

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; JANUARY 4, 2016; 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, January 4, 2016, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Roy Hollingsworth, Vice Chairman; Christopher B. Haulsee; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Isaac Smith and Shedron D. Williams, Chairman. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator and Aline Newton, Clerk to Council. Media present: Hampton County Guardian. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Williams 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 JANUARY 4, 2016 HAMPTON COUNTY CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 3.1.1 ~~December 7, 2015 County Council Meeting Minutes~~
- 3.1.2 December 11, 2015 County Council Special Meeting Minutes

and the January 4, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revisions, (1) Defer Item # 3.1.1, December 7, 2015 County Council Meeting Minutes, (2) Remove Item 5.1, Action on Resignation of Vice Chairman, (3) Remove Item # 5.2, Election of Vice Chairman, (4) Add Item # 8.1, Southern Carolina Alliance Update, (5) Add Item #13.4, County Attorney's Request to Pay Itemized Statement for Outside Specialized Legal Consultation and (6) Remove Item #10.1, Resolution – Real Property Lease Agreement with the Town of Yemassee. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT OF STAFF**

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**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to appoint Aline Newton as Clerk to Council. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to appoint Algernon Solomons, Jr. as County Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

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**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes approved under the Consent Agenda.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

**MR. BRANTLEY STRICKLAND, PROJECT MANAGER, SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE, REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:**

Mr. Danny Black, Chief Executive Officer, SouthernCarolina Alliance was in attendance. Mr. Brantley Strickland, Project Manager (Hampton County), SouthernCarolina Alliance, came before council to update council regarding the status of economic development projects in Hampton County. Mr. Strickland reported that all is going well. (See Attachment #1, Report)

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

There were no appointment(s).

**RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATIONS**

There were no resolution(s).

**ORDINANCE(S)**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AREA:**

**Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to give first reading by title only to Ordinance Amending the Boundaries of the Fire Protection Service Area. Motion carried unanimously. Council wanted assurance that the coverage by Hampton County would only be for the portion of the Town of Yemassee that was in Hampton County. Administrator Dobson-Elliott assured council that this is correct. Administrator Dobson-Elliott reported that this is correct and as outlined for mutual aid to other counties in the Mutual Aid Agreements that Hampton County has with the surrounding counties of the Town of Yemassee.

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**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF WATERCRAFT SUBJECT TO PROPERTY TAX IN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO ESTABLISH THE ASSESSMENT RATIO OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF SUCH WATERCRAFT:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to give first reading by title only to An Ordinance to Provide for the Assessment of Watercraft subject to Property Tax in Hampton County, South Carolina and to Establish the Assessment Ratio of the Fair Market Value of Such Watercraft. Motion carried unanimously.

**BID(S)**

There were no bid(s).

**COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)**  
**DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):**

**Chairman Williams**

Chairman Williams stated that the MLK (Martin Luther King, Jr.) Parade was going to be this Saturday, January 16, 2016 in Estill, South Carolina and informed all that he was participating and wanted to know if anyone wanted to participate and ride with him. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that he planned to participate. Chairman Williams also asked that council get some dates so that they can meet with the Legislative Delegation to discuss Hampton County and its issues/needs.

**Council Member Smith**

Council Member Smith stated that he was glad to see those who were in attendance. He reported that he was glad to hear the good news about the county.

**Vice Chairman Hollingsworth**

Vice Chairman Hollingsworth reported that he got a call from a citizen from the Miley Area regarding the Fire Station and premium hasn't been adjusted yet. Mr. Gregg Cook, Hampton County Fire Chief, came before council to give an update regarding Vice Chairman Hollingsworth's concern. Mr. Cook reported that he hasn't updated council since the Miley Fire Station Grand Opening. He stated that he understood that to have the Miley Fire Station recognized as a Fire Station, he had to provide coordinates, address, GPS Coordinates tract and ISO Rating would be given when they received the information. He stated that ISO Inspector came down three years ago and did inspection. He came December of last year and this is what they were told. Marisale Santiago was to make sure all in place, but the ISO Inspector is to do a full inspection of all the fire stations. Because of this full inspection, an ISO rating for Miley will not be available until April 1, 2016. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that there are about fifty people waiting for their ISO ratings. Council Member Phillips stated that in good faith, we did what was asked of us and when it was asked to be done. **By acclamation**, Council asked that the County Administrator Dobson-Elliott with the collaboration of Mr. Gregg Cook, Hampton County Fire Chief, ask for a little pressure on the ISO from Representative Bill Bowers.

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**CLERK'S REPORT:**

No report.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REQUEST TO PAY ITEMIZED STATEMENT FOR OUTSIDE SPECIALIZED LEGAL CONSULTATION:**

**Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to pay the itemized Invoice in the amount of \$2,643.45 (Two thousand, six hundred forty-three dollars and forty-five cents) for outside legal consultation as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Capital Projects Sales Tax Projects Update**

Administrator Dobson-Elliott reported that the Library progress is going well. Concrete is to be poured if weather holds up, structure will be going up at Health Department.

**Emergency Services**

Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that the Hampton County Emergency Services (EMS) was put to task in the Estill area over the last weeks a provided excellent health care.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no matter(s).

**REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no matter(s).

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:**

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Aline Newton, Clerk to Council

**Hampton County Council Members:**

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Shedron D. Williams, Chairman

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Roy Hollingsworth, Vice Chairman

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Christopher B. Haulsee

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Charles H. Phillips

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Isaac Smith