

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; APRIL 5, 2021; 6:00 P. M.
HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Hampton County Council held a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 5, 2021, 6:00 p. m. Council Member(s) present: Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Chairman; Darin Williams, Vice Chairman; Roy Hollingsworth and Noah O. Alexander. Council Member(s) absent: Clay Bishop. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator, Aline Newton, Clerk to Council, A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Staff absent: None. 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:

Vice Chairman Williams gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Alexander.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE APRIL 5, 2021 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 Alexander, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to amend the agenda to include an executive session item to discuss a personnel matter and 10.3.1 to take off the prior Councilman Ronald Winn's name for the budget in title only first reading and add my name. Chairman Phillips commented that he didn't know if council needs and executive session concerning matters of action taken at the March 29th meeting; Council plans to revisit and reconsider those motions anyway. Chair asked if there was any other discussion. Motion died with Council Members Alexander and Williams voting in favor and Council Members Hollingsworth and Phillips voting in opposition. Chairman Phillips stated that motion died for the lack of a majority. **Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth to adopt the agenda and consent agenda. Council Member Alexander asked if at least the name can be changed on the budget ordinance. There was discussion regarding the budget ordinance. Council Member Alexander asked if it is in title only if it can be tabled. Administrator Dobson Elliott stated that there was time consideration. County Attorney Solomons commented that there was no legal issue since it was by title only. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Williams voting in favor and Council Member Alexander voting in opposition.

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PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There was no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Phillips commented that this was not a question and answer session. The public can make comments.

MS. STEPHANIE F. MIKELL REGARDING LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (AT LARGE) BOARD APPOINTMENT:

Ms. Mikell came before council and introduced herself and stated that has been a citizen of Hampton County for 45 years except for the time that she attended college at USC. She explained that she applied for the Lowcountry Council of Governments (At Large) board in January and was the only candidate on the ballot on March 15, 2021 meeting. Ms. Mikell asked for clarification as to how the decision was made. Chairman Phillips explained that this is not a question and answer period, but council will consider and get back to her.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MARCH 15, 2021 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 15, 2021 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AND MARCH 29, 2021 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Council Member Alexander, Vice Chairman Williams, to amend the March 15, 2021 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes to reflect Item 10.1.1 Lowcountry Council of Governments Board At-Large and the Administrator's Report for permission to authorize Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc. to complete a countywide recreational master plan for the county. These two items mentioned were not on the agenda and were final action items.

Council Member Alexander asked that council introduce back to the floor and table so we can bring back at the next scheduled meeting, April 19, 2021 so can take a vote. Chairman Phillips asked Council Member Alexander to restate his motion. Council Member Alexander restated the motion to bring these items off the minutes and agenda and bring back to properly put on the agenda and properly advertise. Council Member Hollingsworth asked if there were any errors in the March 15, 2021 special meeting, the March 15, 2021 meeting and the March 29, 2021 special meeting minutes for council not to approve. Council Member Alexander commented that the error was the final action decision taken at the meeting. Council Member Hollingsworth explained that the minutes accurately state what occurred on those dates. Council Member Alexander replied that a statement should be added to the minutes that final action was made and not properly advertised and not on the agenda. Chairman Phillips stated that he did not have a problem with that. County Attorney Solomons commented that if the minutes reflected what actually occurred during that time, the minutes are accurate as to what happened as to what did happen, then deal with the other issues that he's discussed with Council Member Alexander and

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other council. County Attorney Solomons shared that council can postpone approval, but this is two different issues. **Moved** by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve as proposed the March 15, 2021 Special Called Meeting and the March 15, 2021 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes, and the Hampton County Council March 29, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION(S)

There were no presentation(s).

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

HAMPTON COUNTY SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH:

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Alexander, to approve the Hampton County Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation. There was no discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

**FIRST READING TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET
ORDINANCE BY TITLE ONLY:**

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by , to give first reading to the Hampton County Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance by title only. There was no discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Phillips reported that there was an excellent turnout at the Hampton County Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremony.

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COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

County Attorney Solomons had no update. He informed Council that he will be sending out the information on Consent Agendas.

CLERK'S UPDATE:

The Clerk had no update.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Dobson Elliott had no update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no matter(s).

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no matter(s).

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vice Chairman Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Phillips adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p. m.