

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; AUGUST 15, 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, August 15, 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:**

Chairman Williams gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF THE AUGUST 15, 2016 HAMPTON COUNTY AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to accept with the Consent Agenda:

- 3.1      Consent Agenda
  - 3.1.1    July 18, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes
  - 3.1.2    August 3, 2016 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes

and the August 15, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

No public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**MR. BREEZE WINN REGARDING CUMMINGS AND GARNETT PRECINCT AT THE LAST ELECTION:**

Mr. Winn came before council to express his concern regarding the extreme heat during the primary

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and the condition of no air conditioning or fans at the precinct for the workers. Mr. Winn Winn stated that there needs to be some improvement. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that he was aware of the situation. He stated that he, too, visited the precincts which are the Shirley Precinct, and it was hot in 2012 when he ran. Mr. Winn stated that the county needs to do something about the condition at those precincts. There was also an inquiry about voting precincts at homes. Chairman Williams stated that there he was present at the Voter Registration and Election Board meeting, and there was some discussion. He informed everyone that the Voter Registration and Election Board will be present at the next meeting.

**MR. DARIEN WILLIAMS, CITIZEN, REGARDING DRAINAGE AT JUMPER STREET AND SCHOOL ROAD:**

Mr. Williams came before council and informed council that there were problems with drainage at Jungle Street and School Road. County Administrator Dobson Elliott will check into the matter.

**MS. ALBERTHA GARVIN REGARDING CORONER'S CARE TEAM AND VEHICLE:**

Ms. Garvin came before council and updated council regarding the coroner's CARE (Community Awareness Response Education) Team and their role. She informed council that the coroner attended many funerals in the county in order to build relations, etc. as long as in Hampton County. She informed council that a statement was made at the last meeting that "he saw it with his own eyes that the coroner used his vehicle for personal use." She stated that the coroner is on duty 24-7. If he is attending a funeral and gets a call, he must respond. She reminded council that the coroner is an elected official. Ms. Garvin read informed council about the authority of the coroner's authority as an elected official and the council's authority in regards to being elected official. Council thanked Ms. Garvin for her comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

**SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE 20<sup>th</sup> YEAR PRESENTATION:**

Mayor Terry Wright, Board Member, SouthernCarolina Alliance and Mr. Bill Hager, Hampton County Economic Development Commission, came before council and presented the SouthernCarolina Alliance 20<sup>th</sup> Year Recognition to Hampton County. Chairman Williams and council members accepted the plaque and thanked SouthernCarolina Alliance.

**MR. SCOTT ALLAN, FINANCIAL CONSULTANT, HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2, REGARDING UPDATE FOR HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2:**

Mr. Scott Allen, Financial Consultant, Hampton District 2, Regarding Update for Hampton School District 2, came before council and gave report. He informed council that all was going well.

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**CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK AND CAPITAL SALES TAX PROJECT  
REPORT:**

Administrator Dobson Elliott stated that there was no report tonight.

**VICE CHAIRMAN HOLLINGSWORTH REGARDING LAW ENFORCEMENT  
COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that the Law Enforcement Committee (Vice Chairman Hollingsworth and Council Member Smith) met on August 12, 2016 at 9:00 a. m. He stated that they met to discuss the reimbursement of the Sheriff's Department to the county. He stated that Administrator Dobson Elliott researched the matter and all parties agree that the amount to be paid back to the county is \$60,000.00 (Sixty thousand dollars). By acclamation, council accepted the report as information.

**MR. ERNIE WASHINGTON, HAMPTON COUNTY CORONER:**

Mr. Virgin Johnson, Jr. came before council on behalf of the coroner. He stated that he felt that there was some communication problem and there was no disrespect intended but just a disagreement. Mr. Johnson cited several cases in which supported the view of the coroner regarding his vehicle. Mr. Johnson and the Coroner and his family thanked council.

**APPOINTMENT(S)** – No appointment(s) scheduled.

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

There were no resolution(s).

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

There were no appointment(s).

**ORDINANCE(S)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BETWEEN COLLETON COUNTY AND HAMPTON COUNTY TO ADD J&L WIRE, CLOTH, LLC TRACT:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to give first reading to An Ordinance to Amend that Certain Agreement for the Development of a Joint County Industrial Park Between Colleton County and Hampton County to Add J&L Wire, Cloth, LLC Tract. Motion carried unanimously.

**BID(S)**

There were no bid(s).

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**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)**

**DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):**

**Council Member Smith**

Council Member Smith stated he received information from the SCA the other day and there are a lot of businesses coming into our region, and he would like to commend Brantley Strickland, Project Manager for Hampton County, SCA.

**Vice Chairman Hollingsworth**

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that he will be able to attend the ribbon cutting for the library. He stated that the date of his cousin's wedding has changed.

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

Chairman Williams stated that he hope that all will move forward in county. He stated that he visited the schools; today was the first day for students. He asked that all think about mentoring a student and communicate positively to the youth. Chairman Williams asked why the taxes owed on the businesses had not been published yet. He reminded the Administrator that this was requested by council months ago.

**SEAL ON CORONER'S VEHICLE:**

Chairman Williams stated that council will discuss the seal on Coroner's vehicle. **Motioned** by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Smith, that Hampton County Council approve the issuance of the County Fleet Vehicle for the Hampton County Coroner pursuant to Hampton County Personnel Policy as it relates to the vehicle policy; the 2008 Dodge Durango assigned from the Hampton County Fleet Pool assigned to the coroner shall have state coroner decals applied to the driver's front door and the passenger's front door, and they shall state Hampton County as well. Shall the coroner refuse to comply with county council's directive; the coroner is to return the 2008 Dodge Durango to the county fleet pool within 48 hours. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting in favor and Council Member Williams voting against.

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Four Wheelers Tearing Up Roads**

Administrator Dobson-Elliott reported that four wheelers are tearing up the roads.

**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 matter. Motion carried unanimously.

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**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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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