

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JUNE 4, 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, June 4, 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: None. 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 JUNE 4, 2018 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA AND
CONSENT AGENDA:**

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the June 4, 2018 Consent Agenda and the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

**MR. SHEDRON WILLIAMS, COUNCIL MEMBER, REGARDING APPRECIATION TO
CITIZENS FOR ALLOWING HIM TO SERVE:**

Mr. Shedron Williams rose from his county council seat to thank the citizens of Hampton County for allowing him to serve eight years (end of this term). Mr. Williams informed the citizens that he did not seek re-election to Hampton County Council, because he was a candidate for the House of Representatives Seat 122. Mr. Williams informed everyone that he was not running against anyone but for the seat. Mr. Williams thanked everyone for allowing him to serve.

MS. LESLIE MOORE REGARDING ROAD:

Ms. Moore came before council to report a road that needed work. Ms. Moore explained that she

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was there on behalf of her neighbor and herself. Ms. Moore presented pictures and described the road conditions. The road was near Buckner Street. Council informed Ms. Moore that Administrator Dobson –Elliott would check into the matter and report to council and Ms. Moore her findings.

MR. QUINCEY JONES:

Council explained that they met a 5:00 to be updated regarding the matter. Mr. Jones had no comment. Council Member Williams informed everyone that he was unable to make the 5:00 p. m. meeting. Council Member Winn explained that it was a good discussion but due to executive session cannot discuss. Mr. Jones explained that he would like to work out matters with Hampton County. Council thanked Mr. Jones for his comments.

MR. DARREL A. RUSSELL:

Mr. Russell came before council and explained that Hampton County Council is an At-Large Council. He commented that Hampton County chose to accept the Yemassee Fire and Rescue system. He also commented that At-Large means to serve the whole county. Chairman Hollingsworth responded to Mr. Russell that he knew what At-Large meant and the county serves all the same. Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that Hampton County does not have a 24/7 hired fire department. It would be great if the county did. There are six hired through a grant. It is a volunteer system. She explained that the Hampton County Rural Fire provides the same level of service throughout the Hampton County.

MR. DARRIN WILLIAMS:

Mr. Williams came before council to ask what council is doing to get Hampton County moving forward in regards to workforce incentives, technical college system concerning economic development (where are the benefits for Hampton County that other counties are taking advantage), advanced technology, etc.

MR. DARREL A. RUSSELL REGARDING BUDGET:

Mr. Russell came before council and commented that he was hoping for transparency. He wanted to know why there are six (6) antiquated computes and thirty minutes (30) use on each computes, lower energy efficiency at the Health Department. Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that it was not lower energy efficiency. The county was not being charged for electricity due to an oversight by SCE&G for approximately 30 years and now was and also the building is larger than the previous building. The Capital Projects Sales Tax bond – 1.2 million payment in September and why are other things being pushed back – want more transparency.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MAY 21, 2018 MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the May 21, 2018 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MAY 31, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:
Council deferred approval of the minutes until the next meeting.

PRESENTATION(S)

There were no presentation(s).

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

There were no Resolution(s) / Proclamation(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

JASPER OCEAN PORT ORDINANCE:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith to give second reading Jasper Ocean Port Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND READING TO THE AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith to give second reading to the Amendment to the Unified Land Development Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

County Attorney Solomons commented that council heard the legal update earlier today.

CLERK'S UPDATE:

Legislative Delegation Meeting

The clerk clarified as to contacting the Legislative Delegation to get dates for a meeting with them.

Parks and Recreation Meeting with Chair

The Clerk reported that the Chairman will be meeting with the two appointees the Hampton County Parks and Recreation Committee on June 13, 2018 at 10:00 a. m.

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REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

County Staff Person Appointment to the Pocotaligo Road Committee

Administrator Dobson Elliott explained that the Pocotaligo Road committee asked if the county would appoint two people to serve. Mr. Hodge and Ms. Peeples will be serving.

Ms. Suzanne Peeples, Director, Emergency Management

Ms. Peeples explained that they will be having a meeting on June 11, 2018 at 10:00 a. m. regarding how to handle donated goods.

Response to Mr. Darrel Russell's Comments

Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that she was not present at the meeting when Mr. Russell commented regarding fire services in Yemassee. Administrator Dobson-Elliott replied that she did not say what was implicated. She reported that she explained that the Tax base at this time does not support a 24/7 manned system anywhere in Hampton County, not only the Town of Yemassee. Ms. Elliott explained that the Town of Yemassee has been treated the same as all municipalities in Hampton County.

Hampton County's Surplus Vehicles Update

Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that the vehicles have been listed on Govs.Deal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL MATTER(S) AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER(S):

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters regarding evaluations and social media and economic development matters regarding potential industries and businesses. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting in favor and Council Members Williams and Winn voting against.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL MATTER(S) AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER(S):

Moved by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Winn, to come out of executive session regarding personnel matters regarding evaluations and social media and economic development matters regarding potential industries and businesses. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hollingsworth reported that council discussed personnel matters regarding evaluations and social media and received updates concerning economic development matters regarding potential industries and businesses.

ADJOURNMENT

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