

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JUNE 7, 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, June 7, 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 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 JUNE 7, 2021 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA:**

Chairman Phillips asked for action on Item # 3.1, the June 7, 2021 agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to approve Item # 3.1 with the inclusion of 12.3, Project Maple, to be added to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION AND REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

The Hampton County Legislative Delegation members were not present. Chairman Phillips stated that council will postpone Items # 5 and 6 until they arrive.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 17, 2021 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Phillips asked for approval of the minutes for May 17, 2021. **Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Bishop, to approve the May 17, 2021 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT(S)

LOWCOUNTRY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY BOARD:

Council voted by ballot to appoint Council Members Roy Hollingsworth and Charles H. “Buddy” Phillips to the Lowcountry Community Action Agency.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION REGARDING LEGAL MATTER:

The Hampton County Legislative Delegation (Senator Brad Hutto, Senator Margie Bright Matthews and Representative Shedron Williams) was present. Chairman Phillips asked for a motion to go into executive session with the Legislative Delegation regarding a legal matter. **Moved** by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Council Member Alexander, to go into executive session with the Hampton County Legislative Delegation regarding a legal matter. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION REGARDING LEGAL MATTER:

Chairman Phillips asked for a motion to come out of executive session with the Legislative Delegation regarding a legal matter. **Moved** by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to come out of executive session with the Hampton County Legislative Delegation regarding a legal matter. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Phillips reported that council discussed a legal matter with the Legislative Delegation regarding the schools and how to handle with the state treasury regarding how the money flows and how it is dispersed.

PRESENTATION(S)

LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION UPDATE (HAMPTON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE

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DELEGATION):

The Legislative Delegation explained that they would not need open session. There was no presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER (MR. BRANTLEY STRICKLAND, SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER, SCA) REGARDING PROJECT LIGHT, PROJECT SAFARI, PROJECT GLADIATOR AND PROJECT BLUE FROG:

Moved by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Council Member Alexander, to go into executive session with Mr. Brantley Strickland, Senior Project Manager, SCA, regarding economic development matter regarding Project Light, Project Safari, Project Gladiator and Project Blue Frog. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER (MR. BRANTLEY STRICKLAND, SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER, SCA) REGARDING PROJECT LIGHT, PROJECT SAFARI, PROJECT GLADIATOR AND PROJECT BLUE FROG:

Moved by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Council Member Alexander, to come out of executive session with Mr. Brantley Strickland, Senior Project Manager, SCA, regarding economic development matter regarding Project Light, Project Safari, Project Gladiator and Project Blue Frog. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Phillips reported that council discussed four projects with Mr. Strickland, and no action taken.

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION - R2021-008, ADVOCATING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WHO RECEIVE SUPPORT PURSUANT TO THE STATE AID TO SUBDIVISIONS ACT FILE A JOINT LAWSUIT AGAINST THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO REQUIRE IT TO APPROPRIATE GENERAL FUND REVENUE TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACT'S FUNDING FORMULA:

Chairman Phillips read the title. **Moved** Council Member Bishop, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve Resolution R2021-008. Motion carried unanimously.

GULLAH/GEECHEE NATION APPRECIATIONWEEK PROCLAMATION:

Chairman Phillips read the proclamation. **Moved** by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to approve the Gullah/Geechee Nation Appreciation Week Proclamation. Council Member Hollingsworth had a question about the date of the school mentioned in the

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proclamation. There was short discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

SECOND READING TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET ORDINANCE:

Chairman Phillips read the title of the ordinance. **Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Alexander, to give second reading to the Hampton County Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE AUTHORISING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY AND AN INDUSTRY CURRENTLY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS “PROJECT MAPLE”, WHEREBY HAMPTON COUNTY WILL ENTER INTO A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES ARRANGEMENT WITH PROJECT MAPLE; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT BY PROJECT MAPLE OF CERTAIN FEES IN LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXES; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE OR INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS; PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES PAID BY PROJECT MAPLE, UNDER THE MULTI-COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO:

Chairman Phillips read the title of the ordinance. **Moved** by Council Member Bishop, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to give first reading by title only to an

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. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN’S UPDATE:

Chairman Phillips had no update.

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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 explained that a budget workshop is set for June 14, 2021 and a special meeting for June 28, 2021 for the public hearing and third reading to the budget. She also reported that the IRS letter came for the Friends of the Arts. She replied to Council Member Alexander regarding the stump grinding. She explained that they should have bid prices by Friday, but may do in-house.

ADJOURNMENT

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