

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JANUARY 8, 2018; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, January 8, 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 and Shedron D. Williams. Council Member(s) absent: Isaac Smith and Ronald G. "Breeze" Winn. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: 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.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Chairman Hollingsworth gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 8, 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 adopt the January 8, 2018 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DECEMBER 4, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING AND MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to approve the December 4, 2018 Special Meeting and Meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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PRESENTATION(S)

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENTS:

Chairman Hollingsworth presented to Mrs. Louise G. Hopkins, the Certificate of Appointment for the Hampton County Council on Aging Advisory Committee.

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 21-27, 2018 AS HAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK:

Chairman Hollingsworth presented a proclamation that he said was sent to him for council to adopt to recognize January 21-27, 2018 as Hampton County School Choice Week. Council Member Williams commented that his wife was a public school principal; he stated that he would like the matter to be tabled in order to receive more information. Superintendent Wilcox was present and council asked what his opinion was on the matter. Superintendent Wilcox responded that he was a strong advocate for public education. Chairman Hollingsworth stated that he would like council to receive more information and to research the matter. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to table the matter. Council Member Williams commented that he too was a strong advocate for public education. Chairman Hollingsworth resonated that he supported public education also.

ORDINANCE(S)

There were no ordinance(s).

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

County Attorney Solomons informed council that there were several different matters in litigation: (1) Matter with Jasper County Legislative Delegation was scheduled for 1/4/2018 but because of inclement weather, will have to be rescheduled. It has not been scheduled, (2) Hampton County Friends of the Arts will be having a meeting tomorrow to review bylaws, (3) Company Two scheduled for tomorrow and will have more information after tomorrow and (4) Matters regarding county vehicles is being handled the Insurance Reserve Fund legal counsel. Council thanked County Attorney Solomons for his update.

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CLERK'S UPDATE:

The Clerk reported that the Hampton County MLK Day Parade will be held on January 13, 2018 at 10:00 a. m. in Varnville, South Carolina and wanted to know if any councilmembers wanted to participate. Chairman Hollingsworth stated that he will be out of town. Council Member Williams stated that he would be attending.

REVISED 2018 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt the Revised 2018 Hampton County Council Meeting Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Personnel Report

Administrator Dobson Elliott gave council an update on the number of employees the county lost and hired.

Use of Policy Hours or Storm Hours

Administrator Dobson Elliott informed council that the days that employees were given due to inclement weather did not fall under the policy or storm hours under the personnel policy and requested that council allow them to be considered policy hours and not have employees to use their leave. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to not use leave time and use policy hours. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING
REPRESENTATIVE CLYBURN'S TOWN HALL-TEACH IN:**

Council Member Williams announced that United States Congressman Jim Clyburn will be in Hampton at the Huspah Educational Center (Formerly the Parker Union Hall) on January 15, 2018 from 3:00 – 4:15 p. m. to update citizens/public on issues at the Town Hall-Teach In.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL MATTER:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to come out of executive session regarding a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hollingsworth reported that Council reviewed citizen's complaint regarding animal control; the following were present in executive session: Code Enforcement Officer, Sheriff, Magistrate's Assistant and Animal Shelter Assistant. Chairman Hollingsworth reported that they heard from the departments listed and everything was done in line with policy and is satisfactory to council.

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ADJOURNMENT

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