

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; AUGUST 28, 2023; 5:00 PM
HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Hampton County Council held a special meeting on Monday, August 28, 2023, 5:00 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: Heather Simmons Jones, Interim County Administrator, Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and 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 Alexander called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 28, 2023 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Alexander asked for the approval of the agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Jinks, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the August 28, 2023 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Agenda with the removal of Item 4.1 and 5.1 and special meeting after when the County Attorney will give proper verbiage for the items removed. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

BEN FENNELL REGARDING GUN RANGE AND MRB:

Ben Fennell came before council and commented that Ben Fennell nor the Fennell Hill Community should enforce Hampton County’s ordinance. Commented that Hampton County should continue with MRB.

AMY SHAFFER:

Amy Shaffer commented that she is disturbed how taxpayers’ money handled. Inquired to council as to what happened to the money for the detention center, etc.

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LINDA KELLY:

Linda Kelly commented in full support to keep MRB.

PAM HARRINGTON:

Did not speak.

REPRESENTATIVE BILL HAGER:

Representative Hager came before council regarding South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 and to inform council regarding a Point of Order in regards to the discussion to the proposed existing contract to extending not a proposed contract.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**PERSONNEL MATTER REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL STAFF AND LEGAL
ADVICE REGARDING AIR AMBULANCE SETTLEMENT:**

Moved by Council Member Welch, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to enter into executive session concerning Personnel Matter Regarding Animal Control Staff and Legal Advice Regarding Air Ambulance Settlement. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

**PERSONNEL MATTER REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL STAFF AND LEGAL
ADVICE REGARDING AIR AMBULANCE SETTLEMENT:**

Moved by Council Member Jinks, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to come out of executive session concerning Personnel Matter Regarding Animal Control Staff and Legal Advice Regarding Air Ambulance Settlement. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Alexander reported that the Personnel Matter Regarding Animal Control Staff was discussed, and no action was taken.

Legal Advice Regarding Air Ambulance Settlement

Moved by Vice Chairman Williams, seconded by Council Member Jinks, to pay air ambulance settlement of available funds. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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