

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MARCH 16, 2020; 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, March 16, 2020, 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 and Aline Newton, Clerk to Council. Staff absent: A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: None. 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:

Vice Chairman Phillips gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Hollingsworth.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE MARCH 16, 2020 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the March 16, 2020 county council meeting agenda and consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Preston Altman – Introduced himself as a candidate in the upcoming election.

Noah Alexander - Introduced himself as a candidate in the upcoming election.

Johnny Allen – Complained about the condition of road.

Belinda Smith – Complained about the condition of road.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FEBRUARY 18, 2020 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Bishop asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the February 18, 2020 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

FEBRUARY 18, 2020 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Bishop asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **Moved** by Council Member Winn, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the February 18, 2020 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION(S)

MR. CHRIS ALTMAN, EMERGENCY SERVICES (EMS) DIRECTOR REGARDING UPDATE ON EMS:

Mr. Chris Altman, Emergency Services (EMS) Director, came before council and gave an update on EMS and also updated council regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic.

APPOINTMENT(S)

HAMPTON COUNTY FIRE BOARD:

Council voted by ballot to appoint Dobie Hiers and Charles Mike Long, Jr. to the Hampton County Fire Board.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES:

Chairman Bishop and Council presented the Certificate of Appointment as Hampton County Chaplain to Rev. Jim Brown.

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

HAMPTON COUNTY FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to adopt the Hampton County Fair Housing Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

HAMPTON COUNTY NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY:

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to adopt the Hampton County Non-Discrimination Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND

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**PROJECT TURQUOISE PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES
AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED: (PROJECT TURQUOISE)**

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to approve second reading to an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee Agreement by and Between Hampton County, South Carolina and Project Turquoise Providing for a Payment of a Fee in Lieu of Taxes and Other Matters Related. Motion carried unanimously. **(Project Turquoise)**

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Bishop read a statement regarding COVID-19.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

The County Attorney had no update.

CLERK'S UPDATE:

The Clerk had no update.

COUNTY FLAG PROPOSAL (COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLINGSWORTH):

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams to approve the County Flag proposal as presented by Council Member Hollingsworth. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Dobson-Elliott reported regarding the public works department challenges with the roads with so much rain.

Council Member Williams reported that the mural was dedicated. Council Member Williams also reported that his father, Mr. Willie Lee "Huddie" Williams, Barbeque Extraordinaire, and Ms. Annette Tuten, Chairman of the Hampton County Arts Council, were recognized for their contributions to the community by Mr. Al Jenkins from Senator Tim Scott's office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no matters.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no matters.

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ADJOURNMENT

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