

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; FEBRUARY 1, 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, February 1, 2016, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: 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 and Aline Newton, Clerk to Council. 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 DECEMBER 7, 2015 HAMPTON COUNTY CONSENT AGENDA:
Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda:

~~3.1.1 December 7, 2015 County Council Meeting Minutes~~
~~3.1.2 January 19, 2016 County Council Meeting Minutes~~

and the February 1, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions, (1) Defer Item # 3.1.1, December 7, 2015 Hampton County Meeting Minutes and (2) Defer Item 3.1.2, January 19, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MS. WILLIAMS REGARDING THE CONDITION OF PEDRO AND HICKORY HILL ROAD:

Ms. Williams came before council regarding Pedro and Hickory Road. (Debbie Robinson didn't make meeting) Administrator Elliott reported that she sent it to the County Transportation Committee (CTC). For it being plowed, it's dry today and tomorrow and break top with rain; there

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is nowhere for the water to go. Ms. Williams informed everyone that the road has not been plowed since December. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth wanted to know when the next CTC meeting was. Administrator Elliott replied that she did not know. She stated that she thought that they met quarterly. Chairman Williams asked Administrator Elliott to let him know as well when CTC meets. Chairman Williams informed Ms. Williams that the Administrator will have additional communication with her. Council Member Haulsee wanted to know if the residents had sent a letter to the CTC. She stated that they had. Administrator Elliott stated that the county had sent a letter to the CTC. Administrator Elliott stated that the people/residents need to go to the CTC meeting also.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

There were no presentation(s).

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

There were no ordinance(s).

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Smith

Council Member Smith stated that officially its Black History month and he saw the proclamation

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commemorating the 50th anniversary of desegregation. Council Member Smith stated that he has seen changes and Hampton County is a progressive county. The county has changed and moved forward.

Council Member Phillips

Council Member Phillips stated that he went to a meeting this past weekend in Charleston. Experts in the Southeast regarding economic development, employment and Communities in Schools. He stated that the meeting was from 8:30 – 1:30. The boarded a bus and went through counties starting from Charleston to Allendale, Barnwell and Hampton. Wanted to look at what counties look like for Promise Zone. He stated that they are looking for a good report. Council Member Phillips stated that there was a House of Representative Member from Arkansas, representatives from Blue Cross/ Blue Shield Foundation, etc.

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that the proclamation will review and come up with a date.

Chairman Williams

Chairman Williams reported that council's retreat will be February 19-20, 2016 and the dates for the Recreation Complex Forum will be February 22, 23 and 25, 2016 in Estill, Hampton and Yemassee to receive input for the Recreation Complex.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

UNEMPLOYMENT REPORT FOR HAMPTON COUNTY:

Administrator Elliott stated that the Unemployment Report from Lowcountry Council of Governments (LCOG) from December 2014 to December 2015 showed that the rate dropped from 9% to 6.9%. Administrator Elliott reported that it was not earth shattering but some improvement. Council Member Haulsee asked Administrator Elliott to send the report to him.

LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (LCOG) NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

Administrator Elliott presented the Needs Assessment to council and asked them to add any items, delete items, etc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER(S):

Moved by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to go into executive session to discuss economic development matters. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER(S):

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to report out of executive session regarding an economic development matter. Motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman Williams reported that council discussed economic development matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p. m.