

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JUNE 6, 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, June 6, 2016, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Christopher B. Haulsee, Roy Hollingsworth, Vice Chairman; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Isaac Smith and Shedron D. Williams, Chairman. 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 MAY 2, 2016 HAMPTON COUNTY CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Williams stated that he had the minutes but did not review them. He would like to defer approval of the minutes from May 2, 2016 and May 16, 2016 until the next meeting. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Smith, to accept with the necessary changes the Consent Agenda:

~~3.1.1 May 2, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes~~
~~3.1.2 May 16, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes~~

and the June 6, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams excused himself from the seat as Chair and took his seat as a citizen for the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

THIRD READING TO THE ORDINANCE REGARDING MITIGATION FOR THE HIGHWAY 68 WIDENING:

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth opened the public hearing for the third reading to the Ordinance Regarding Mitigation for the Highway 68 Widening. Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) request a permanent, conservation easement on an area of wetlands owned by Hampton County as mitigation for the Highway 68 widening project. Mr. Breeze Winn wanted to know what the cost

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to the County was. Administrator Dobson Elliott stated that it was no cost to the county. SCDOT is doing all the work. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth closed the public hearing.

THIRD READING TO HAMPTON COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BUDGET:

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth opened the public hearing for the third reading to Hampton County Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget. Administrator Dobson Elliott read the figures for the 2016-2017 Budget. (See Attached figures Ordinance 2016-004.) Mr. Shedron Williams, Citizen, inquired as to the rate of collection regarding the funding of the fourteen million plus budget. Administrator Dobson Elliott explained that the collection rate which is determined by the Auditor is around 86% – 88%. Mr. Williams had questions regarding the \$588,000 (five hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars) regarding the Capital Outlays, etc. He asked for an explanation as to the listings in the budget, citing several departments. Administrator Dobson Elliott explained that the capital outlay was for the equipment, etc. to be purchased and the debt service. He also had questions regarding the \$588,000 (five hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars) regarding the Capital Outlays, etc. Mrs. Emily Hiers, Hampton County Library Board, came before council to give an update regarding the library and also to thank council for their support of the library. Mr. Shedron Williams, Citizen, had several questions regarding the Airport. Mr. Breeze Winn wanted to know what was the use and benefit in dollars and cents of the airport investment. He stated that it is like arrows in your quiver. The new library and health department is needed. Administrator Dobson Elliott stated that we will not have what Walterboro has. Mr. Winn what was the initial investment and cost incentive in dollars and cents. Administrator Dobson Elliott stated that each airplane cost upward to \$500,000 plus fuel. (See Attachment)

THIRD READING TO THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FINANCING ORDINANCE:

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth opened the public hearing for the third reading to the Capital Equipment Financing Ordinance. Administrator Dobson Elliott stated that the Capital Equipment Financing is not to exceed 1.350 million. She explained that the purchases were 1.172 million except for the fuel which is sole source and the other is through state purchasing. Mr. Breeze Winn wanted to know if this would help with the roads and conditions. Administrator Dobson Elliott stated that it would be for the purchase of a Dump Truck and road signs which would be used in relation to the roads and an attempt to put up road signs. Mr. Winn stated that one of the most public outcries is the roads. Mr. Williams asked why a shorter payoff was not the option with a savings of over \$200,000 considered. Administrator Dobson Elliott stated that she left it up to the bond attorney. She explained that the payment was put in last year and these items have not been published yet. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth closed the public hearing. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth turned the meeting back to Chairman Williams.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MR. RONALD "BREEZE" WINN REGARDING THE COUNCIL ON AGING:

Mr. Winn reminded Council that all was good in supporting the airport, but there were discrepancies at the Council on Aging Senior Centers that needed immediate attention and respectfully requested that work orders be provided to him in regards to the Hampton County Senior Citizen sites under the Freedom of Information Act. He requested a copy of work orders to be provided within the next twenty days.

MS. APRIL LYNCH, REGARDING VALDOSTA WORLD SERIES SUPPORT:

Ms. Lynch came before council and requested support for Hampton County youth who were

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participating in the Valdosta World Series. She asked if the young men could take pictures with council, etc. Chairman Williams explained that council could contribute individually but did not know if there is anything that could be done as Council, and council would gladly recognize the youth and take pictures. He explained that the Administrator would research the matter and get back to them. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth suggested that Ms. Lynch attend the Municipal Association Meeting and all municipalities and the council can be photographed with the youth. Ms. Lynch thanked council. Council thanked Ms. Lynch and commended the young men on a job well done.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were deferred.

PRESENTATION(S)

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

Mr. Gregg Brunson, Construction Manager at Risk, came before council and gave an update. He reported that everything is going good on the library. He reported that the building is almost completed. He estimated that completion date for the library to be up and running by July 9, 2016. Mr. Brunson stated that they will be awaiting instructions from council regarding the next project; the projects at hand are near completion. Council thanked Mr. Brunson for his report.

Mr. White reported that the Health Department is almost near completion. He stated that they are about two weeks behind because of the weather issues earlier but are on schedule. He, too, stated that they will be awaiting council's instructions regarding the next project which on the list is the Recreation Complex. Mr. White introduced Mr. Lillio. Council thanked Mr. White for his report.

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

Ms. James came before council and gave her report. (See attachment.)

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

NAMING OF COUNTY BUILDINGS:

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth asked that council consider a policy instead of the resolution. He stated that we don't want to put the cart before the horse in adopting the resolution before the policy. Council will consider the request.

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ORDINANCE(S)

THIRD READING TO MITIGATION FOR THE HIGHWAY 68 WIDENING:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to give third reading to the Mitigation for Highway 68 Widening. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING TO THE AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE REGARDING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

The Clerk to Council confirmed with council that they wanted the step of sending applications to the boards or commissions taken out of the process regarding appointments. Council affirmed by unanimous consent.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Williams passed out the evaluations.

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Smith

Council Member Smith stated that school is out and asked that citizens be aware of kids and watch out.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Update Regarding Recreation

Administrator Dobson-Elliott informed council that they had three fundraisers that raised over \$4,000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

LEGAL MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to go come out of executive session regarding a legal matter. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Will

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p. m.