

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JANUARY 7, 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, January 7, 2019, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Roy Hollingsworth, Chairman; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Vice Chairman; Isaac Smith; Shedron D. Williams and Ronald G. "Breeze" Winn. 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 Hollingsworth called the meeting to order. He welcomed and thanked the public for coming out and attending the meeting.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Council Member Smith gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 7, 2019 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA
AND CONSENT AGENDA:**

Chairman Hollingsworth asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the January 7, 2019 Consent Agenda and Special Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

**MR. SHEDRON WILLIAMS, OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBER AND NEWLY
ELECTED SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 122:**

Mr. Williams thanked the citizens for serving as a member of Hampton County Council and appreciate their support as District 122, South Carolina House of Representative. He commented that we can work together to carry this county forward. He also invited everyone to come out on Saturday, January 12, 2019, 12:30 p. m., at the Hampton Old Colored School after the MLK Day Parade; there will be a commemorative swearing in of J. A. Moore, Jr. and him. Mr. Moore was elected to the South Carolina House for Charleston County but is originally from Hampton County.

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Mr. Williams also informed everyone that his office number is Columbia is 432 in the Blatt Building. Again, Mr. Williams thanked everyone for their support and council for serving with them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S DECEMBER 3, 2018 MEETING MINUTES AND
HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S DECEMBER 17, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES:**

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to defer the Hampton County Council's December 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes and the Hampton County Council's December 17, 2018 Hampton County Council's Meeting Minutes. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting in favor and Council Members Williams and Winn abstaining.

OATH OF OFFICE

Aline Newton, Clerk to Council, administered the Oath of Office to Council Members Clay Bishop, Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips and Darin Williams. Rev. Thomas Doctor administered the Oath of Office to the Coroner, Ernie J. Washington, Sr.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

ELECTION OF CHAIR:

Council voted by ballot with a three to two vote to elect Mr. Clay Bishop as Chair.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR:

Council voted by ballot with a three to two vote to elect Mr. Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips as Vice Chair.

PRESENTATION(S)

PRESENTATION TO BOARD APPOINTEES:

Chairman Bishop presented Certificates of Appointment to Mr. Darrell Russell, Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority (LRTA) aka Palmetto Breeze; Mr. Glynis Avant, Hampton County Economic Commission and Mr. Holbrook Platts, Hampton County Economic Commission.

APPOINTMENT(S)

HAMPTON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

Council voted by ballot to appoint Deborah T. Hiers to the Hampton County Parks and Recreation

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Commission, Member Representing Black Creek, Hampton 1 and Hampton 2 Region.

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

**RESOLUTION INDUCING AND IDENTIFYING A PROPOSED INVESTMENT UNDER
THE CODE NAME OF "PROJECT HUCKLEBERRY" AND OTHER MATTERS**

RELATED THERETO:

Mr. Brantley Strickland came before council regarding the Resolution Inducing and Identifying a Proposed Investment Under the Code Name of "Project Huckleberry" And Other Matters Related Thereto. He commented that this is a solar project that they have been negotiating for six (6) months. Council discussed the matter. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Chairman Bishop to adopt the Resolution Inducing and Identifying a Proposed Investment Under the Code Name of "Project Huckleberry" And Other Matters Related Thereto. Motion failed with Council Members Bishop and Williams voting in favor and Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Winn voting against.

Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained to council that there was not a need to act on the ordinances listed on the agenda since the resolution did not pass. Mr. Brantley Strickland concurred with the Administrator.

ORDINANCE(S)

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR A JOINT COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL PARK AMONG ALLENDALE, BAMBERG, BARNWELL AND
HAMPTON COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PARK;
AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (PROJECT HUCKLEBERRY):**

Council took no action on An Ordinance to Amend the Agreement for a Joint County Industrial Park Among Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell and Hampton Counties So As to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Park; and Other Matters Related Thereto (Project Huckleberry).

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE
CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION
AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT BY
AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A CERTAIN
COMPANY AS SPONSOR, AS IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT
HUCKLEBERRY, TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES
INCENTIVE AND CERTAIN SOURCE REVENUE SOURCE CREDITS, AND OTHER
RELATED MATTERS:**

Council took no action on An Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement By and Between Hampton County, South Carolina and A Certain Company As Sponsor, As Identified for the Time Being as Project Huckleberry, To Provide for a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive and Certain Source Revenue Source Credits, And Other Related Matters.

BID(S)

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There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

County Attorney Solomons explained that:

- the Deed for the Mariam Hannah is ready for acceptance. It is three parcels (approximately 1.5 acres)
- Coroner's, if scheduled, the first week in April
- there is no update on Company 2
- the purchase of the Old Dialysis Center is on hold until the Federal Government shutdown is over.
- the prior contact by DNR about closing the road in Garnett and Scotia (Old Orangeburg Road is what he said). The Representative is supposed to check, but he has not heard anything else from him.

CLERK'S UPDATE:

There was no update.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

There was no report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no report.

ADJOURNMENT

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