

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MARCH 21, 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, March 21, 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 and Shedron D. Williams, Chairman. Council Member(s) absent: Christopher B. Haulsee and Isaac Smith. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator and 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:

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE MARCH 7, 2016 HAMPTON COUNTY CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, to approve the Consent Agenda:

3.1.1 March 7, 2016 County Council Meeting Minutes

and the March 21, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions:

(1) Defer Item #3.1.1, March 7, 2016 County Council Meeting Minutes, (2) Add Item #7.4, Quarterly Financial and CPST Report . Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MS. BETTY HODGES, VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICER, REGARDING REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR THE 2016 NATIONAL VETERANS AFFAIRS CONFERENCE TO BE HOSTED BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA:

Ms. Hodges came before council and informed council that the National Veterans Affairs Conference was being hosted by the State of South Carolina and the National Conference was

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asking each of the 46 counties to contribute to assist in the state's hosting of the conference. She stated that they were requesting at least \$400 from each county. Ms. Hodges informed council that the State of South Carolina hosted the Conference in 2008 and the county contributed \$1,000. Ms. Hodges stated that the conference was a training for the service officers to better serve the veterans. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth wanted to know if there were any other departments that requested funds such as this. Administrator Dobson-Elliott informed Vice Chairman Hollingsworth that there were no other departments. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth asked if they would accept less than \$400 since Hampton County is not a Greenville County, etc. Ms. Hodges stated that she was sure that they would accept whatever the county would give. Council asked if Ms. Hodges would provide a copy of the original request from national. Ms. Hodges stated that she would. Chairman Williams asked that she send a copy to Administrator Dobson-Elliott as well as council members. Ms. Hodges thanked council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

MR. SCOTT ALLEN, FINANCIAL CONSULTANT FOR HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 (HD2), REGARDING HD2 FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Mr. Scott Allen, Financial Consultant for Hampton School District 2 (HD2), came before council to give a financial update. He informed council that Moody's have improved the bond rating to a BA2; he said that is good in regards to the refinancing of the debt. He stated that all looks good. Council thanked Mr. Allen for his update.

HAMPTON COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION – PROPOSAL BY VICE CHAIRMAN HOLLINGSWORTH

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth came before council and stated that one of the many concerns that the citizens at the public forums that were held regarding the Hampton County Recreation Complex was the establishment of a Recreation Commission. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that he came up with this proposal. He explained to council that the eighteen voting precincts would be used. There would be six clusters with three voting precincts in each; there will be a commissioner from each cluster and one at large commissioner. Chairman Williams thanked Vice Chairman Hollingsworth and stated that the council will be holding an overall public forum and present the information to the citizens and would like him to present his idea at this forum. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that he would do so.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK'S MONTHLY REPORT REGARDING CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX PROJECTS

Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that the Construction Manager at Risk was not available due to conflicting scheduled. Chairman Williams stated that it is stated in their contract that the Construction Manager and the Architect are to report each month. Council asked that they report

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at the 2nd regularly scheduled council meeting each month to give a report regarding the Capital Projects Sales Tax Projects (CPST). Mr. Blake Hodge, Public Works Director, gave an update. He reported that the Health Department is to be completed by mid-June.

**MS. CHRISTINE JAMES, FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR,
REGARDING THE QUARTERLY FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX
REPORT:**

Ms. James came before council to give the second quarter Financial and CPST Report. Council thanked Ms. James for the report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER(S):

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, to go into executive session to discuss legal matters. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER(S):

Moved by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to come out of executive session to discuss legal matters. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams stated that council asked the Administrator to move forward with legal matters.

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

**RESOLUTION FOR LEASE PURCHASE FOR LOADER THROUGH STATE
PURCHASING FOR LANDFILL:**

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, to adopt the Resolution for Lease Purchase for Loader through State Purchasing for Landfill. Motion Carried unanimously.

SOUTH CAROLINA HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION END RACISM DAY

RESOLUTION:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, to adopt the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission End Racism Day Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

There were no ordinance(s).

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

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**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)
DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):**

There were no council briefing(s).

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

TIMBER PROJECT UPDATE:

Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that she provided a written report to council regarding the timber project update. Council Member Phillips asked if the revenue for the timber was reflected anywhere in the budget. Administrator Dobson-Elliott responded, "No."

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p. m.