

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; OCTOBER 21, 2019; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 21, 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 Williams gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Winn.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**ADOPTION OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2019 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA
AND CONSENT AGENDA:**

Chairman Bishop asked for a motion to adopt the agenda with the changes of deferring Item #6.2, striking item #10.1.1, 14.1 and change the date on 13.1.1 to 11/15/2019. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the October 21, 2019 county council meeting agenda with the denoted changes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

**MS. HEATHER BRUEMMER, HAMPTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL, PUBLIC
REALTIONS:**

Ms. Bruemmer came before council and updated council regarding events scheduled and informed them that they had elected officers, Ms. Annette Tuten, Chair, Mr. John Wright, Vice Chair, Ms. Nykki Smalls, Secretary and created new Public Information Officer, Heather Bruemmer.

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LEWIS HARDISON, MEMBER, HAMPTON COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION:

Mr. Hardison came before council and stated that he has been a resident of Hampton County since 1984. He informed council that the airport is a great for the county and need to restore. He commented that if the county built the hangars then you would have people based here. Mr. Hardison can get high school students interested in aviation and can get the Civil Air Corps to come in and use the airport to transport animals to no kill shelters. Council thanked Mr. Hardison for his comments.

MS. RHONDA HARDISON:

Ms. Hardison commented that she did not need to speak; Mr. Lewis Hardison was her husband, and he said everything that she was going to say.

COUNCIL MEMBER RONALD WINN:

Mr. Winn commented that the agenda is to be posted 24 hours working days, but should be posted Wednesday. Would like to see situation corrected.

MR. QUINCY JONES:

Mr. Jones expressed to council that he is in support of the airport and its expansion. He commented that he did not think the county should proceed until the litigation is over. He read from the deposition from Jim Daniel who was the Economic Development Director for Hampton County in which he said the county had given permission for Company Two to use the airport; Mr. Jones expressed that this is why he is frustrated and will be going to court in the next 4-6 weeks.

MR. RAY WARD, HAMPTON COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION:

Mr. Ward came before council and provided his credentials as a military pilot and commercial pilot. Mr. Ward informed everyone that he owns his airport and from his native home he learned to fly on a grass runway. He doesn't need an airport, because he has his own, but the county does need the airport.

MS. BARBARA GRAY:

Ms. Barbara Gray came before council and expressed that she is not against the airport but against the loan of \$2,666,620. Ms. Gray stated that council said that millage hasn't gone up, but she said that taxes have. Ms. Gray said that she lives on a fixed income, and if the proposed plan to pay back the loan does not come through, it will come out of the citizens' pocket. Ms. Gray provided an example of her vehicle taxes as to how much she was paying on a 2001 vehicle but it came down after she questioned it.

MR. CHUCK PLATTS:

Mr. Platts came before council and stated that this is not to take away funds from education or parks and recreation. There will be twenty hangars. There will be tenants, and there is a waiting list for tenants. He explained that there is a minimum threshold to get federal funding.

MR. CHIP MIXSON:

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Mr. Chip Mixson stated that he has been a resident in Hampton County since 1987. He commented that an airport without a hangar is just an airstrip. He explained that with the industry; the county takes one step forward and two steps back. Mr. Mixson wanted to know what is the total monthly revenue that the hangars will bring in. Also, he wanted to know what the fuel sales are? Mr. Mixson explained that this is benefiting only a few citizens, a hobby – as long as you want to play, you need to pay.

MR. DARRYL RUSSELL, TOYS FOR TOTS:

Mr. Russell came before council to explain that he is the coordinator for the Toys for Tots. He reiterated that Patriot's Pizza made a donation and there was a private donation of \$2,500 in toys from a private donor. He asked permission to put brochures on the stand in the hallway.

MR. NIGEL ALEXANDER:

Mr. Alexander commented that may help to discuss how long the contracts are? He explained that it may fall back on every citizen. Mr. Alexander also expressed concern regarding the plane coming in and out; he checked the numbers and the plane was from Jasper County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S OCTOBER 7, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the October 7, 2019 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION(S)

**REPRESENTATIVE SHEDRON WILLIAMS, DISTRICT 122, SOUTH CAROLINA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

Representative Williams came before council and informed everyone that Jarvis Holmes was the Legislative Delegation's Special Assistant, possibly there will be a revised process for CTC, school consolidation was not the delegation's directive but the collaboration of the two school boards, and he provided some information on funding that was available to the county to apply and gave an update as to what was coming up when they go back to session next month.

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

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RESOLUTION TO STATE THE COMMITMENT OF HAMPTON COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH “PROJECT FLASH” AND/OR ITS DESIGNEE; TO PROVIDE THE GENERAL TERMS OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT; TO STATE THE COMMITMENT OF HAMPTON COUNTY TO PLACE THE PROJECT PROPERTY IN A MULTI-COUNTY PARK; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO:

Moved by Council Member Winn, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt the resolution to State the Commitment of Hampton County to Enter into an Infrastructure Credit Agreement with “Project Flash” and/or Its Designee; To Provide the General Terms of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement; To State the Commitment of Hampton County to Place the Project Property in a Multi-County Park; And to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

AN ORDINANCE TO PRIODE FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO PROJECT FLASH AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Winn, to give second reading to an Ordinance to Provide for the Sale of Real Property Owned by Hampton County, South Carolina to Project Flash and Other Matters Relating Thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE OR SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS TO AN INDUSTRY CURRENTLY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS “PROJECT FLASH”,” AUTHORISING AN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY AND PROJECT FLASH; TO FURTHER AMEND THE AMENDED AND RESTATED MASTER AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUAD-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK I, PARK II, AND PARK III, BY AND AMONG HAMPTON COUNTY, ALLENDALE COUNTY, BAMBERG COUNTY, AND BARNWELL COUNTY AND BARNWELL COUNTY (THE “MCIP AGREEMENT”), SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN HAMPTON COUNTY AS PART OF THE PARK; PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES PAYABLE UNDER THE MCIP AGREEMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO:

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to give first reading to an Ordinance Providing for Infrastructure or Special Source Revenue Credits to an Industry Currently Known to the County as “Project Flash,” Authorising an Infrastructure Credit Agreement Between Hampton County and Project Flash; To Further Amend the Amended and Restated Master Agreement for the Establishment of the Quad-County Industrial Park I, Park II, and Park III, by and Among Hampton County, Allendale County, Bamberg County, and Barnwell County and Barnwell County (The “MCIP Agreement”), So as to Include Additional Property in Hampton County as Part of the Park; Providing for the Allocation of Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Payable Under the MCIP Agreement; and Other Matters Relating Thereto. Council Member Winn wanted to know the percentage that Hampton County would be getting. Mr. Brantley Strickland, Project Manager for

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Hampton County, SouthernCarolina Alliance, stated that Hampton County would be receiving 97% and the other three counties would receive 1% each of the fee-in-lieu of taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

The County Attorney stepped out; there was no update.

CLERK'S UPDATE:

Boards and Commissions Update

The Clerk advised council gave an update regarding the boards and commissions by Wednesday.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Staffing Update

Administrator Dobson Elliott reported the employees lost and hired.

Airport

Administrator Dobson Elliott handed out a report that provided information on planes coming in at the airport. Council Member Winn asked about the gliders. Administrator Dobson-Elliott responded that there are gliders included.

Municipal Association Meeting

Administrator Dobson-Elliott announced that the Town of Brunson will be hosting the next Municipal Association Meeting on 10/28/2019 at the Lions Club in Brunson at 6:00 p. m.

Halloween Event

The Halloween function will be moved to Main Street; it will start at 5:00 p. m.

Concert at the Palmetto Theater

Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that Double Shot will be performing on 10/25/2019 and she has tickets available.

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Meetings and Agendas

Administrator Dobson-Elliott read from the policy that it said that the agenda is posted 24 hours prior to the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter regarding an update on Company Two's proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to come out of executive session regarding a contractual matter concerning an update on Company Two's proposal. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Bishop that matter regarding Company Two was discussed. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:

Aline Newton, Clerk to Council

Hampton County Council Members:

Clay Bishop, Chair

Charles H. Phillips, Vice Chair

Roy Hollingsworth

Ronald G. Winn

Darin Williams