPTON COUNTY):**

**Moved** by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Council Member Alexander, to go into executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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**(COMPENSATION) AND LEGAL MATTER (HAMPTON COUNTY):**

**Moved** by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Council Member Williams, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Phillips reported that council discussed a personnel matter regarding compensation and a legal matter regarding Hampton County; no action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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