

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; DECEMBER 17, 2018; 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, December 17, 2018, 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 DECEMBER 17, 2018 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 December 17, 2018 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. administered the Oath of Office to the Coroner, Ernie J. Washington, Sr.

PRESENTATION(S)

**PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS ISAAC SMITH AND
SHEDRON WILLIAMS:**

Chairman Hollingsworth along with other council members presented to outgoing Council Members Isaac Smith and Shedron Williams plaques in appreciation for service.

APPOINTMENT(S)

HAMPTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Council voted by ballot to appoint Glynis Avant, William "Bill" Hager and Holbrook Platt to the Hampton County Economic Development Commission.

**LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LRTA) BOARD
(PALMETTO BREEZE):**

Council voted by ballot to appoint Darrell Russell to the Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority (LRTA) Board (Palmetto Breeze).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

There were no resolution(s)/proclamation(s).

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ORDINANCE(S)

**THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND
DELIVERY OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN
HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND WORLD ENERGY ESTILL, LLC
PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT OF A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AND
OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO:**

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to give third reading to Ordinance Authorizing The Execution and Delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and Between Hampton County, South Carolina and World Energy Estill, LLC Providing for a Payment of a Special Source Revenue Credit and Other Matters Related Thereto. Motion carried with Council Member Williams abstaining.

BID(S)

HVAC FOR PALMETTO THEATER:

Administrator Dobson-Elliott presented the bid amounts to council and explained that they were sent out to council. Council Member Winn wanted to know who the property owner of the theater is and would not like to spend money on property not owned by Hampton County.

Attorney Solomons stated that he sent out copies of the deed and the Friends of the Arts owns the Building and have owned it for some time. Mr. Brown is the one that is moving the bylaws through to give this body more control. He explained that the building that the HVAC unit is used is for the Friends of the Arts. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Winn, to table until the called meeting on the 17th . Motion failed with Council Members Williams and Winn voting in favor and Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting against. Chairman Hollingsworth explained that the county has maintained the Palmetto Theater, and he feels that the county should accept the bid for the repair of the HVAC system. Council Member Winn wanted to know why the county was spending money on the theater when the county doesn't own it. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to award the bid for the HVAC system for the Palmetto Theater to Complete Air in the amount of \$19,875. Council Member Williams explained that he disagreed with spending county money on property that is not owned by the county and have this building that when you look at it, needs repairs and the handicap accessible door is not working at the health department which has been reported and is still not fixed but the county money for a HVAC system for property that does not belong to the county. County Attorney Solomons commented that no one has challenged ownership. Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting in favor and Council Members Williams and Winn voting against.

BIDS FOR AUDIT:

Ms. James sent out the bids. Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that it is just \$500 difference and recommend Love, Bailey and Associates for \$28,000. Chairman Hollingsworth asked what Ms. James, Finance Director, thought. Ms. James explained that she concurs with the Administrator because it is a learning curve with the new program and Love, Bailey and Associates is familiar with the old program and the new program. Council Member Winn shared his views of disapproval of keeping the same auditor for audit. Council Member Williams explained that he had the same questions from audit last year as this year and it has not appeared in the audit. Vice Chairman Phillips asked if there were any problems with departments and the auditor.

Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that there were not. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to award bid to Love, Bailey and Associates, LLC for

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\$28,500. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting in favor and Council Members Williams and Winn voting against.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

County Attorney Solomons explained that Forfeiture Land Commission have received and recorded the deed and mortgage; examined title to the Mariam Hannah airport property donated to the county; spoke with Will Dillard and explained that the county would not consent with request of road closure until more information; this was last week but have not received any information from him and the attorney has filed representing the State on the CSX matter but no resolution to report. County Attorney Solomons thanked Council Members Isaac Smith and Shedron Williams for the service.

CLERK'S UPDATE:

There was no update.

2019 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING CALENDAR:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Members Williams, to approve the 2019 Hampton County Council Meeting Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Grant to Demolish 21 Structures

Administrator Dobson-Elliott reported that Hampton County received a grant to demolish 21 dilapidated structures in Hampton County. The grant was received with the hard work of the Hampton County Building Inspector and Lowcountry Council of Governments (LCOG).

Sealed Bid for Komatsu Trackhoe PC200LC-6LC

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Winn, to sell the Komatsu Trackhoe PC200LC-6LC to Laffitte Farms for \$8,500. Motion failed with Council Member Williams and Winn voting in favor and Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting in favor. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to accept the recommendation of County Administrator Dobson-Elliott and sell the Komatsu Trackhoe PC200LC-6LC to S&S Disposal for \$8,700. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting in favor and Council Members Williams voting against.

Personnel Update

Administrator Dobson-Elliott gave the personnel update to council.

Road Complaints Update

Ms. Dobson-Elliott reported that the complaint regarding Karla Road has been resolved; the backhoe left the area to address a blow out at another location but was back in the area the next day. She explained that she has been trying to reach Mr. McQuire and Mr. Booker about Brookway Drive.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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There is no executive session

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no report.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Winn, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hollingsworth adjourned the meeting.