

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MARCH 20, 2017; 5:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held special meeting on Monday, March 20, 2017, 5:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Roy Hollingsworth, Chairman; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Vice Chairman; Shedron D. Williams and Ronald G. "Breeze" Winn. Council Member(s) absent: Isaac Smith. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator and Aline Newton, Clerk. Media present: None. 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:

Chairman Hollingsworth gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE MARCH 20, 2017 HAMPTON COUNTY AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to adopt the March 20, 2017 Special Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION(S)

MR. BRANTLEY STRICKLAND, PROJECT MANAGER-HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTHERN CAROLINA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, REGARDING AN INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO LOVE'S TRAVEL STOPS AND COUNTRY STORES, INC. RESOLUTION(S):

Mr. Brantley Strickland, Project Manager-Hampton County, Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance, Regarding an Inducement Resolution Pertaining to Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores, Inc. Mr. Strickland stated that Love's Truck Stop will be located on Highway 68. This is a 12 million dollar investment. He explained that they were considering Hardeeville. He stated that they are asking for a 10% SSRC for five years. This will be \$380,000 in new taxes. Council thanked Mr. Strickland for his report.

MRS. ROSE DOBSON-ELLIOTT, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, REGARDING RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO STATE RETIREMENT FUND:

Mrs. Rose Dobson-Elliott, Hampton County Administrator, Regarding Resolution Pertaining to State Retirement Fund. Administrator Dobson-Elliott explained to council that Bamberg County is asking counties to join in their opposition of counties for the increases in the counties contributions of the retirement paid instead of the state's contribution. This is being considered by Act 388. The counties would have to raise millage to do this. Small counties cannot afford this. Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that council is asked to adopt the resolution presented.

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Council thanked Administrator Dobson-Elliott for the presentation.

LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION MEETING

Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that council will meet with the Legislative Delegation at 12:30 p. m. and 5:00 p. m. on April 18, 2017.

COUNCIL'S MONTHLY RETREAT MEETING

Chairman Hollingsworth reminded council about Council's Monthly Retreat on March 24, 2017 from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon.

COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)

DISCUSSION OF ARTS COUNCIL AND STANLEY BUILDING MATTERS:

Council will discuss Arts Council and Stanley Building matters at the 6:00 p. m. meeting.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER REGARDING PROJECT CURIE:

Moved by Vice Chair Phillips, seconded by Council Member Winn, to come out of executive session regarding an economic development matter concerning Project Curie. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hollingsworth reported that council talked about Project Curie.

ADJOURNMENT

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