

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; FEBRUARY 4, 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, February 4, 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. Michael DeWitt, Hampton County Guardian. 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 Darin Williams.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2019 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Bishop requested the following changes to the agenda: (1) Add public hearing for Needs Assessment by Lowcountry Council of Governments (LCOG), (2) Change Presentations to #5, and Public Comments will become #7 and asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Winn, to adopt February 4, 2019 Meeting Agenda with the necessary changes and the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

HAMPTON COUNTY ANNUAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT HEARING BY THE LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MS. BARBARA JOHNSON):

Ms. Barbara Johnson, LCOG, came before council to explain the reason for the Needs Assessment Hearing. Chairman Bishop opened the public hearing to receive public comments. Ms. Johnson took the comments as submitted by the Administrator and Mr. Terry Wright, SCA. Chairman Bishop closed the public hearing. Chairman Bishop explained that council will present a prioritized list at the next council meeting.

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PRESENTATION(S)

**PRESENTATION OF APPOINTMENT CERTIFICATE TO MS. DEBORAH HIERS,
HAMPTON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

Ms. Hiers was not present.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS TO HAMPTON COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS:

Mr. Gregg Cook, Hampton County Rural Fire Chief, and Mr. Kenny Harrison, Town of Hampton Fire Department, explained that the two firefighters, Jeremy Sullivan and Parker Harrison, showed extraordinary bravery in just performing their duties and in so helped to save a life. Chairman Bishop presented the medals to Jeremy Sullivan and Parker Harrison.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S JANUARY 22, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Williams to approve the January 22, 2019 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S JANUARY 22, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to approve the January 22, 2019 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

Concerned Citizens

Ms. Candy Altman

Ms. Natasha Green

Ms. April Polk

Citizens spoke out against comments they reported that were made by Council Member Winn in matters regarding Hampton County. The citizens explained that they would like to see Council Member Winn impeached.

Mr. Jerry Gosnell, SCDOT, Mr. Gosnell explained that he wanted to clarify some information that has been that has been reported by Council Member Winn. He reported that South Carolina Department Transportation (SCDOT) have a very good relationship, and he would like some clarification on the comments that were made. Mr. Gosnell also reported that the Pocotaligo Road will be repaired by year's end.

Ms. Betty Ruth Crews – Ms. Crews commented that she has been a life long resident of Hampton County, and Hampton County is a good place to live.

Mr. James Fennell – He stated that he had no comments at this time.

Chairman Bishop explained that he would give Council Member Winn an opportunity to respond

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since he did not sign up for comments. Council Member Winn explained that he welcomed comments from the public and explained that some of the comments made against him were incorrect.

APPOINTMENT(S)

HAMPTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL:

Council voted by ballot to appoint John Wright to the Hampton County Arts Council.

SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE:

Council voted by ballot to appoint Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips as Council's Representative to SouthernCarolina Alliance.

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

There were no resolution(s)/Proclamation(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AMONG ALLENDALE, BAMBERG, BARNWELL AND HAMPTON COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PARK; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (PROJECT HUCKLEBERRY):

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to give second reading to an Ordinance to Amend the Agreement for a Joint County Industrial Park among Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell and Hampton Counties so as to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Park; and other matters related thereto (Project Huckleberry). Motion carried with Council Members Bishop, Hollingsworth, Phillips and Williams voting in favor and Council Member Winn voting against.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A CERTAIN COMPANY AS SPONSOR, AS IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT HUCKLEBERRY, TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES INCENTIVE AND CERTAIN SOURCE REVENUE SOURCE CREDITS, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS:

Moved by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to give second reading to An Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement By and Between Hampton County, South Carolina and A Certain Company As Sponsor, As Identified for the Time Being as Project Huckleberry, To Provide for a Fee-In-Lieu of of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive and Certain Source Revenue Source Credits, And Other Related Matters. Council Member Winn asked for a point of order in regards to Vice Chairman Phillips was just appointed to the SouthernCarolina Alliance Board and wanted to know if it was a conflict conflict of interest for Vice Chairman Phillips to vote on the issue. County Attorney commented that it was not a conflict of interest. Motion carried with Council Members Bishop, Hollingsworth

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Hollingsworth and Phillips voting in favor and Council Members Williams and Winn voting against.

ORDINANCE FOR THE AMENDMENT TO AMENDED AND RESTATED MASTER AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUAD-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK I, PARK II AND PARK III (WORLD ENERGY ESTILL, LLC):

Moved Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give second reading to an Ordinance for the Amendment to Amended and Restated Master Agreement for the Establishment of the Quad-County Industrial Park I, Park II and Park III (World Energy Estill, LLC). Motion carried with Council Members Bishop, Hollingsworth and Phillips voting in favor and Council Member Winn voting against and Council Member Williams abstained.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AMENDED AND RESTATED MASTER AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUAD COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK I, PARK II AND PARK III DATED AS OF MAY 6, 2013 BY AND AMONG ALLENDALE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, BAMBERG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, BARNWELL COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARKS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN THAT PORTION OF THE PARKS GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to give second reading to An Ordinance to Amend the Amended and Restated Master Agreement for the Establishment of the Quad-County Industrial Park I, Park II and Park III Dated as of May 6, 2013 by and Among Allendale County, South Carolina, Bamberg County, South Carolina, Barnwell County, South Carolina and Hampton County, South Carolina, Providing for the Development of Certain Multi-County Industrial Parks, So As to Include Additional Property in that Portion of the Parks Geographically Located in Hampton County, South Carolina, and Other Matters Related Thereto. Motion carried with Council Members Bishop, Hollingsworth and Phillips voting in favor and Council Member Winn voting against and Council Member abstained.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)
COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

Old Orangeburg Road Update

County Attorney Solomons gave an update on the Old Orangeburg Road. He reported that he received a letter explaining what they (DNR) were talking about when requested shutting down the Old Orangeburg Road. County Attorney Solomons passed out letter to council members. He explained that any action would have to come to council.

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CLERK'S UPDATE:

There was no update.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Dobson-Elliott responded to misinformed comments made by Council Member Winn and asked that he provide proof of his statements.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to go into executive session to discuss Company Two and the Coroner's Office. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to come out of executive session concerning Company Two and the Coroner's Office. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Bishop reported that no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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