

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; APRIL 16, 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, April 16, 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; Shedron D. Williams and Ronald G. "Breeze" Winn. Council Member(s) absent: Isaac Smith. Staff present: Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Staff absent: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator. Media present: None. 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 APRIL 16, 2018 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Winn, to approve the April 16, 2018 agenda with the following changes: (1) Removal of Items #6.1, 8.1 - 8.3, 10.2.1, 10.2.2, 10.3.1, 14.1.1 – 14.1.3 and 15.1.1 – 15.134. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MR. DARRYL RUSSELL:

Mr. Russell came before council to inform council regarding his dissatisfaction of the treatment of the Town of Yemassee's officials when appearing before council by the County Administrator. (See attachment of comments).

MAYOR FRANCENIA ELLIS:

Mayor Ellis came before council to ask that the Town of Furman's MayFest be give the designation of a fair. Chairman Hollingsworth reported that council will research the process and the Administrator will get in touch with her.

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MR. DARIN WILLIAMS:

Mr. Williams came before council regarding the Capital Projects Sales Tax (CPST) and the recreation project. He wanted to know what was done and also informed everyone that he was a candidate in the June 12, 2018 primary. Mr. Williams discussed the issue of safe schools and the community investment in the youth. Chairman Hollingsworth informed Mr. Williams that the CPST collection was 50% , almost half way through.

MR. RONALD WINN:

Mr. Winn came before council regarding information requested in February 2017 reagarding the Hampton County Arts Council and the Friends of the Arts. He wanted clarification on who owns the Palmetto Theater. Mr. Winn related that he requested the information in writing under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of the minutes were deferred.

PRESENTATION(S)

**MR. CLAY BISHOP, CHAIRMAN, HAMPTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION,
REGARDING AMENDMENT:**

Mr. Bishop came before council to ask in regards to an amendment to the Hampton County Planning Commission Ordinance regarding the addressing of a Zoning Appeals Board. Council expressed that they did not have the information before them to consider and asked that this be provided before considering or taking action. Mr. Bishop explained that he hoped that the Building Officials staff will have available for the next meeting.

**MR. SCOTT ALLEN, HAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2, REGARDING
HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2'S FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

Mr. Scott Allen, Hampton County School District 2, came before council to give Hampton County School District Two's financial update.

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

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

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ORDINANCE(S)

FIRST READING AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-1-170 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALLENDALE COUNTY, BAMBERG COUNTY, BARNWELL COUNTY, BEAUFORT COUNTY, COLLETON COUNTY AND JASPER COUNTY; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT BY HAMPTON COUNTY WITH ALLENDALE COUNTY, BAMBERG COUNTY, BARNWELL COUNTY, BEAUFORT COUNTY, COLLETON COUNTY AND JASPER COUNTY AS TO THE SHARING OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES OF THE PARK; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES FROM THE PARK AMONG TAXING ENTITIES HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THE PARK; TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (JASPER OCEAN TERMINAL/PROPOSED MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK):

Moved Council Member Williams, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to give first reading to An Ordinance To Establish Pursuant To Section 4-1-170 Of The Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, A Multi-County Industrial/Business Park, In Conjunction With Allendale County, Bamberg County, Barnwell County, Beaufort County, Colleton County, And Jasper County; To Provide For A Written Agreement By Hampton County With Allendale County, Bamberg County, Barnwell County, Beaufort County, Colleton County, And Jasper County As To The Sharing of the Revenues And Expenses Of The Park; To Provide For The Distribution of Revenues From The Park Among Taxing Entities Having Jurisdiction Over The Park; To Provide For A Fee In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxation; And Other Matters Related Thereto (Jasper Ocean Terminal/Proposed Multi-County Industrial Park). Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

There was no County Attorney's update.

CLERK'S UPDATE:

The Clerk had no report.

HAMPTON COUNTY 2018 NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to approve the prioritization of the Hampton County 2018 Needs Assessment. Motion carried unanimously. See below:

HAMPTON COUNTY'S 2018 NEEDS ASSESSMENT PRIORITIZATION

1. Public Safety
 - a. Law Enforcement Center

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2. Economic Development
 - a. Speculative Buildings, Infrastructure, Rail Access, Roads, Water, Sewer
 - b. Airport Upgrade
3. Public Facilities and Infrastructure
 - a. Parks and Recreation
 - b. County-Wide Broadband
4. Housing Study, Affordable Housing
5. Tourism and Marketing
 - a. Branding of the County - Signage, tourism, etc.
 - b. Beautification and Clean-Up
6. Partnership with Educational Institutions (Public and Private Schools)

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

There was no Administrator's report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL MATTER:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter regarding evaluation. 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 concerning a personnel matter regarding evaluation. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hollingsworth reported that Council heard from the SCA Project Manager regarding economic development projects and a personnel matter regarding evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

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