

## **HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY: MARCH 15, 2021**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER**

**200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held a Special Called meeting on Monday, March 15, 5:00 p.m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Chairman; Darin Williams, Vice- Chairman; Roy Hollingsworth; Clay T. Bishop, and Noah O. Alexander. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator, Heather Docalavich-Bruemmer, Chanel Lewis, Finance/HR Director. Staff absent: Aline Newton, Clerk to Council, A.G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Wilson Holland, Hampton County IT Director was present. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Phillips 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 Councilmember Alexander.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

#### **ADOPTION OF THE MARCH 15, 2021 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING HAMPTON COUNTY AGENDA:**

**Moved** by Council Member Bishop seconded by Council Member Alexander, to approve the County Council Agenda (3.1). Motion carried unanimously.

### **PRESENTATION(S)**

#### **MR. GARY BAILEY WITH LOVE BAILEY CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTS:**

Mr. Bailey presented Council with their printed copy of the Hampton County, South Carolina Annual Financial Report June 30, 2020. Mr. Bailey went over the changes in the financial position of the County and his Company's recommendation for changes. Mr. Bailey noted that all the recommended changes had already been acted upon by the new Finance Director Ms. Chanel Lewis. Chairman Philips and Council accepted the FY 19-20 Annual Financial Report for Information Only.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Council Member Bishop, second by Vice-Chairman Williams to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Phillips adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

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Council Member Hollingsworth gave the invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Bishop.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

#### **ADOPTION OF THE MARCH 15, 2021 MEETING HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:**

Chairman Phillips asked for approval of the consent agenda (3.1) and the agenda (3.2). **Moved** by Council Member Bishop seconded by Vice-Chairman Williams, to adopt the March 15, 2021 county council consent agenda and meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER REGARDING PROJECT MAPLE (MR. BRANTLEY STRICKLAND, SENIOR PROJECT DIRECTOR, SOUTHERN CAROLINA ALLIANCE)**

**MOVED**, by Councilman Bishop, seconded by Councilman Alexander to go into Executive Session for an Economic Development Matter regarding Project Maple. Motion carried unanimously.

### **REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER REGARDING PROJECT MAPLE**

**Moved** by Councilman Bishop, seconded by Councilman Alexander, to come out of executive session concerning an economic development matter regarding Project Maple. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Phillips stated that Council received information and that Council took no action.

### **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s)

### **PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

There were no public comment(s)

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2021 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 1, 2021 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:**

**Moved** by Council Bishop, seconded by Vice-Chairman Williams, to approve the February 16, 2021 and the March 1, 2021 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

### **APPOINTMENT(S)**

#### **10.1.1 LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD (AT LARGE-MINORITY)**

Mr. Pete Hagood was selected by a vote of 3-2 (Mr. Hagood will move from Elected-Minority Representative to Minority Non-elected At Large seat).

#### **LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD ELECTED**

Councilman Bishop was selected by a vote of 5-0 to an Elected Representative seat.

### **RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)**

#### **11.1 R2021-003, FAIR HOUSING MONTH RESOLUTION**

**Moved** by Councilman Bishop, seconded by Councilman Hollingsworth to **DESIGNATE APRIL 2021 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH**. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **11.2 R2021-004, NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

**Moved** by Councilman Bishop, seconded by Councilman Hollingsworth to **ADOPT A POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY STATUS**. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ORDINANCE(S)**

**SECOND READING TO ORDINANCE 2021-003, AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF REVENUES UNDER MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AGREEMENTS TO CERTAIN FUNDS AND TAXING DISTRICTS; THE CREATION OF SUCH FUNDS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

**Moved** by Councilman Bishop, seconded by Councilman Alexander to give second reading to Ordinance 2021-003, an Ordinance to provide for the allocation of revenues under Multi-County Industrial Park Agreements to Certain Funds and Taxing Districts; The Creation of Such Funds; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

**FIRST READING TO ORDINANCE 2021-004, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN**

**AMENDED AND RESTATED FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY AND AN ENTITY IDENTIFIED BY THE COUNTY AS PROJECT MAPLE AND ITS AFFILIATES AND RELATED ENTITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXTENSION IN TERM OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES INCENTIVE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO. (PROJECT MAPLE):**

Mr. Brantley Strickland, Senior Project Manager, Southern Carolina Alliance, came before Council to recommend first reading. **Moved** by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Bishop to give first reading to Ordinance 2021-004, an Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, The Execution and Delivery of an Amended and Restated Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, By and Between Hampton County and An Entity Identified by the County as Project Maple and Its Affiliates and Related Entities, To Provide for an Extension in TermS of a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes Incentive; and Other Matters Related Thereto. (Project Maple). Motion carried unanimously.

**BID(S)**

There were no bid(s).

**COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)**

**CHAIRMAN'S UDATE:**

Chairman Phillip called on Councilman Hollingsworth to report on the Announcement of the Annual National Vietnam War Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony. The event will be held, Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Hampton County Courthouse All Wars Memorial site beginning at 12 noon. (In the event of rain, it will be held at The American Legion Post 302 Hoover Street South.)

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE**

There was no update from the County Attorney.

**CLERK'S UPDATE:**

There was no report from the Clerk.

**14.4 Consent of Hampton County for Hargray CATV Company, Inc's Application for a State Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority (Hargray CATV Company, Inc. Representative).** The Mr. Jason Carnes, Hargray General Manager, Beaufort informed the Council that the purpose of their request was to allow the Company (Hargray) to expand into the rural areas of the County as the ability to do so was created. **Moved** by Councilman Hollingsworth, seconded by Councilman Bishop to approve the Consent of Hampton County for Hargray CATV Company, Inc.'s Application for a State Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR' REPORT:**

Administrator Dobson-Elliott gave a report for Councilman Hollingsworth as the liaison for the Hampton County Airport Commission: the month of January 2021 the Airport sold a total of \$2,608.89 in fuel sales and there were 53 planes landing/take off, the month of February 2021 the Airport sold a total of \$6,376.87 and there were 105 planes landing/take off. So far for the month of March there has been over 60 planes landing/takeoff. Ms. Dobson-Elliott stated that a full copy of the minutes was attached to her weekly report.

Administrator Dobson-Elliott requested permission to authorize Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc to complete a County-Wide Recreational Master Plan for the County. The amount is not to exceed \$60,000 and is to be paid from the 1 cent Capital Improvement Project. Administrator Dobson-Elliott requested as well to proceed with a project to paint the outside of the Administration Building using the 1 cent Capital Improvement Project. Both projects would be conducted simultaneously. **Moved** by Councilman Bishop, seconded by Councilman Hollingsworth to authorize the projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Dobson-Elliott then called on Mrs. Bruemmer to make a presentation to the council regarding the work of her nonprofit, Support Lowcountry Artists Y'all (SLAY). SLAY, has invited Artspace ([www.artspace.org](http://www.artspace.org)), a national nonprofit organization, based in Minneapolis, MN with a mission "to create, foster and study of Hampton County's creative sector and the needs of creative businesses and entrepreneurs in the region.

Following survey sessions and focus groups with local creatives, the team will meet with leaders in the public sector to share top level findings and to provide input on how the needs of the creative sector might align with other economic development goals as well as suggest programs, spaces, tools, and resources locally to strengthen the sector. The information collected will help the team create a vision for and prioritize planned initiatives and any new supportive infrastructure to be explored in a future phase of work. The study was made possible by a \$15,000 donation. Mrs. Bruemmer invited the Council to participate and give their input to the team as the project progresses.

Ms. Bruemmer gave an update on the programs that the Arts Council has been conducting over the last couple of months. These included the Second Annual Valentines Day Extravaganza which had visitors from as far away as New York State and quite a few from an hour to three hours away. Mr. John Wright is conducting programs with the Elementary Schools to introduce the children to the works of our Artists that are on display in the Stanley Performing Arts Center.

#### **15.1.1 BUDGET CALENDAR**

Moved by Councilman Bishop, seconded by Vice-Chairman Williams to accept the FY 21-22 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Vice-Chairman Williams, seconded by Councilman Bishop to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Phillips adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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**10.1.1 Lowcountry Council of Governments Board (At Large-Minority)**

**(Vote for 1)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Hagood, Pete

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ Mikell, Stephanie F.

**Lowcountry Council of Governments Board (Elected)**

**(Vote for 1)**

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ Bishop, Clay

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(Vote for 1)

X

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(Vote for 1)

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Bishop, Clay

*Roy Hollingsworth*



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(Vote for 1)

☒ \_\_\_\_\_ Bishop, Clay