

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; AUGUST 7, 2023; 3:45 PM
PALMETTO HALL
1079 LAKE WARREN ROAD, HAMPTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Hampton County Council held a special meeting on Monday, August 7, 2023, 3:45 p. m. Council Member(s) present: Noah O. Alexander, Chairman; Darin Williams, Vice Chairman; Roy Hollingsworth; Jordan J. “JJ” Jinks and Camille M. Welch. Council Member(s) absent: None. Staff present: Matt Horn, MRB; Melissa Harrill, MRB and Interim Finance Director and Aline Newton, Clerk to Council. Staff absent: Heather Simmons Jones, Interim County Administrator. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Alexander called the meeting to order at 3:45 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 Hollingsworth.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE AUGUST 7, 2023 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Alexander asked for the approval of the agenda. **Moved** by Chairman Alexander, seconded by Council Member Welch, to approve the August 7, 2023 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Agenda with the inclusion of public comments for ten (10) minutes with each speaker to have one and one half (1½) minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MAGGIE KNOX, LEGISLATIVE AIDE FOR REPRESENTATIVE BILL HAGER:

Maggie Knox, Legislative Aid for Representative Bill Hager, South Carolina House of Representatives, informed council that there will be a Hampton County Legislative Delegation Meeting on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 6:30 p. m., at the Yemassee Town Hall, Yemassee, South Carolina. Senator Hutto to be in attendance but have not heard back from Senator Bright-Matthews.

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RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

**R2023-016, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT A REASONABLE
ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY AS REQUIRED BY THE ADA-AMERICAN WITH
DISABILITIES ACT, PUBLIC LAW 101-336:**

Moved by Council Member Welch, seconded by Council Member Jinks, to approve R2023-016, A Resolution to Approve and Adopt a Reasonable Accommodations Policy as Required by the ADA-American with Disabilities Act, Public Law 101-336. Motion carried unanimously.

R2023-017, SECTION 504 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE RESOLUTION:

Moved by Council Member Jinks, seconded by Council Member Welch, to approve R2023-017, Section 504 Grievance Procedure Resolution with the appointment of David Steinmeyer, Public Works Director as Coordinator, but for David Steinmeyer to issue an appointment in staff. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

SECOND READING OF THE TAN ORDINANCE (MELISSA HARRILL):

Moved by Council Member Jinks, seconded by Council Member Welch, due to time restraints, give second reading to the TAN Ordinance for up to 2.5 million (Two million, five hundred thousand) dollars. Council Member Jinks asked about terms, interest rates, etc. Ms. Harrill informed council that they did not know that yet. Council Member Hollingsworth wanted clarification that the interest would only be on money used. Ms. Harrill responded interest would not be charged until money is drawn down. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

FINANCE UPDATE AND APPROVAL OF AN ARPA LOAN (MELISSA HARRILL):

Melissa Harrill, explained that critical expenses for council. She explained that there was a need of up to \$500,000 (Five hundred thousand) dollars to borrow from ARPA until they get the TAN. Council asked about the balance. She responded that there was about 1.2 million (One million, two hundred thousand) dollars in ARPA. **Moved** by Council Member Welch, seconded by Council Member Jinks, to approve ARPA Loan of up to \$500,000 (Five hundred thousand) dollars for critical needs as soon as possible to pay back but no later than within the current budget year, Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. Motion carried with Council Members Alexander, Jinks and Welch voting in favor and Council Member Hollingsworth opposing.

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ADJOURNMENT

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