

HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY; SEPTEMBER 21, 2020; 6:00 P. M.

ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81443931800?pwd=am11cklvYnQzTGk2U1pDcFVRaGtaZz09>

MEETING ID: 848 2128 1768

Hampton County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting virtually on Monday, September 21, 2020, 6:00 p. m., Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81443931800?pwd=am11cklvYnQzTGk2U1pDcFVRaGtaZz09>, Meeting 848 2128 1768. 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 and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Staff absent: None. Wilson Holland, Hampton County Information Technology Director and Brantley Strickland, Hampton County Project Manager, were present. Media present: None. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Bishop called the virtual meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Council Member Hollingsworth gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairman Phillips.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 HAMPTON COUNTY VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Bishop asked that Item 8.1 be struck from the agenda. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the September 21, 2020 Hampton County Council Meeting agenda and consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Council Members' votes:

Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips – Aye

Darin Williams – Aye

Roy Hollingsworth – Aye

Ronald Winn – Yes

Clay Bishop – Aye

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Due to the COVID-19 Threat, public comments will be accepted in writing via email to the Clerk to Council at anewton@hamptoncountysc.org (Please place in the subject line Public Comments 08/17/2020 or mail to the Hampton County Council's Office at 200 Jackson Ave., E., Hampton, SC 29924. All comments must be received by noon on Monday, August 17, 2020, and will be presented to Council at the meeting. Public comment guidelines will apply. Chairman Bishop commented that there were no public comments received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Bishop asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the September 8, 2020 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members' votes:

Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips – Aye

Darin Williams – Aye

Roy Hollingsworth – Aye

Ronald Winn – Yes

Clay Bishop – Aye

SEPTEMBER 10, 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 September 10, 2020 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members' votes:

Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips – Aye

Darin Williams – Aye

Roy Hollingsworth – Aye

Ronald Winn – Aye

Clay Bishop – Aye

PRESENTATION(S)

MS. NICKIE TOOMES, USDA (UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE) LETTER OF CONDITIONS REGARDING UTILITY VEHICLE BUSH HOG BLOWER AND DUMP TRAILER PROJECT:

Ms. Nickie Toomes of USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) presented the Letter of Conditions Regarding the Utility Vehicle Bush Hog Blower and Dump Trailer Project to council. Ms. Toomes reported that the total project cost would be \$58,057 with the grant from USDA of \$43,500 and Hampton County contributing \$14,567.

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**ACTION REGARDING USDA (UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE)
LETTER OF CONDITIONS REGARDING UTILITY VEHICLE BUSH HOG BLOWER
AND DUMP TRAILER PROJECT:**

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to accept the Letter of Conditions to include the Community Facility Grant Resolution as presented by Ms. Nickie Toomes of USDA. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members' votes:

Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips – Aye

Darin Williams – Aye

Roy Hollingsworth – Aye

Ronald Winn – Aye

Clay Bishop – Aye

**MS. NICKIE TOOMES, USDA (UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE)
LETTER OF CONDITIONS REGARDING LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES
PROJECT:**

Ms. Nickie Toomes of USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) presented the Letter of Conditions Regarding Utility Vehicle Bush Hog Blower and Dump Trailer Project to council. Ms. Toomes reported that the total project cost would be \$79,680 with the grant from USDA of \$27,800 and Hampton County contributing \$51,880.

**ACTION REGARDING USDA (UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE)
LETTER OF CONDITIONS REGARDING LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES
PROJECT:**

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to accept the Letter of Conditions to include the Community Facility Grant Resolution as presented by Ms. Nickie Toomes of USDA. Council Member Winn asked if these vehicles were for the sheriff's department. Administrator Dobson Elliott confirmed that they were. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members' votes:

Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips – Aye

Darin Williams – Aye

Roy Hollingsworth – Aye

Ronald Winn – Aye

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APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

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RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

RED RIBBON WEEK PROCLAMATION:

Chairman Bishop read the proclamation and asked for a motion. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt the Hampton County Red Ribbon Week Proclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members' votes:

Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips – Aye
Darin Williams – Aye
Roy Hollingsworth – Aye
Ronald Winn – Aye
Clay Bishop – Aye

ORDINANCE(S)

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT CLEAN PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT OF A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO. (PROJECT CLEAN):

Mr. Brantley Strickland, Senior Project Manager, SouthernCarolina Alliance, came before council and stated that this ordinance is basically the tax abatement portion. It is for five years and all the numbers were agreed upon by both sides. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to give second reading to the Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement By and Between Hampton County, South Carolina and Project Clean Providing for a Payment of a Special Source Revenue Credit and Other Matters Related Thereto. (Project Clean). Council Member Winn wanted to know with the shortening of the years will the payment be spread out over five years. Mr. Strickland affirmed that they would. Motion carried four to one.

Council Members' votes:

Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips – Aye
Darin Williams – Aye
Roy Hollingsworth – Aye
Ronald Winn – Nay
Clay Bishop – Aye

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUAD-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AGREEMENT AMONG ALLENDALE COUNTY, BAMBERG COUNTY, BARNWELL COUNTY, AND HAMPTON COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADDITION OF PROPERTY TO THE PARKS. (PROJECT CLEAN):

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Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to give second reading to An Ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to the Establishment of the Quad-County Industrial Park Agreement Among Allendale County, Bamberg County, Barnwell County, and Hampton County to Provide for the Addition of Property to the Parks. (Project Clean). Motion carried four to one.

Council Members' votes:

Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips – Aye

Darin Williams – Aye

Roy Hollingsworth – Aye

Ronald Winn – Nay

Clay Bishop – Aye

AMENDMENT TO AMENDED AND RESTATED MASTER AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUAD-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK I, PARK II AND PARK III (PROJECT CLEAN):

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to give second reading to the Amendment to Amended and Restated Master Agreement for the Establishment of the Quad-County Industrial Park I, Park II, and Park III (Project Clean). Motion carried four to one.

Council Members' votes:

Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips – Aye

Darin Williams – Aye

Roy Hollingsworth – Aye

Ronald Winn – Nay

Clay Bishop – Aye

SECOND READING – MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK – JASPER COUNTY:

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to give second reading Second Reading – Multi-County Industrial Park – Jasper County. Motion carried four to one.

Council Members' votes:

Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips – Aye

Darin Williams – Aye

Roy Hollingsworth – Aye

Ronald Winn – Nay

Clay Bishop – Aye

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

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COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Bishop reported that he and Administrator Dobson Elliott attended the Jasper County Announcement Regarding Exit 3. He also reported that the hyperlinks are working and goes a long way with the agenda.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

The County Attorney inquired if council received the information regarding the Governor's response to the secession and to decline to accept what the group presented.

CLERK'S UPDATE:

The Clerk had no update.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Dobson-Elliott reported that they received a grant for new playground equipment at the recreation center and a grant for voter's registration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no matters.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no matters.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Council Members' votes:

Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips – Aye

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