

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; OCTOBER 1, 2018; 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, October 1, 2018, 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 and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Staff absent: None. Media present: Mr. Michael DeWitt, 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 OCTOBER 1, 2018 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA  
AND CONSENT AGENDA:**

Chairman Hollingsworth asked that Items #4.2 and USDA Loan be added after GAP Bond, CAPER be added as Item 4.3, delete Item 10.1.2(10.1.3 and defer Items 6.3-6.4. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Winn, to approve the October 1, 2018 Consent Agenda and Agenda to include the changes. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**COUNCIL MEMBER RONALD "BREEZE" WINN CAME BEFORE COUNCIL  
CONCERNING LITIGATION ON BEHALF THE POCOTALIGO ROAD:**

Council Member Winn came before council on behalf of the Yemassee Taxpayers to ask if council would participate in litigation against South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) concerning the Pocotaligo Road. Council Member Winn explained that all taxpayers pay taxes and is entitled to have the Pocotaligo Road repaired by the state.

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**MS. JANIE ROBERTS REGARDING ISSUE WITH FORFEIT LAND COMMISSION:**

Ms. Roberts came before council regarding an issue with the Forfeiture Land Commission and a property transaction. Ms. Roberts explained to council that she felt that she was treated unfairly. Council thanked Ms. Roberts for her comments.

**MR. DARRELL RUSSELL ON BEHALF OF TOYS FOR TOTS, MS. DEANNA BERRY,  
REQUEST FOR USE OF HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S CONFERENCE ROOM:**

Mr. Russell came before council on behalf of Ms. Deanna Berry, Toys for Tots, and read a letter from Ms. Berry regarding a request for use of Hampton County Council's Conference Room for a meeting on October 18, 2018. Mr. Russell explained that the meeting was not two different requests, but the request from the Hampton County Republican Party was to have the Toys for Tots meeting also. Chairman Hollingsworth questioned Mr. Russell regarding clarification of usage. Mr. Russell commented that the usage was for the Republican Party meeting and not a candidate's campaign. Chairman Hollingsworth commented to Mr. Russell that his three minutes were up. Mr. Russell commented that according to the decorum policy, he had two minutes left because it said that speakers had five minutes. After a short, discussion, Chairman Hollingsworth asked Council's security to escort Mr. Russell out.

**REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM K. "BILL" BOWERS REGARDING LEGISLATIVE  
UPDATE:**

Representative Bill Bowers came before council to give a legislative update regarding the progress made and his vision for moving forward with new leadership. Council thanked Representative Bowers.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES, HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 MEETING  
MINUTES AND HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 SPECIAL  
MEETING MINUTES:**

**Moved** by Council Member Smith, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to defer Item 6.1, Hampton County Council's September 4, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes and approve the Hampton County Council's September 12, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes, Hampton County Council's September 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes and Hampton County Council September 27, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried with Council Member Winn voting in opposition.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

**MRS. DAWN STUCKEY, CLEMSON EXTENSION, UPDATE:**

Mrs. Stuckey was not present.

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**APPOINTMENT(S)**

There were no appointment(s).

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

**A RESOLUTION TO HONOR FIRE CHIEF MURRAY "GENE" RUSHING BY DEDICATING FIRE ENGINE 35 IN HIS MEMORY:**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adopt the resolution honoring Fire Chief Murray "Gene" Rushing, by dedicating Fire Engine 35 in his memory. Motion carried unanimously.

**A PROCLAMATION TO HONOR FIRE CHIEF MURRAY "GENE" RUSHING BY DEDICATING FIRE ENGINE 35 IN HIS MEMORY:**

**Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adopt the proclamation recognizing Fire Chief Murray "Gene" Rushing, by dedicating Fire Engine 35 in his memory. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS REQUESTED THAT RESOLUTIONS BE ADOPTED TO NAME THE CLEMSON EXTENSION BUILDING IN HONOR OF REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM K. "BILL" BOWERS AND THE ESTILL LIBRARY IN HONOR OF THE LATE VIRGIN JOHNSON, SR. FOR HIS PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION:**

Council Member Williams asked that the resolutions be adopted to honor Representative Williams K. "Bill" Bowers and late Virgin Johnson, Sr. for his their public service and contributions to education and Hampton County. Chairman Hollingsworth explained that council needs to get a resolution that would set guidelines for naming buildings, etc. Council Member Williams explained that the Health Department was named and the B. T. DeLoach Building was named. A process can be adopted but Council can name these buildings. Council thanked Council Member Williams.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

There were no ordinance(s).

**BID(S)**

There were no bid(s).

**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)**

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:**

There was no update.

**CLERK'S UPDATE:**

There was no update.

**ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM THE HAMPTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY (GOP) FOR USAGE OF THE CONFERENCE ROOM, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER FOR A MEETING:**

Administrator Dobson-Elliott reported to council that she contacted Administrators across the state to find out their procedure for usage of public facilities. She explained that they would rent the building if available. She explained that they were not used for political campaigns. Council Member Winn commented that this was her opinion. Chairman Hollingsworth explained that this was the request from council that the Administrator collect information regarding the usage of public facilities. Council Member Williams commented that he was a candidate in another race and also was Chairman of the Hampton County Democratic Party; he recused himself. **Moved** by Council Member Winn to grant usage of the Conference Room, Hampton County Administrative Center, for a meeting by the Hampton County Republican Party (GOP). There was no second. The motion died for a second. Vice Chairman Phillips recused himself, because he is a candidate for county council in this election. **Moved** by Chairman Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Smith to deny usage of the Conference Room, Hampton County Administrative Center, for a meeting by the Hampton County Republican Party (GOP). Council Members Hollingsworth and Smith voted against; Council Member Winn voted against and Council Members Phillips and Williams recused themselves.

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Lloyd Road Update**

Administrator Dobson Elliott reported that no buses go down Lloyd Road; there are no houses and two cemeteries. Public Works has received no complaints regarding Lloyd Road.

**Municipal Meeting**

Administrator Dobson-Elliott announced that Hampton County will be hosting the Municipal meeting on October 22, 2018 at 6:00 p. m.

**Stokes Bluff Landing**

Administrator Dobson-Elliott announced the will be coordinating with Department of Natural Resources and do a river swoop – a clean-up effort.

**Grant for Funds to Expand the Estill and Hampton Senior Citizens Building**

Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that Hampton County is submitting a Letter of Intent for funds to expand the Estill and Hampton Senior Citizens Sites to make them more energy efficient.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no executive session matter(s).

**REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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There were no executive session matter(s) to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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