

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; OCTOBER 7, 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, October 7, 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: Mr. Mike DeWitt, Hampton County Guardian 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 Winn.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2019 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:**

Chairman Bishop asked for a motion to adopt the agenda with the changes of adding resolution to make appointment of council member and an alternate council member to the LRWS, striking Item 10.1.1, Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding \$2,666,620 General Obligation Bonds and Not Exceeding \$2,666,620 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes of Hampton County, South Carolina for the Purposes of Defraying the Costs of Acquiring and Constructing the Hampton County Airport Hangars and Other Public Uses; To Provide for the Payment Thereof and Other Matters Relating Thereto and Item #10.3.1, An Ordinance to Provide for the Sale of Real Property Owned by Hampton County, South Carolina to Project Flash and Other Matters Relating Thereto. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the October 7, 2019 county council meeting agenda with the noted changes. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2,666,620 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOT EXCEEDING \$2,666,620 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE PURPOSES OF DEFRAYING THE COSTS OF**

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**ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING THE HAMPTON COUNTY AIRPORT HANGARS AND OTHER PUBLIC USES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO:**

Chairman Bishop opened the public hearing to receive public comments on the Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding \$2,666,620 General Obligation Bonds and Not Exceeding \$2,666,620 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes of Hampton County, South Carolina for the Purposes of Defraying the Costs of Acquiring and Constructing the Hampton County Airport Hangars and Other Public Uses; To Provide for the Payment Thereof and Other Matters Relating Thereto. Citizens to speak on matter:

Ms. Linda Alls  
Ms. Linda Gordon  
Ms. Barbara Gray  
Mr. James Fennell  
Mr. Nigel Alexander  
Ms. Tameka Busby  
Mr. Ronald Williams  
Mr. Daniel Anderson  
Mr. Kenneth Grayborn

The above listed came before council individually to convey their objection to the #2,666,620 General Obligation Bond and some regarding the desire for council to focus their efforts on recreation, the item listed in the Capital Projects Sales Tax list and council's needs assessment list. Some citizens questioned the Capital Equipment Financing that passed in 2016 for 10-T hangars for \$275,000. Information was requested for the cost of the 20 proposed hangars and the two commercial hangars and the amount that the fuel is bringing in and the cost of the fuel and what revenue is being earned by the county. Citizens also wanted what was the lease amount for the hangars monthly. The Administrator replied that it was \$210 per month. Also, there was a question if there were any lawsuits pending regarding the airport. It was stated that there were no lawsuits. Also, citizens cited that the county had a proposed deal that did not come to fruition regarding the medical helicopter in which the loan was acquired to buy a building. They expressed their concern that if the revenue is not produced as anticipated, then the citizens would be the ones who will be responsible for repayment of the loan. Citizens reiterated their desire for council to remember their needs assessment priority and CPST priority. Chairman Bishop closed the public hearing.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**COUNCIL MEMBER RONALD WINN REGARDING FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA):**

Council Member Winn came before council regarding FOIA. (Please see attachment.)

**MR. QUINCY JONES REGARDING AIRPORT:**

Mr. Jones came before council and gave an update about the standing of Hampton County Airport in regards to the agreement between Hampton County and Allendale County. Mr. Jones commented that he is totally behind the hangars but would like to see the lawsuit settled before the resolution is put forward.

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**MS. EDNA ALLS REGARDING RECREATION:**

Ms. Alls stated that the council needs to put family first. She knows about crime and gun violence first hand. Council needs to invest in recreation for the youth to give them something to do. She explained that maybe the next level the county can build the hangars but they need to invest in recreation for the citizens and mainly the youth.

**MS. BARBARA GRAY REGARDING WAITING ON BUILDING HANGARS:**

Ms. Gray explained that she does not want her grandchildren paying for something that was a decision of this council. She commented that council was building hangars and flying high for high flying people. She explained that she's on a fixed income. Ms. Gray commented that the county needed to wait on building the hangars.

**MR. DARRELL RUSSELL REGARDING TOYS FOR TOTS:**

Mr. Darrell Russell came before council and introduced himself as the Coordinator for Hampton County Toys for Tots. He explained that every toy collected and every dollar collected stays in Hampton County and any public space available for the storage of the collections is needed. Council thanked Mr. Russell for his service.

**MS. TAMEK BUSBY REGARDING AIRPORT:**

Ms. Busby came before council and expressed her disdain regarding the clarity of the answer to her question regarding if the county had a lawsuit pending. She explained that Ms. Elliott and council were not truthful in responding to the public when asked if there was a pending lawsuit regarding the airport. County Attorney Solomons advised the council and administrator not to comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES:**

**Moved** by Council Member Winn, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the September 30, 2019 (5:15 p. m.) Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:**

Vice Chairman Phillips asked to strike word "Administrator" that was listed twice listed on page 2, second line. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the September 30, 2019 (6:00 p. m.) Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes with denoted change. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

**HAMPTON COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CERTIFICATES:**

Chairman Bishop and members of council presented to Mr. Brian McDaniel, his certificate of appointment to the Hampton County Zoning Board of Appeals.

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**APPOINTMENT(S)**

There were no appointment(s).

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINTMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS AS  
MEMBER AND ALTERNATE TO THE LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL  
WATER AUTHORITY:**

**Moved** to appoint Clay Bishop, Chair and Alternate, Darin Williams, Council Member, to the Lowcountry Regional Water Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

**AMENDMENT TO THE HAMPTON COUNTY MODEL RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY  
PROCEDURE FOR SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTIES ORDINANCE:**

**Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to give first reading to the Amendment to the Hampton County Model Rules of Parliamentary Procedure for South Carolina Counties Ordinance by title only. Council Member Winn wanted to know if this applied to all boards and commissions the same as council. Chairman Bishop responded that it did. Motion carried unanimously.

**BID(S)**

There were no bid(s).

**COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)**

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:**

**Road Closing by DNR Update**

County Attorney Solomons updated council that he received notice today from DNR (Department of Natural Resources) that they are about to file the lawsuit for the road closing and he wanted to know if council wanted him to accept service for Hampton County. Council confirmed that County Attorney accept service for the road closing lawsuit.

**Sale of Dialysis Center**

County Attorney handed out sheet to council regarding Sale of Dialysis Center.

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**CLERK'S UPDATE:**

**Boards and Commissions Update**

The Clerk advised council that the update should be completed by Friday.

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Mural in Yemassee**

Administrator Dobson Elliott reported that she went by the mural in Yemassee and it looks good.

**Event at Palmetto Theater**

Administrator Dobson Elliott commented that she has tickets for sale for the band, Double Shot, will be performing. She commented that Vice Chairman Phillips is a member of Double Shot.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Winn, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Bishop adjourned the meeting.