

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; OCTOBER 3, 2016; 6:00 P. M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, October 3, 2016, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Roy Hollingsworth, Vice Chairman; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Isaac Smith and Shedron D. Williams, Chairman. Council Member(s) absent: Christopher B. Haulsee. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator, Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Hampton County Guardian. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION:**

Council Member Smith gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2016 HAMPTON COUNTY AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Smith, to accept the Consent Agenda

- 3.1.1 September 19, 2016 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes
- ~~3.1.2 September 19, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes~~

and the October 3, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: (1) deletion of 3.1.2, September 19, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes, (2) addition of Item 14.2, Contractual Matter and (3) 15.2, Contractual Matter. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**Reassessment**

Ms. DeLoach came before council regarding the taxes. Chairman Williams stated that he tried to get a meeting in which to have tax officials come and explain assessments but could not get officials to have meeting. Administrator Dobson Elliott stated that Clemson University was involved with the soil matters and encouraged by large land owner groups; the taxes and millage did not go

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up; the assessment went up. Citizens have until November to appeal. Council did not raise the millage; the only things that went up was because of the school bonds.

**Recreation Department**

Ms. Aquilla Robinson came before council to speak on behalf of the leadership issue. She informed council that she was a parent of a six year old. The staff at the recreation department does not see parent or child. She has gone to the building and has seen no one. She commented that they have no clue who is in that building. She wanted to know who was going on at the facility that the youth has no one watching them.

Ms. Mia Brown Johnson commented that the youth do not have a place. There needs to be a place for the youth to go. She informed council that she was at a tournament and staff came out and said some racial things to a youth. Administrator Dobson Elliott will look into the matter and report to council

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

There were no presentation(s).

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

There were no appointment(s).

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

**RESOLUTION TO FURTHER AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK, BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN JASPER COUNTY AS PART OF THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adopt the Resolution To Further Amend the Agreement for Establishment of Multi-County Industrial/Business Park, By and Between Hampton County, South Carolina and Jasper County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated

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Industrial/Business Park, So as to Include Additional Property in Jasper County as Part of the Multi-County Industrial/Business Park. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

**FIRST READING TO ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE OR SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS TO PROJECT RHODES; AUTHORIZING AN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY AND PROJECT RHODES; PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FEES-IN-LIEU OF TAXES PAYABLE UNDER THE AMENDED AND RESTATED MASTER AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUAD-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK WITH ALLENDALE COUNTY, BAMBERG COUNTY AND BARNWELL COUNTY AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING:**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give first reading to the Ordinance Providing for Infrastructure or Special Source Revenue Credits to Project Rhodes; Authorizing an Infrastructure Credit Agreement Between Hampton County and Project Rhodes; Providing for the Allocation of Fees-In-Lieu of Taxes Payable Under the Amended and Restated Master Agreement for the Establishment of the Quad-County Industrial Park with Allendale County, Bamberg County, and Barnwell County; and Other Matters Relating. Motion carried unanimously.

**BID(S)**

There were no bid(s).

**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)**

**DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):**

**Council Member Smith**

Council Member Smith stated he was listening to Ms. Brown and Ms. Dobson. He feels that someone needs to take some kind of survey and ask for additional personnel. Administrator Dobson Elliott stated that she has taken some notes and will talk to the staff; there was no staff and no new positions at the Recreation Department.

**Council Member Phillips**

Council Member Phillips stated that council needs to take a look at recreation concerns in the near future.

**Vice Chairman Hollingsworth**

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth wanted to know what responsibilities do the instructors have. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth described how when his daughter took karate, how the instructor made sure the student was picked up by parents, etc. Administrator Dobson Elliott stated that the responsibility of the students are the instructors. The recreation department does not have the staff.

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

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Chairman Williams stated that the county needs to do something before we have a situation; he prays that nothing happens at the facility. Chairman Williams stated that the concerns at the recreation department needs to be addressed. There are so many things happening throughout the country. He stated that the staff there needs to be more involved. The county may need to add staff; the recreation department cannot continue to operate this way.

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Ms. Suzanne Peeples, Director, Emergency Services**

Ms. Peeples came before council and updated them on Hurricane Matthews and the FEMA.

**Library Ground Breaking**

Administrator Dobson Elliott stated that the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Hampton County Library is September 10, 2016.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to go into executive session to discuss legal matters and personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to come out of executive session regarding legal matters and personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams reported that legal matters and matters will continue to be researched for clarity and coroner's decal on vehicle.

Chairman Williams excused himself.

**SEAL ON CORONER'S VEHICLE:**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Smith, to implement motion already passed but subject to delay regarding coroner's vehicle. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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