

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; APRIL 1, 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, April 1, 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: None. 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 Roy Hollingsworth.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE APRIL 1, 2019 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Bishop asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Administrator Dobson-Elliott requested that item #10.3.1. **Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to adopt the April 1, 2019 Meeting Agenda with the necessary changes and the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PRESENTATION(S)

MR. WILLIAM C. DILLARD, ESQUIRE, REGARDING THE PROPOSED ROAD ABANDONMENT – SCDNR (SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES) PALACHUCOLA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (THE ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST BY SCDNR WHICH INVOLVES THE DIRT ROAD WHICH HAS BEEN MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY THAT TRAVERSES THE OLD PALACHUCOLA CLUB PROPERTY IN SOUTHERN HAMPTON COUNTY):

Mr. William C. Dillard, Esquire, came before council along with Mr. Ken Crosser and Ms. Atkinson, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources regarding the proposed road

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abandonment – SCDNR (South Carolina Department of Natural Resources) Palachucola Wildlife Management Area. He explained that the road closure is being requested by SCDNR which involves the dirt road that has been maintained by the County that traverses the Old Palachucola Club property in southern Hampton County. Mr. Crosser explained that SCDNR wanted to take over the maintenance of the road and that it would continue to be open except for hunts and impassable travel during inclement weather. Council thanked everyone for the presentation.

THE HONORABLE JIMMY BILKA, MAYOR, TOWN OF HAMPTON, REGARDING RECREATION:

Mayor Bilka, Town of Hampton, came before council and shared with them the many things that the Town of Hampton is doing in regards to recreation and programs for youth sports. Mayor Bilka explained that the Town of Hampton is experiencing upgrades and repairs to recreational facilities above the cost of keeping the programs and facilities in good condition. He explained that there is a cost in excess of \$4,000 that the Town of Hampton has; he commented that he has done everything and coming to the county for help is the last resort. He asked the county if at all possible he would appreciate any appropriation to assist with these cost. Mayor Bilka explained that all children that play come from all over Hampton County.

PRESENTATION OF APPOINTMENT CERTIFICATE TO MR. DARRELL RUSSELL, LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LRTA):

Chairman Bishop and council presented the Hampton County Certificate of Appointment to Mr. Darrell Russell, LRTA Board.

LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LRTA) UPDATE:

Mr. Darrell Russell, Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority (LRTA) Board Member, came before council to introduce Ms. Mary Lou Franzoni, Executive Director, LRTA. Ms. Franzoni came before council to give update regarding services and use of appropriations received. (See Attachment)

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MR. QUINCEY JONES, COMPANY TWO, REGARDING AIRPORT:

Mr. Jones came before council and wanted to know if council had any questions about his proposal. He commented that he saw no mention of the proposal that he presented at the last meeting on the agenda to be discussed in public or executive session. He explained that both parties met in mediation over a year ago and the judge read the files and explained that both parties could lose this trial; Mr. Jones explained that he would like to see this litigation put to rest with a possible agreement worked out. County Attorney Solomons advised council not to address the matter, because it was in litigation. Chairman Bishop thanked Mr. Jones for his presentation and commented that it will be taken in consideration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MARCH 18, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:
Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Winn to approve the March 18,

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2019 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Williams to approve the March 18, 2019 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION:

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

NON DISCRIMINATION POLICY RESOLUTION:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt the Non-Discrimination Policy Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURES:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth to accept the Model Rules of Parliamentary Procedures for South Carolina Counties Ordinance for second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

Explanation to Council Member Winn Regarding Instructions Given During Public Comments from Mr. Quincey Jones:

County Attorney Solomons explained to Council Member Winn that he interjected, because the matter proposed by Mr. Jones during public comments is a part of an ongoing litigation and if council would like to discuss the matter, it should be discussed executive session. He explained that Mr. Jones is also speaking without his attorney and is in violation of the mediation rules.

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Presentation by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR):

County Attorney Solomons explained to council that whatever the decision of the county; Hampton County will be named in the lawsuit to close the road. The matter will have to be put back on the agenda for Hampton County's decision.

CLERK'S UPDATE:

There was no update.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Budget Calendar

Administrator Dobson-Elliott presented the 2019 Budget Calendar to council. She explained that if any changes were needed, they could go back and do so. **Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt the Hampton County Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Suzanne Peeples, Director, Emergency Management, Regarding Pocotaligo Road Update

Ms. Peeples came before council to provide an update regarding the Pocotaligo Road. Ms. Peeples explained that she was in a meeting with Mr. Gosnell, South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), and was told that the funding has been approved but there is one more letter to be signed. The road should be open before the end of the year. Council thanked Ms. Peeples for her report.

Dr. Wilcox, Hampton County School District #1, Regarding Possible Collaboration with Technical College of the Lowcountry and Hampton County Airport Commission Regarding Aviation Program

Administrator Dobson-Elliott presented to council the possibility of funding being available for someone to come in and have an Aviation Flight School and offer to the community. She asked Dr. Wilcox to come and share the conversation that they had regarding the matter. Dr. Wilcox explained that when he was in Tennessee, the school, his Air Force ROTC instructor was a pilot and together they put together a program for students to get their pilots license, etc. He explained that many of those students are flying commercial flights, etc. Also, he explained that with the technical college, there could be many jobs connected to aviation on the mechanical side. Council thanked Dr. Wilcox. Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that to go after the funding, she needed a letter of support from council. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support for the grant from the Aeronautics Commission for the aviation class. Council Member Winn asked that council be provided a copy of the letter before it is sent. Motion carried unanimously. Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that this will be no expense for the county.

Brochures for the Litter Pick Up

Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained that she has brochures for the litter clean-up day. She explained that she needs the names of those who plan to participate by Friday.

Employee Update

Administrator Dobson-Elliott presented the employee update.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

There are no matters to discuss.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There are no matters to report.

ADJOURNMENT

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