

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MAY 17, 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 17, 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. Robert Chasse, Hampton County IT 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 Bishop gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Hollingsworth.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**ADOPTION OF THE MAY 17, 2021 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA:**

Chairman Phillips asked for action on Item # 3.1, the May 17, 2021 agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to strike Item #10.2.1, Second Reading to Ordinance 2021-005, Hampton County 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget, from the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. County Administrator Dobson Elliott asked for clarification if that meant that approval of the agenda also. Chairman Phillips along with Council Members Alexander and Williams confirmed that it did; the item was just removed.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MAY 3, 2021 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AND MAY 10, 2021 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Phillips asked for approval of the minutes for May 3, 2021 and May 10, 2021.

Moved by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve Items # 6.1 and 6.2 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION(S)

There were no presentation(s).

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

R2021-007, A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE 2020 LOWCOUNTRY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:

Chairman Phillips read the title, R2021-007, A Resolution of the Hampton County Council Adopting the 2020 Lowcountry Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Ms. Suzanne Peeples, Emergency Management Director, explained to council that every five years since 2005, the county has adopted the natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. She commented that the counties are Hampton, Jasper, Colleton and Beaufort County came in this year. This plan does everything what we have to do to include in it; for example, if the county wanted to go after some lighting projects at I-95 or maybe something with water or something with the water system needs to be handled, all this has to be put in here, the plan, for the county to reach out for mitigation monies that will come available. This is what this does and it was time to update; it was actually due in November, but because of COVID and everything LCOG (Lowcountry Council of Governments) (LCOG) got put behind with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency); this is why we're trying to get it done. Ms. Peeples expressed that every municipality will sign off on the plan as well. Chairman Phillips thanked Ms. Peeples and asked council if there were any questions? Council Member Hollingsworth wanted to know if in the past, have we had any problems with getting any of the municipalities to sign off? Ms. Peeples responded that we have not. Chairman Phillips informed council that they had heard the explanation of R2021-007, Lowcountry Hazard Mitigation Plan, and wanted to know what council's pleasure was. **Moved** by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to adopt R2021-007. Motion carried unanimously.

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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. Chairman Phillips asked Council Member Hollingsworth to give an update on a meeting that he, Council Member Hollingsworth and Administrator Dobson Elliott attended. Council Member Hollingsworth reported that they attended a meeting with a group called SCORE; it is a volunteer organization that provides mentoring to small businesses in Jasper, Beaufort, Colleton and Hampton Counties. He passed out the information provided by SCORE. Chairman Phillips added that they are retired executives who wanted to something to help. Council Member Hollingsworth commented that they will be coming before council to make a presentation. Chairman Phillips thanked Council Member Hollingsworth.

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:

County Administrator Dobson Elliott had no report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no matter(s).

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REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no matter(s).

ADJOURNMENT

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