

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; MAY 22, 2023; 6:00 PM  
HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Hampton County Council held a special meeting on Monday, May 22, 2023, 6:00 p. m. Council Member(s) present: Noah O. Alexander, Chairman; Darin Williams, Vice Chairman; Roy Hollingsworth and Camille M. Welch. Council Member(s) absent: Jordan J. “JJ” Jinks. Staff present: Heather Simmons Jones, Interim County Administrator and Aline Newton, Clerk to Council. . Staff absent: A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Wilson Holland, Hampton County IT was present. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:11 p. m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION:**

Vice Chairman Williams gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Welch.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF THE MAY 22, 2023 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA:**

Chairman Alexander asked for the approval of the agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Welch, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to accept the Hampton County May 22, 2023 Special Meeting agenda with amendment of adding executive session regarding a personnel matter with the Sheriff’s Department. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

**SECOND READING TO HAMPTON COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET ORDINANCE:**

Chairman Alexander reported that he reviewed the ordinance and wanted revisions in Section 10 and Section 8. He explained that in the County’s financial state, it would be dire to give one person so much control; the missing money situation. Council Member Welch agreed. **Moved** by Chairman Alexander, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to include the correction of verbiage prior to the final approval of the Hampton County Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance. (See Attachment)

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**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)**

**FUNDING PROPOSAL FOR RECODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES:**

The Clerk to Council informed Council that the recodification of ordinances could be funded using ARPA Funds or dedication of funds in the Contingency Funds.

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Moved** by Council Member Welch, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to approve upgrading the Finance Software Suite and use ARPA funds to pay for it. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**PERSONNEL MATTER REGARDING HAMPTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Williams, seconded by Council Member Welch, to enter into executive session concerning a personnel matter regarding the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**PERSONNEL MATTER REGARDING HAMPTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:**

**Moved** by Council Member Welch, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to come out of executive session concerning a personnel matter regarding the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Alexander reported that a personnel matter was discussed in the Sheriff's Department; no action was taken.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

**SECOND READING TO HAMPTON COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET  
ORDINANCE:**

**Moved** by Chairman Alexander, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to give second reading to Hampton County Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Williams, seconded by Council Member Welch, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Alexander adjourned the meeting.