

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; APRIL 3, 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, April 3, 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 21, 2017 HAMPTON COUNTY AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Winn, to accept the Consent Agenda

- ~~6.1 November 7, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- 6.2 January 17, 2017 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes
- 6.3 February 6, 2017 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes
- 6.4 February 21, 2017 Hampton County Special Meeting Minutes
- 6.5 February 21, 2017 Hampton County Meeting Minutes
- ~~6.6 March 20, 2017 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes~~
- ~~6.7 March 20, 2017 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes~~

and the April 3, 2017 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following corrections, deletions and deferments: (1) Defer Items #6.1, 6.6-6.7, Minutes; (s) 10.2.1 – Council Member Williams asked that this item be tabled until an Environmental Impact Study be received and also did not receive studies as requested for previous projects approved. Chairman Hollingsworth stated that the item would remain on the agenda and if requested information is not received by the time before third reading, council can table the matter until the information requested is received. Council Member Winn explained that he just wanted clarity on the issues and budget; he was not at the budget work session. He wanted to familiarize himself with the budget; Defer Presentation to Estill High School Lady Gator's Basketball Team 1A State Champions; the team was unable to make it due to inclement weather (tornado warning/watch). Motion carried unanimously.

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PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

**MS. DAWN STUCKEY, HAMPTON COUNTY 4H AGENT, CLEMSON EXTENTION,
REGARDING UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES:**

Ms. Stuckey came before council to give an update regarding 4H activities, programs and youth development in Hampton County. Council thanked Ms. Stuckey for her presentation. (See Attachment – Attachment #1)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were deferred.

PRESENTATION(S)

**PROPOSAL FOR RETENTION PLAN FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND SCHOOL
EMPLOYEES (COUNCIL MEMBER SHEDRON WILLIAMS):**

Council Member Williams presented a Proposal, Invest Now Property Taxation Credit, as a retention plan for county employees and school employees. Council Member Williams stated that the plan was for information, but it was presented in an effort to help retain employees for the county and the school districts. Council Member Williams proposed to allow for the waiver of county taxes for county employees and school employees for ten years. Since the county does not have any new revenue, this would allow for an incentive for the employees. He explained that it has been done in other places. Chairman Hollingsworth thanked Council Member Williams for the information.

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

**PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2017 AS NATIONAL COUNTY
GOVERNMENT MONTH – “BRILLIANT IDEAS AT WORK”:**

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adopt the resolution regarding the Proclamation Proclaiming April 2017 as National County Government Month -"Brilliant Ideas at Work". Motion carried unanimously.

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INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO LOVE'S TRAVEL STOPS AND COUNTRY STORES, INC. (MR. BRANTLEY STRICKLAND)

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Winn, to adopt the resolution regarding Inducement Resolution Pertaining to Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO STATE RETIREMENT FUND (MRS. ROSE DOBSON-ELLIOTT):

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adopt the resolution regarding the State Retirement Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AMONG ALLENDALE, BAMBERG, BARNWELL AND HAMPTON COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK AND OTHER MATTERS THERETO RELATED (BLACK WATER BARRELS, LLC):

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adopt the Resolution to Amend the Agreement for a Joint County Industrial Park Among Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell and Hampton Counties so as to Enlarge the Park and Other Matters Thereto Related (Black Water Barrels, LLC). Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AMONG ALLENDALE, BAMBERG, BARNWELL AND HAMPTON COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK TO INCLUDE PROJECT PROPERTY FOR BARNWELL SOLAR, LLC; BLACKVILLE SOLAR I, LLC; RICHARDSON SOLAR, LLC; ELKO SOLAR, LLC; EDISON SOLAR, LLC AND OTHER MATTERS THERETO RELATED:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, go adopt the Resolution to Amend the Agreement for a Joint County Industrial Park Among Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell and Hampton Counties so as to Enlarge the Park To Include Project Property for Barnwell Solar, LLC; Blackville Solar I, LLC; Blackville Solar II, LLC; Richardson Solar, LLC; Elko Solar; LLC; Edison Solar, LLC and Other Matters Thereto Related. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

ORDINANCE REGARDING SOUTHERN CURRENT – PROJECT CURIE:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to give second reading to the Ordinance Regarding Southern Current - Project Curie. Council Member Williams expressed his concern that the Hampton County Planning Commission stated the property is not zoned for the industrial. He commented that the company should have provided an Environmental Impact Study. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting in favor and Council Member Williams and Winn opposing. Council asked that the Environmental Impact Study for the project be provided and that Administrator Dobson-Elliott contact the Department of Revenue (DOR) to set up a meeting with council to get clarification on what was explained to council at an earlier meeting.

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FIRST READING TO THE 2017-2018 HAMPTON COUNTY BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY:
Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Winn, to give first reading by title only to the Hampton County 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget to the same amount as the Hampton County 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Hollingsworth reported that:

- the Hampton County Personnel Policy is to be sent to all departments for their input and suggestions to be sent to the County Administrator by April 7, 2017. The department head is to acknowledge that they received the policy.
- he will be attending lunch at the Health Department for National Health Month
- the next Budget Work Session is scheduled for April 10, 2017
- the Hampton County Council Monthly Retreat will be rescheduled. The Municipal Meeting is scheduled on the same date, April 24, 2017
- the South Carolina Quarterly Campaign Disclosure Form
- the Hampton County Monthly Retreat is scheduled for April 28, 2017 from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon
- Correction to deed made from SouthernCarolina Alliance to Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance
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DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Vice Chairman Phillips

Vice Chairman Phillips stated that he wanted to congratulate the Estill High School Lady Gators for a great job in winning the 1A State Championship.

Council Member Williams

Council Member Williams asked the County Attorney to give clarification on the coroner's update. He explained that the way paper, the Hampton County Guardian, had it written did not reflect the conclusion. County Attorney Solomons responded that council is requiring two stickers but can require one of the two.

Council Member Winn

Council Member Winn wanted to congratulate the Estill High School Lady Gators Basketball team on their victory in the 1A State Championship.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

There was no update except what is to be discussed in executive session.

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CLERK TO COUNCIL'S UPDATE:

There is no update.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Update Regarding the Health Department Generator

Administrator Dobson Elliott explained that the state said that they would provide a mobile generator. Council Member Williams wanted to know if she had it in writing. Administrator Dobson Elliott stated that she did. Council Member Williams asked for a copy of the response that was given her before he contacted the state in regards to the generator.

Ms. Suzanne Peeples, Director, Hampton County Emergency Management, County Expenditures Related to Hurricane Matthews

Ms. Peeples came before council to give and update in regards to Hurricane Matthews and FEMA's response to submissions by the county for reimbursements. She informed council that the Detention Center employees are to be on standby in the EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) which has been completed. She explained that the overtime reimbursements are \$83,000 and to be matched by the state and only storm related overtime will be reimbursed. She explained that as FEMA goes through everything that is why figures changed. Council Member Williams wanted to know if overtime was paid from the General Fund. He commented that as Chair the figure was \$95,000 and the department heads and County Administrator received overtime. He related that they should not have been paid overtime and wanted to know who approved the overtime. He explained that he requested the information, and it took four months to get. Ms. Peeples explained that it is in the Emergency Operations Plan. Ms. Peeples introduced Mr. Rocky Tucker, Regional Management Services and State Emergency Management Services Liaison. Mr. Tucker came before council and explained that he worked whatever to help reinforce Emergency Management in critical initiatives. He informed council that Hurricane Matthews was a Category 2, bad storm but could have been worse. He commended the people for working together. He said that you can see what people are capable of. He also explained that this reinforces the strengths by putting together exercises. He explained to council that according to FEMA Homeland Guideline; there will be a table top Recovery Focus on June 15, 2017. He also informed council that there will be a State Fall Exercise on November 15-17, 2017 in which will bring state partners together. The shelters will open, Mass Care, Finance (State and Federal). Mr. Tucker commended the school districts for what they did in opening the shelters. He explained that Red Cross got some issues and did not step up. Council Member Winn wanted to know about the concern of Pocotaligo Road and what is FEMA role in it in Hampton County. Ms. Peeples explained that they are working on it.

County Expenditures Related to Hurricane Matthews

Administrator Dobson Elliott updated council stated that the expenses have been done.

Update on Repairs and Conditions at Yemassee's Council on Aging

Administrator Dobson Elliott updated council that the repairs have been done at Council on Aging at Yemassee. She stated that the roof needs to be reroofed.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council Member Smith, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to go into executive session to discuss Legal Matters regarding the Coroner's Update, Treasurer's Office Update, Airport Update, Palmetto Theater and Stanley Building Update, Clemson University Aquaculture Center Update; Personnel Matters regarding Legislative Delegation (Jasper County) and Evaluations and Economic Development Matters regarding Projects Update and Project Curie. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Winn, to come out of executive session regarding Legal Matters concerning the Coroner's Update, Treasurer's Office Update, Airport Update, Palmetto Theater and Stanley Building Update, Clemson University Aquaculture Center Update; Personnel Matters concerning Legislative Delegation (Jasper County) and Evaluations and Economic Development Matters concerning Projects Update and Project Curie. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hollingsworth reported that council discussed legal matters regarding the Coroner, Treasurer, Airport, Palmetto Theater and Stanley Building and Clemson University Aquaculture Center which is still pending as to what the outcome is; council discussed personnel matters regarding the Legislative Delegation (Jasper County) and gave staff directions; council discussed economic development updates regarding what is going on in Hampton County.

ADJOURNMENT

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