

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MAY 6, 2019; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 6, 2019, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Clay Bishop, Chairman; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Vice Chairman; Roy Hollingsworth, Ronald G. "Breeze" Winn and Darin Williams. Council Member(s) absent: None. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Staff absent: None. Media present: None. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Bishop called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Council Member Williams gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Winn.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE MAY 6, 2019 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Bishop stated that there is a revision to the agenda to strike Mr. Jackson's name from the ballot for appointment to the Hampton County Tax Appeals Board. Chairman Bishop asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt the agenda and Consent Agenda with the stated revision. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MR. DARRELL A. RUSSELL REGARDING THE GOP'S RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Russell came before council and explained that the Hampton County Republican Party has reorganized, and he has been elected Chairman. He presented to Council two resolutions that the party adopted, Resolution of the Hampton County Republican Party Supporting the Development of the Jasper Ocean Terminal (JOT) and a Resolution of the Hampton County Republican Party Supporting the Electoral College. Council thanked Mr. Russell.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S APRIL 15, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the April 15, 2019 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION(S)

MS. MARY LEE CARNs, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADVANCEMENT, TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY (TCL), REGARDING COLLEGE PRESENTATION, UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES OF TCL:

Ms. Mary Lee Carns, Vice President for Advancement, Technical College for the Lowcountry (TCL), came before council regarding college presentations, update on activities and initiatives of TCL. Also, along with Ms. Carns was Dr. Gough, President of TCL and Ms. Marjorie Thomas, Board Member, TCL Commission.

MS. STEPHANIE SMART GITTINGS, PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, REGARDING THE BUDGET AND UPDATE:

Ms. Stephanie Smart Gittings, Public Defender's Office, came before council regarding the Public Defender's office budget and also gave an update. Ms. Gittings explained the need for the \$25,000 increase needed and gave an update regarding the public defender's case load, etc.

APPOINTMENT(S)

HAMPTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION:

Council voted by ballot to elect LaToya Robinson to the Hampton County Planning Commission.

HAMPTON COUNTY TAX APPEALS BOARD:

Council voted by ballot to appoint Louise G. Hopkins to the Hampton County Tax Appeals Board.

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

RESOLUTION REGARDING FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES (FILOT) AGREEMENT WITH ELLIOTT SAWMILLING COMPANY, INCORPORATED:

Mr. Brantley Strickland, Project Manager for Hampton County, SouthernCarolina Alliance (SCA), came before council and explained that Elliott Sawmilling Company, Inc. is selling out to Newco but need the approval of the council to transfer the FILOT. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to transfer the Fee In Lieu of Taxes agreement to Newco. Motion carried unanimously.

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ORDINANCE(S)

FIRST READING TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE REGARDING STRENGTHENING THE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLAR FARMS:

Mr. Gary Youmans, Chairman, Hampton County Planning Commission, came before council to explain the amendment. There was a short discussion. Mr. Randy Crews, Hampton County Building Inspector and Administrative Support for the Planning Commission, gave some input regarding the question from council as to where the setbacks would start, etc. **Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Williams, to give first reading to an Amendment to the Hampton County Unified Land Development Ordinance regarding strengthening setback requirements for solar farms. Motion carried. Council Member Winn voted against.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

There was no update.

CLERK'S UPDATE:

There was no update.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

SC EMD:

Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that she did not have anything but Ms. Suzanne Peeples would come and explain what it is for the new operational conditions. Ms. Peeples came before council and explained that there will be some new operational conditions for SC EMD but will not be released until the Governor releases at his tabletop which is scheduled for May 9, 2019.

LITTER PICK UP ON SPARYFIELD ROAD IN ESTILL, SOUTH CAROLINA:

Administrator Dobson-Elliott read the names of those who had a litter pick up on Sprayfield Road in Estill, SC. She reported that 39 bags which was 800 pounds of litter. Council thanked the JROTC citizens for a job well done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There are no matters to discuss.

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REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There are no matters to report.

ADJOURNMENT

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