

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; NOVEMBER 23, 2015; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held a special meeting on Monday, November 23, 2015, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Roy Hollingsworth, Vice Chairman; Isaac Smith and Shedron D. Williams, Chairman. Council Member(s) absent: Christopher B. Haulsee and Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator and Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: There was no media present. 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 AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER REGARDING ECOGY BIOFUEL,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER(S) AND CONTRACTUAL
MATTERS:**

Moved by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to go into executive session to discuss legal matters. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER REGARDING LEGAL MATTERS:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to come out of executive session regarding legal matters. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams reported that the Administrator is to prepare a statement for the press regarding an explanation of tax increase. Council stated that the public is looking at council, but the county's millage rate did not increase. It was on the school's side. They asked that the Administrator prepare a statement explaining why there was an increase with the school's millage.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

REQUEST ON BEHALF OF THE YEMASSEE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that she, Gregg Cook, Hampton County Fire Chief and Chris

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Altman, Hampton County Emergency Services Director, met with Yemassee Town Officials regarding the county taking over the Yemassee's Fire Department. Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that she would draw up an ordinance in order for them to come under the Hampton County Fire Department. She stated that this action would increase the value of a fire mill. Council Member Phillips stated that when they last met with the Town of Yemassee regarding this request, they were supposed to get that straight regarding the Bender Hall area. He stated that Hampton County would not be liable. He stated that the Town of Yemassee was supposed to get that to Hampton County before the request to take their fire department was accepted. Council would like to see this in writing. Attorney Solomon will check into the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams adjourned at 7:39 p. m.