

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; FEBRUARY 6, 2017; 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 6, 2017, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Roy Hollingsworth, Chairman; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Vice Chairman; Isaac Smith; Shedron D. Williams and Ronald G. "Breeze" Winn. Council Member(s) absent: None. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council; 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 Hollingsworth 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 FEBRUARY 6, 2017 HAMPTON COUNTY AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to accept the Consent Agenda

- ~~6.1.1 November 7, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- ~~6.1.2 January 17, 2017 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- ~~6.1.3 February 3, 2017 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes~~

and the February 6, 2017 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following changes:
(1) Defer Items #6.1.1 – 6.1.3, 7.2, 7.3 and 10.2.1. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (LCOG) NEEDS ASSESSMENT

PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman Hollingsworth opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding the Needs Assessment Public Hearing for Hampton County. Ms. Kimberly Mullins made a presentation. Council will provide the listing to LCOG. Chairman Hollingsworth closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

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DR. A. G. BURRIS, CITIZEN

Dr. Burris came before council and stated that he served as a member of the South Carolina Forestry Commission but was there as a citizen. He informed council in regards to Hampton County's ranking number 1 in the production and delivery of timber. He informed council that there were great incentives for timber companies. Dr. Burris' questioned council in regards to the schools ranking in the state, the tax base for businesses to locate here and what is the legal government environment of the county. Dr. Burris urged council that they needed to try to get people to move here. Dr. Burris also informed council that there is a lot of surplus that the county may be eligible such as trucks that are no longer in service, surplus from the forestry, but the county doesn't get, because the county never request. Council thanked Dr. Burris for his comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were deferred.

PRESENTATION(S)

PRESENTATION BY CHAIRMAN HOLLINGSWORTH TO OUTGOING CHAIR SHEDRON WILLIAMS:

Chairman Hollingsworth informed everyone that there have been many who have served as Hampton County Council members since 1878, the beginning of Hampton County; only a small percentage served as chair and out of that percentage we are here to recognize our outgoing chair who in this month is so fitting to recognize as the first African American to service as Chair of the Hampton County Council. Chairman Hollingsworth on behalf of council presented former Chair Shedron Williams a plaque recognizing and honoring his service as chair and in recognition of serving as the first African American Chair of Hampton County Council.

MR. QUINCY JONES, COMPANY TWO

Mr. Quincy Jones, Company Two, and stated that he did not request to be put on the agenda. He made a request to the airport commission as an explanation for decision and what can be done by the county. Mr. Jones informed council that on August 25, 2005 he entered into an agreement along with the Hampton County Economic Development Commission with the main reason to do more business here. He informed council that there was a land swap in which he was given a private taxiway to the runway for use without incident. Mr. Jones explained that only three people in the country do what he does. Mr. Jones informed council that he provided the information in the report provided to them. He also stated that if he did not have access to the runway that he would possibly have to move his company. Mr. Jones provided several reasons as to why his company is beneficial to Hampton County and cited several entities who supported his request. Chairman Hollingsworth thanked Mr. Jones.

ROAD ISSUES (COUNCIL MEMBER WINN):

Council Member Winn informed council that there was an ongoing complaint out of Town of

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Furman by the Mayor. Council Member Winn informed council that he was at an event when he had the conversation with the Mayor of Furman. He stated that the public works department needed to implement a system to plow roads, machines strategy; the machines are in the shop too long. Council Member Winn stated that there needed not be any discriminatory practices in this county as it pertains to road issues, etc.

SOUTHERCAROLINA ALLIANCE REGARDING THE PROMISE ZONE:
A representative from SouthernCarolina Alliance came before council regarding the Promise Zone.

APPOINTMENT(S)

LOWCOUNTRY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY:

Council needed clarification in regards to the number of council members serving on the board. One council member served as a community member and council needed two others to serve on behalf of county council. Council wanted clarification in regards to a quorum being present at a meeting although one would not be serving in the capacity of council. **Moved** by Council Member Winn, seconded by Council Member Williams, to table the matter. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

There were no resolution(s)/proclamation(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

AMENDMENT TO THE COLLETON COUNTY MULTI COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK (MCIP) AGREEMENT:

Moved by Vice Chair Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to give second reading to the amendment to the Colleton County Multi County Industrial Park (MCIP) Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Winn

Council Member Winn stated that council had a retreat and will have retreat meetings to discuss issues. He informed the public that council will meet aging to talk about some projects on a timeframe.

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REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Health Department Generator

Administrator Dobson Elliott informed council that she followed up on the Health Department Generator and no more to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Williams, to come out of executive session regarding legal and personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hollingsworth reported that council went over the legal and personnel matters; the County Administrator, Clerk and County Attorney have directions.

ADJOURNMENT

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