

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; MAY 3, 2021; 6:00 P. M.  
HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Hampton County Council held a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 3, 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 Bishop.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF THE MAY 3, 2021 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
AGENDA:**

Chairman Phillips asked to strike Item 10.2, Second Reading of Ordinance(s) from the agenda and for approval of the May 3, 2021 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Council Member Williams, to accept the May 3, 2021 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with changes needed. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (LCOG) CLOSE OUT PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2019 PLANNING GRANT – A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW PROGRAM PERFORMANCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONDUCTED UNDER A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT KNOWN AS THE 2019 REGIONAL PLANNING GRANT, CDBG #4-RP-19-010, WHEREIN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES: THE ACTIVITIES WERE DESIGNED TO ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN DEVELOPING PLAND AND BUILDING PROJECT PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT CAPACITY BY IMPLEMENTING THE ACTIVITIES, STAFF WILL BE ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY DETERMINE COMMUNITY NEEDS, LONG-TERM AND SHORT-TERM OBJECTIVES, AND DEVELOP PLANS FOR CARRYING OUT EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS**

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**COMMUNITY NEEDS:**

Chairman Phillips opened the Lowcountry Council of Governments (LCOG) Close Out Public Hearing for the 2019 Planning Grant - A public hearing to review program performance and accomplishments conducted under a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project known as the 2019 Regional Planning Grant, CDBG #4-RP-19-010, wherein the following activities: The activities were designed to assist local governments in developing plans and building project planning and management capacity. By implementing the activities, staff will be able to effectively determine community needs, long-term goals and short-term objectives, and develop plans for carrying out effective strategies to address community needs. Ms. Michelle Knight, LCOG Community and Economic Development Director, came before council to comment on the activities regarding the 2019 close out public hearing. Chairman Phillips closed the public hearing.

**LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (LCOG) APPLICATION PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2020 PLANNING GRANT – A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN APPLICATION JOINTLY WITH COLLETON, BEAUFORT AND JASPER COUNTIES TO BE SUBMITTED TO SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAMS ON OR ABOUT MAY 06, 2021, FOR A COMMUNITY BLOCK DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT. HAMPTON COUNTY IS REQUESTING \$50,000 TO CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES: THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY OF CDBG ADMINISTRATORS TO EFFECTIVELY DETERMINE COMMUNITY NEEDS, SET LONG-TERM AND SHORT TERM OBJECTIVES, AND DEVELOP PLANS FOR CARRYING OUT EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS PRIORITY NEEDS. THE GRANT WILL BE USED TO PROVIDE DDBG PLANNING, CAPACITY BUILDING, PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. THE FUNDS WILL ONLY BE USED IN THE STATE CDBG PROGRAM ELIGIBLE (NON-ENTITLEMENT) COMMUNITIES. THE TYPE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED WILL ADDRESS AN ARRAY OF HOUSING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. THIS PUBLIC HEARING AND THE MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED ARE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY’S CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN, DEVELOPED IN ANTICIPATION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA’S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, PROVIDING FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITIZENS OF HAMPTON COUNTY IN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WHICH WILL INVOLVE CDBG FUNDS:**

Chairman Phillips opened the Lowcountry Council of Governments (LCOG) Application Public Hearing for the 2020 Planning Grant – A public hearing concerning an application jointly with Colleton, Beaufort and Jasper Counties to be submitted to South Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Grant Programs on or about May 06, 2021, for a Community Block Development Block Grant. Hampton County is requesting \$50,000 to carry out the following activities: The program is designed to develop the capacity of CDBG Administrators to effectively determine community needs, set long-term goals and short-term

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objectives and develop plans for carrying out effective strategies to address priority needs. The grant will be used to provide CDBG planning, capacity building, project development and technical assistance to local governments. The funds will only be used in the state CDBG program eligible (non-entitlement) communities. The type of services to be provided will address an array of housing, community development and economic development needs. This public hearing and the matters to be discussed are subject to the provisions of the County's Citizen Participation Plan, developed in anticipation of participation in the State of South Carolina's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, providing for the participation of the citizens of Hampton County in the planning and implementation of community and economic development projects which will involve CDBG funds. Ms. Michelle Knight, LCOG Community and Economic Development Director, came before council to comment on the activities regarding the 2019 close out public hearing. Chairman Phillips closed the public hearing.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**APRIL 19, 2021 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:**

**Moved** by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve as presented the April 19, 2021 Hampton County Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

There were no presentation(s).

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

There were no appointment(s).

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

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

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**ORDINANCE(S)**

There were no ordinance(s).

**BID(S)**

There were no bid(s).

**COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)**

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

Chairman Phillips had no update.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:**

County Attorney Solomons had no update.

**CLERK'S UPDATE:**

The Clerk had no update.

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Action on Contract to Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc. for the Recreation Facilities Master Plan**

Administrator Dobson Elliott commented that this was put back on the agenda; Alliance Engineering, Inc. to do a survey for the county. Administrator Dobson Elliott explained that everyone should have a copy, and this is for countywide recreational master plan. Administrator Dobson Elliott commented that she anything done was over ten (10) years ago. Alliance has done a plan for other counties. She asked that the amount not exceed \$60,000 (Sixty thousand dollars). Council Member Hollingsworth asked if there was a previous plan. Administrator Dobson Elliot explained that this is the same one presented back in March. Council Member Bishop commented reiterated his support from the last time in regards to helping secure additional funding for recreation. Council Member Alexander asked if it is no more than \$60,000. Administrator Dobson Elliott affirmed. **Moved** by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the plan at the maximum amount of \$60,000 and authorize the Administrator to sign it. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Bishop asked if Council Member Hollingsworth could give an update on the event at the airport this weekend.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS REGARDING  
PROJECTS GLADIATOR, MAPLE, TF, WADE AND SAFARI  
(SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE):**

**Moved** by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Council Member Alexander, to go into executive session to discuss economic development matters regarding Project Gladiator, Project Maple, Project TF, Project Wade and Project Safari. Motion carried

**REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS REGARDING  
PROJECTS GLADIATOR, MAPLE, TF, WADE AND SAFARI  
(SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE):**

**Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Bishop, to come out of executive session concerning economic development matters regarding Project Gladiator, Project Maple, Project TF, Project Wade and Project Safari. Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

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