

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JUNE 24, 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, June 24, 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: No media was present. 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:

Vice Chairman Phillips gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Williams.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE JUNE 24, 2019 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Bishop requested the following changes to the agenda: (1) Remove 7.1 and 7.3, (2) Move 12.3 to 10.3.1. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the June 24, 2019 Special Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

THIRD READING TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE:

Chairman Bishop opened the public hearing to receive public comments on third reading to the Hampton County Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance. Mr. Darryl Russell, Hampton County Representative, Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority (LRTA). Mr. Russell came before council and asked that the third reading to the budget be tabled and the funding for LRTA "Palmetto Breeze" be increased and presented a plan which included the Hampton County Road User Tax/Fee be increased by a \$1 or \$2 as direct funding for Hampton County's contribution to LRTA. Council thanked Mr. Russell. With no other comments, Chairman Bishop closed the public hearing.

THIRD READING TO HAMPTON COUNTY MODEL RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE FOR SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTIES ORDINANCE:

Chairman Bishop opened the public hearing to receive public comments on third reading to Hampton County Model Rules of Parliamentary Procedure for South Carolina Counties Ordinance. There were no public comments. Chairman Bishop closed the public hearing.

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PRESENTATION(S)

MS. KARI FOY, PEARLS, PRESENTATION TO THE COUNTY:

Ms. Kari Foy was unable to be present due to another obligation but the Chairman of PEARLS, Ms. Rhonda Willis, explained the PEARLS are a women's giving service through an endowment. They are giving \$9,250 in grants. Ms. Willis came before council and made grant presentations to the following:

- The Town of Furman – The Dream Girls – Mayor Ellis accepted the grant of \$600 for The Dream Girls, a mentoring program.
- Avery C. Thompson Community Center Youth Development – Ms. Thompson accepted \$2,000 grant to help at-risk children and to build a healthy community for Hampton County.
- Huspah Missionary Baptist Church – Ms. Teresa Butts and Ms. Belinda Cooler accepted the grant for \$1,150 for equipment and uniforms for a community softball crew/team.
- Greater Faith Missionary International Ministry – Minister Herbert and Mrs. Deborah Brown accepted the grant for \$3,000 for the installation of a walk-in cooler/freezer for the church to aid in the storing of food for the food bank.
- A-H-J Regional Library – Ms. Linda Crawford accepted the \$2,500 grant for the Lowcountry Drone project. It will be used to purchase the kits, etc.

Vice Chairman Phillips commended that PEARLS has been around for a long time and have done so much for the community and they also do a lot of volunteering. He explained that they need more exposure as to what they are doing. He suggested that Ms. Willis contact Mr. DeWitt, Hampton County Guardian. Council thanked Ms. Willis and PEARLS for their presence in Hampton County.

DR. GLENDA BROWN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, REGARDING SISTERS WALKING IN FREEDOM, A NON-PROFIT:

Dr. Glenda Brown, Executive Director, Regarding Sisters Walking in Freedom, A Non-Profit, Came before council and explained that they would like to come in Hampton County and help with improving reading. She explained that they would like to purchase a RV or bus to assist children in the Estill and Hampton area housing complexes. After starting with those individuals, they would expand to other children. Council thanked Dr. Brown for her presentation. (See handout)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S JUNE 3, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams to approve the June 3, 2019 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

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APPOINTMENT(S)

LOWCOUNTRY WORKFORCE BOARD (LABOR REPRESENTATIVE):

Council voted by ballot to appoint Miaakia S. Brown-Johnson to the Lowcountry Workforce Board (Labor Representative).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

There were no resolution(s)/proclamation(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

THIRD READING TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE:

Moved Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to give third reading to the Hampton County Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance. Council Member Winn had several concerns regarding the budget, Airport (\$512,000) and 2016 USDA Loan from Palmetto Bank for projects funded, Palmetto Theater receiving \$50,000 for a \$5,000 expectation, cost for telephone system, need to find another provider, need to look at salaries and investigate the Hampton County Arts Council, \$50,000 for \$5,000; the Fire Grant, \$262,000 and what grants are coming in and questions as to what new grants. Vice Chairman Phillips commented that council has had about fifteen (15) meetings on this budget and tax payers and needed to cut some places and would like to call for a vote. Motion carried with Council Members Bishop, Hollingsworth, Phillips and Williams voting in favor and Council Member Winn voting against.

THIRD READING TO HAMPTON COUNTY MODEL RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE FOR SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTIES ORDINANCE:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to give third reading to Hampton County Model Rules of Parliamentary Procedure for South Carolina Counties Ordinance. Council Member Winn explained that he did not agree because he feels that the Model Rules bypass things that Roberts Rules address. He commented that he feels that it needs more studying and need to check with the South Carolina Association of Counties (SCAC). Council Member Hollingsworth commented that the Model Rules were recommended by the SCAC. Motion carried with Council Members Bishop, Hollingsworth, Phillips and Williams voting in favor and Council Member Winn voting against.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SUCCESSION PLAN:

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to give first reading to the Administrator's Succession Plan. Council Member Winn asked that the Administrator's Succession Plan be discussed fully at the next council monthly retreat. Council Member Williams commented all of council should be a part of the decision and not just some council members. Council Member Hollingsworth commented that all of council is a part. Motion carried with Council Member Bishop, Hollingsworth and Phillips voting in favor and Council Member Williams and Winn voting against.

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BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING (S)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

CSX Update

County Attorney Solomons explained that the notice that CSX is suing the South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR) tax amount on properties. There are developments but nothing significant. The courts have decided in favor of SCDOR.

Coroner's Case

County Attorney Solomons explained that the case may or may not be heard in oral arguments in September or October of 2019.

CLERK'S UPDATE:

There was no update.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

There was no report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no report out of executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

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