

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JULY 29, 2019; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held a special meeting on Monday, July 29, 2019, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Clay Bishop, Chairman; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Vice Chairman; Roy Hollingsworth, Ronald G. "Breeze" Winn and Darin Williams. Council Member(s) absent: None. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Staff absent: None. Media present: Mr. Michael DeWitt, Hampton County Guardian. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Bishop called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Council Member Winn gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Williams.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE JULY 29, 2019 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Winn, to adopt the July 29, 2019 Agenda and with the revision of striking no executive session and adding Item #14.1, Executive Session, Council Member Winn, Legal Matter along with Item #15.1, Report Out of Executive Session, Council Member Winn, Legal Matter and the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

No public hearing(s) scheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MR. NICOLAS STALEY REGARDING A FLAG FOR HAMPTON COUNTY:

Master Staley came before council and commented that he designed a flag for Hampton County. He explained the symbolism of the flag. Council thanked Mr. Staley for his time and effort that he put in the project.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S JUNE 24, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the June 24, 2019 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION(S)

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MRS. FAYE GOODING ON HER RETIREMENT AND BEING AN OUTSTANDING CIROIRATE CITIZEN:

Chairman Bishop and council members presented the resolution to Mrs. Faye Gooding recognizing her on her retirement from LeCreuset and being an outstanding corporate citizen. Ms. Gooding thanked council and stated that all of LeCreuset employees should be standing with her because it was everyone.

FENNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS REGARDING CAMP GRACE:

Mr. Mark Manzell came before council and explained that the Hampton County Sheriff's Department helped pay the fee for the Fennell Elementary School Good News Club students to attend Camp Grace. The students came before council to say thank you.

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

RESOLUTION REGARDING AVIATION WEEK:

Moved by Council Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to adopt the resolution regarding Aviation Week. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION REGARDING CENSUS PARTNERSHIP:

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt the resolution regarding the Census Partnership. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION REGARDING HAMPTON COUNTY 2020 CENSUS COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE:

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to adopt the resolution regarding Hampton County 2020 Census Complete Count Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

There were not ordinance(s).

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BID(S)

HAMPTON COUNTY LANDFILL STORM WATER POND PROJECT:

Moved Council Member Winn, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to award the bid to the lower bidder, Livingston Grading, in the amount of \$53,680 (Fifty-three thousand, six hundred eighty dollars), for the Hampton County Landfill Storm Water Pond Project. Council Member Winn asked that this is the total amount for the project. Administrator Dobson-Elliott commented that it was. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

County Attorney Solomons gave an update regarding:

- Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) request for the abandonment of the Old Orangeburg Road. He explained that the county could respond actively or passively to the request; he said that whatever the county does; they will still have to have to present to the court, have a public hearing regardless of what the county does.
- CSX lawsuit update. He explained that the county answered and has a seat at the table. It had to be filed not later than July 20, 2019. He said it was filed by Haynes, Sinkler and Boyd and did not cost the county anything. Council Member Winn wanted to know what money the county was looking at. County Attorney Solomons stated that he did not know, but the Auditor could tell us. He stated that he will keep council updated.
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CLERK'S UPDATE:

There was no update.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

PERSONNEL UPDATE:

Administrator Dobson Elliott reported that there were no terminations for June. The sheriff's department and the legislative delegation's office hired one in each office.

FENNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS REGARDING CAMP GRACE:

Two more Fennell Elementary School Good News Club students came forward to say thank you.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

HONORABLE RONALD "BREEZE" WINN, LEGAL MATTER:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter (Council Member Winn). Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to go come out of executive session to discuss a legal matter (Council Member Winn). Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Bishop reported that council discussed a legal matter regarding a meeting advertisement.

ADJOURNMENT

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