

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; AUGUST 20, 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, August 20, 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 AUGUST 20, 2018 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Hollingsworth asked that Items #4.1, 7.1, 7.5, 7.6, 9.1-9.2 be added and 10.1.1 and 10.1.3 be removed. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the August 20, 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 WINN REGARDING LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM:

Council Member Winn came before council and commented that he was contacted about THE Hampton Water System last month a bill of over \$300.00. He wanted to know if the system is private, what can be done to dissolve. And protest being charged. Chairman Hollingsworth explained that the Lowcountry Regional Water Authority meet every 4th Tuesday and advised Council Member Winn that he needed to address them about his concerns.

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MR. QUINCEY JONES, COMPANY TWO:

Mr. Jones came before council and stated that the summary judgement regarding Company Two had been turned down by the Judge. He asked council if they had any questions or comments regarding the matter. Chairman Hollingsworth commented that the matter is in litigation and council had no comments.

MRS. LINDA GORDON AND MS. COURTNEY MIKELL CAME BEFORE COUNCIL REGARDING AN INVITATION TO COUNCIL FOR THE NEW TOWN COMMUNITY CELEBRATION AND A REQUEST FOR A COMMUNITY SIGN:

Mrs. Gordon and Ms. Mikell came before council and explained that the New Town Community was having a celebration to show community pride. It was to be held on August 25, 2018 starting at 7:00 a. m. Also, Mrs. Gordon and Ms. Mikell explained that they were told that they could request community signs from the county. Chairman Hollingsworth asked Administrator Dobson Elliott to explain. Administrator Dobson Elliott explained that Chairman Hollingsworth had donated his salary for this fiscal year to install signs in the community of Miley, etc. She explained that the citizens in an unincorporated area can obtain up to four (4) signs. Chairman Hollingsworth asked Mrs. Gordon and Ms. Mikell to get with Administrator Dobson Elliott.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

HAMPTON COUNTY JULY 16, 2018 MEETING MINUTES AND HAMPTON COUNTY JULY 26, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Council Member Winn, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the Hampton County July 16, 2018 County Council Meeting Minutes and the Hampton County July 26, 2018, 2018 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION(S)

MR. KELL ANDERSON, SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE QUARTERLY UPDATE:

Mr. Kell Anderson, SouthernCarolina Alliance came before council and gave the quarterly update regarding economic development projects and activities.

MR. CHRIS ALTMAN, DIRECTOR, HAMPTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, REGARDING AIR METHODS UPDATE:

Mr. Chris Altman, Director, EMS, came before council to give an update to council regarding Air Methods. (See Attachment)

PRESENTATION BY HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 TO HAMPTON COUNTY:

Hampton School District 2 will reschedule.

DR. VANESSA HARRIS, REGARDING BUSINESS, MAJOR CHANGE:

Dr. Vanessa Harris was not present.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SHEDRON WILLIAMS:

Council Member Williams reported on his attendance of the NaCO Conference. He informed council that there were a lot of good ideas regarding debt collecting, phone service for the detention center and information regarding the Gaylord Foundation. Council thanked Council Member Williams for his report.

MS. CHRISTINE JAMES, HAMPTON COUNTY FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, REGARDING 4TH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT:

Ms. James came before council to give her report. (See Attachment)

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

A RESOLUTION AVIATION WEEK: AUGUST 19-25, 2018 Resolution Aviation Week: August 19-25, 2018:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adopt the resolution recognizing the week of August 19-25, 2018 as Aviation Week in Hampton County. Motion carried unanimously.

HAMPTON COUNTY DEMOLITION GRANT RESOLUTION:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adopt the Hampton County Demolition Grant Resolution which will address the need of the demolition of obsolete buildings and vacant, dilapidated residential structures to address and support crime prevention efforts in targeted LMI neighborhoods has been identified as a priority community need for Hampton County; by making application to the South Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Grants Administration for Community Enrichment, Hampton County at the completion of this project would benefit approximately 130 persons, of which at least 51% qualify as having low-to-moderate incomes. The proposed project areas are: the incorporated areas near Early Branch and Varnville. Hampton County Council authorizes the County Administrator to prepare and submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Enrichment Application for the Hampton County Demolition Project, to commit local cash/in-kind match in the amount of 10% of total grant amount to meet the matching commitment of the Community Development Program, and to commit to sharing cost savings on a pro rata basis. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips, Smith and Williams voting in favor and Council Member Winn voting against.

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ORDINANCE(S)

ORDINANCE REGARDING NUPI:

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Winn, to give second reading to ordinance to expand and include six acres for NUPI. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT GODFATHER PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT OF A SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith to approve the second reading the Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and between Hampton County, South Carolina and Project Godfather providing for a payment of a Special Source Revenue Credit and other matters related thereto. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips, Smith and Williams voting in favor and Council Member Winn voting against.

FINANCING APPROVAL OF GAP BOND FOR THE RUTH JONE DIALYSIS CENTER BY TITLE ONLY:

Moved By Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith to approve the GAP Bond by title only; the paperwork need to be presented before next reading. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips and Smith voting in favor and Council Members Williams and Winn abstaining.

HAMPTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AMENDMENT TO BYLAW WITH MEETING TIME CHANGE FROM 6:00 p. m. to 12:00 noon:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to accept the recommendation of the Hampton County Economic Development Commission's Amendment to Bylaw with the meeting time change from 6:00 p. m. to 12:00 noon. Motion carried with Council Members Hollingsworth, Phillips, Smith and Williams voting in favor and Council Member Winn voting against.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

County Attorney Solomons reported to council regarding the following legal matters:

Coroner – No update

Company Two – The summary judgement requested by the county was denied by the judge. If there is no resolution, the matter is headed to court.

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Helen Pittman – Ms. James received a subpoena for records.

Detention Center – Attorney wanted to know if vacation or sick pay.

CLERK'S UPDATE:

The Clerk reminded council members about the Hampton County Family Summit that is scheduled for August 25, 2018 at 9:00 a. m.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Personnel Update

Administrator Dobson Elliott gave the personnel update.

Chief Gregg Cook, Regarding Grade Update

Chief Cook Came before council and informed council that Hampton County received the third round of the SAFER Grant. He explained that the county will have to match the grant. The match will be paid over a three year period. Council Member Williams asked if he could get a copy of the grant application. Council congratulated Mr. Cook and the department on receiving the grant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Winn to go into executive session to discuss personnel matter(s), evaluations and departmental issues. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Williams, to come out of executive session concerning personnel matter(s), evaluations and departmental issues. Motion carried unanimously. After coming out of executive session, Chairman Hollingsworth reported that council discussed two of the four matters.

ADJOURNMENT

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