

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; NOVEMBER 19, 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, November 19, 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 NOVEMBER 19, 2018 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Hollingsworth informed council that there would be the removal of Items 8.1 and 8.2 from Appointments and addition of Item 12.3, Budget Justifications requested by Council Member Williams. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the November 19, 2018 Consent Agenda and Agenda to include the changes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

**HAMPTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS
CHANGING THE MEETING TIME FROM 6:00 P. M. TO 12:00 NOON:**

Chairman Hollingsworth opened the public hearing to receive public comments concerning the Hampton County Economic Development Amendment to Bylaws Changing the Meeting time from 6:00 p. m. to 12:00 noon. Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that Mr. Hagar and Mr. Strickland had left for the Thanksgiving Holiday, but the amendment to the ordinance had received two readings. There were no public comments. Chairman Hollingsworth closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MR. RONALD WINN REGARDING THE OLD ORANGEBURG ROAD:

Mr. Winn came before council regarding the closing of the Orangeburg Road (Pamplico).

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Attorney Solomons explained that he sent the letter that he received from DNR (Department of Natural Resources) regarding their request to close the road. He explained that as he receives the information, he will provide it to council. He explained to Mr. Winn that the road cannot be closed unless council takes action. Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that it was a State road that is maintained by the county.

MR. WILLIAM McGUIRE REGARDING KARLA ROAD IN VARNVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA:

Mr. Williams McGuire came before council regarding Karla Road in Varnville, South Carolina. Mr. McGuire explained that the road is impassable and they have to go around. He informed council that the plows have been in the area but has not pulled their road. Vice Chairman Phillips asked if it was a dead end road. Council Member Williams responded that if it is a dead-end road, Fairway Road is a dead end road that the county maintains. Vice Chairman Phillips stated that he just asked. Chairman Hollingsworth asked Administrator Dobson-Elliott to look into the matter and see why it is not maintained and report to council and Mr. McGuire.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S OCTOBER 15, 2018 MEETING MINUTES AND
HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S NOVEMBER 5, 2018 MEETING MINUTES:**

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the October 15, 2018 and the November 5, 2018 Hampton County Council meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION(S)

**MS. CHRISTINE JAMES, HAMPTON COUNTY FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES
DIRECTOR REGARDING FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

Ms. Christine James, Finance Director, came before council to present the financial update and the Capital Projects Sales Tax (CPST) report. (See Attachment #1)

APPOINTMENT(S)

LOWCOUNTRY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD:

Council voted by ballot to appoint Ms. Carrie Strickland to the Lowcountry Workforce Board.

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE HANNAH PROPERTY:

County Administrator Dobson-Elliott requested council to accept 1.5 (one and one-half acre of land) from Mark Hannah. She explained that the property was located near the airport, and the airport could be developed. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adopt the resolution to accept the Hannah Property. Motion carried with Council

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Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting in favor and Council Member Winn voting against. Council Member Williams abstained; he commented that he would like to see something in writing, the resolution.

ORDINANCE(S)

**HAMPTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AMENDMENT
TO BYLAWS WITH MEETING TIME CHANGE FROM 6:00 P. M. TO 12:00 NOON:**

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Smith to give third reading to the Hampton County Economic Development Commission amendment to bylaws with the meeting time changed from 6:00 p. m. to 12:00 noon. Motion carried unanimously.

**SECOND READING TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY POLICY NAMING AND
RENAMING COUNTY FACILITIES:**

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to give second reading to the Hampton County Policy Naming and Renaming County Facilities. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips, Smith and Winn voting in favor and Council Member Williams voting against.

BID(S)

HVAC FOR PALMETTO THEATER:

Administrator Dobson-Elliott presented the bid amounts to council. Council Member Winn wanted to know who the proper owner of the theater was. Council Member Williams responded, the Friends of the Arts. Chairman Hollingsworth asked who was maintaining it – the county. County Attorney Solomons explained that no one has challenged ownership. He explained that he will send another copy of the title to council. Council Member Winn wanted to know why the county was spending money on the theater when the county doesn't own it. Council asked that Attorney Brown meet with council to give an update on the theater. Attorney Solomons will contact Attorney Brown. Council Member Williams requested that the bids for the HVAC for the Palmetto Theater be tabled and council receive the information for review. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Winn to table the HVAC for the Palmetto Theater bids until the December 3, 2018 county council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

There was no update other than the matters that are pending.

CLERK'S UPDATE:

There was no update.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

Council Member Williams asked that council consider placing the \$250,000 appropriation for the six firemen that was placed in the budget in case the grant was not received in the contingency; Hampton County received the grant and no match is needed. Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that this cannot be done because the fire fund is to be used only for fire related

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expenditures. Administrator Dobson-Elliott informed council that this can be placed in a special fund to pay the paid firemen when the grant goes away. Vice Chairman Phillips commented that this is exactly what needed to happen; if the county did not get the grant, get the money and when the grant goes away in three years, the money is there to pick up the firemen. Council Member Winn asked if council can discuss this at the retreat.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Ruth Regarding Road

Administrator Dobson-Elliott reported that she tried to contact Mr. Ruth; she has tried several times to call him and get no answer. She will try to contact him again.

River Sweep at Stokes Bluff

Administrator Dobson-Elliott reported that they collected 1,700 pounds of trash and sixteen (16) people participated including Council-Elect Bishop.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL MATTER REGARDING EVALUATIONS:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter concerning evaluations. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL MATTER REGARDING EVALUATIONS:

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Winn, to come out of executive session regarding a personnel matter concerning evaluations. Motion carried unanimously. **After coming out of executive session**, Chairman Hollingsworth reported that Council dealt with personnel matters regarding the County Administrator, County Attorney and Clerk to Council.

ADJOURNMENT

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