

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; OCTOBER 2, 2023; 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVE., E., HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held a meeting on Monday, October 2, 2023, 6:00 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. Robert Chasse, 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 6:02 p. m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Council Member Jinks gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Welch.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2023 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Alexander asked for the approval of the agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Jinks, seconded by Council Member Welch, to approve the October 2, 2023 Hampton County Council Meeting agenda with the deferral of Items 6.1, 6.2, 6.3,6.6 and 6.7. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL AUGUST 28, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Council Member Jinks, seconded by Council Member Welch, to approve 6.4, the Hampton County Council August 28, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL AUGUST 28, 2023 MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Council Member Jinks, seconded by Council Member Welch, to approve the Hampton County Council August 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes with the stated corrections, Barbara Gray’s statement under public comment to add “Put the money back.” and name inclusion and correct spelling “Kari McAllister”. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION(S)

CITIZEN REGARDING PROMISE OF HOME PURCHASE NEAR AIRPORT (CLARA B. GONZALEZ):

Clara B. Gonzalez came before council regarding previous administrator’s promise to purchase her home. Her home sits approximately 55-60 feet near the new runway. She was told that the home would be purchased. When she contacted the county, she was told that the previous administrator was no longer with the county. Before Buddy O’Quinn passed away, he told her that there was some federal law that did not allow a structure within 200 feet of the runway. She wanted an update from the county as to what the next steps are.

ANIMAL CARE FUND OF HAMPTON COUNTY AND THE TNR PROGRAM (KELLY BROWN):

Kelly Brown was sick.

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

AMENDMENT TO THE AUTHORIZATION FOR ALBERT PENKSA AS DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO HAVE SIGNATORY RIGHTS AND VIEWING PRIVILEGES AT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS:

Moved by Council Member Welch, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to adopt Resolution R2023-023, Amendment to the Authorization for Albert Penksa as Deputy Administrator for Administrative Services to Have Signatory Rights and Viewing Privileges at Financial Institutions. Motion carried with Council Member Jinks opposing.

ORDINANCE(S)

REZONING ORDINANCE – DEMERS FISH FARM:

Moved by Council Member Welch, seconded by Council Member Jinks, to give first reading to

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Rezoning Ordinance - Demers Fish Farm, AN Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map/Rezoning Request for 11.03 Acres (TMS#118-00-00-155) Located Northeast of the Town of Hampton off Cooper Road East from Residential Conservation and Development District (RCD) to Rural Resource District (RR). Motion carried unanimously.

GARY MOLE LEASE:

Moved by Council Member Jinks, seconded by Council Member Welch. to give first reading to Gary Mole Lease. Motion carried unanimously. Sheriff Russell asked to see a copy of the lease before it is signed.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Human Resource for the Next Three (3) Months

Council discussed the matter, and it was determined that the Interim County Administrator Heather Simmons Jones could hire.

Discussion of CPST

Interim County Administrator Heather Simmons Jones updated council on the steps needed to be taken for the CPST.

Possible Discussion of Recreation Grant and Its Intended Use

Interim County Administrator Heather Simmons Jones explained that a narrative and budget was needed and a site location, before the grant acceptance letter could be signed and the grant accepted. Council scheduled a retreat for October 16, 2023b at 5:00 p. m.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

The County Attorney provided report earlier with an email.

CLERK'S UPDATE:

The Clerk had no update.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

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Introduction of Chris Inglese.

Chris Inglese, Deputy Administrator for Community Services, came before Council and introduced himself.

Financial Report

Al Penksa, Deputy Administrator of Administrative Services, provide month end reports and or quarter reports at the second meeting of each month and quarter end reports, addressing 2 cleaned up fiscal year 2023 and ready for working with Chair and Clerk to draw down a TAN

Update on School District Lease

Heather Simmons Jones, Interim County Administrator, spoke to Dr. Wilcox will not be moving forward with the third reading of lease and in lieu of renting, will move in some mobile units, thank you but will be moving in a different direction.

Gonzalez Property at Airport

Presentation was given by Ms. Gonzalez under Presentations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING LEGAL MATTER CONCERNING AUDITOR AND TREASURER:

Moved by Council Member Welch, seconded by Council Member Jinks, to go into executive session regarding Legal Advice Regarding Legal Matter Concerning Auditor and Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING LEGAL MATTER CONCERNING AUDITOR AND TREASURER:

Moved by Council Member Welch, seconded by Chairman Alexander, to come out of executive session concerning Legal Advice Regarding Legal Matter Concerning Auditor and Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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