

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JANUARY 6, 2020; 5:30 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held a special meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020, 5:30 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: No media was present. 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:

Council Member Hollingsworth gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Winn.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 6, 2020 HAMPTON COUNTY SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Bishop asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Winn, to approve the January 6, 2020 county council special meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to go into executive session to discuss an economic development update. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

Moved by Council Member Winn, seconded by Council Member Williams, to come out of executive session regarding an economic development update. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Bishop reported that an economic development update was discussed; no action was taken.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

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Hampton County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020, 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:

Council Member Williams gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairman Phillips.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 6, 2020 HAMPTON COUNTY MEETING AGENDA
AND CONSENT AGENDA:**

Chairman Bishop asked that in section 5, the subsection numbers needed to be changed from 8.1 and 8.2 to 5.1 and 5.2 and to strike 5.1. **Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the January 6, 2020 county council meeting agenda and consent agenda with the noted changes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

**HAMPTON COUNTY NEEDS ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARING (MS. BARBARA
JOHNSON, LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS):**

Chairman Bishop opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding the Hampton County Needs Assessment. Ms. Barbara Johnson, Lowcountry Council of Governments, gave an overview of the programs available. There were no public comments. Council will review their list of needs and review and prioritize at their monthly retreat. Chairman Bishop closed the public hearing. (See attachment of presentation by Ms. Johnson.)

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APPOINTMENT OF STAFF

Moved by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to reappoint A. G. Solomons, Jr. as County Attorney. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Winn asked about the Clerk to Council's reappointment. Chairman Bishop responded that it was stricken and have to be discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER WINN REGARDING CONCERNS:

Council Member Winn informed council about matters regarding the airport and the cutting of the trees in the neighborhood, the clean-up with leaving stumps in the yards, and noise from aircraft coming in and out of the airport. Council Member Winn commented that Chairman Bishop should be reprimanded for sending an e-mail without contacting council regarding his challenging of the house member's appointment regarding the airport. Council Member Winn commented that he has asked for USDA loan information from 2015 on money collected and who spent it. He explained that Dr. Hollingsworth spoke about the council had an agreement but would like to know where that money went and how it was allocated. Council Member Winn commented that he's requested information under the Freedom of information Act and never properly responded for investigation.

MR. ARTHUR RUTH:

Mr. Ruth came back before council and wanted to know when his road would be paved at Brookwood; the county said that it would be paved, but it has not. He explained that they have been there since 1994. Mr. Ruth was told that this does not fall under council's purview. The Transportation Committee sets what roads are paved. Administrator Dobson Elliott will check into the matter and contact Mr. Ruth.

MR. DON BRANT:

Mr. Don Brant came before council regarding prayer for Yemassee. He explained that they will be assembled in Yemassee and Hampton County as a whole on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at Fletcher's Café. He explained that they meet at Fletcher's Café every Tuesday morning at 7:00 a. m. to pray for the government, Fennell Elementary, and teachers. Mr. Brant quoted, 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." He added that there will be free coffee and doughnuts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DECEMBER 2, 2019 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Bishop asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Administrator Dobson Elliott explained that there were some clerical corrections. **Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chairman Phillips, to approve the December 2, 2019 Hampton County Council meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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DECEMBER 16, 2019 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Bishop asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **Moved** by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the December 16, 2019 Hampton County Council meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION(S)

MR. TOM WATSON AND MS. SUZANNE PEEPLES, HAMPTON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES, REGARDING EMERGENCY EXERCISE:

Mr. Tom Watson, Hampton County Sheriff's Office, and Ms. Suzanne Peeples, Hampton County Emergency Services, came before council regarding emergency exercise pertaining to active shooter training. This will take place on January 17, 2020 at Wade Hampton High School, Operation V Storm. Every school has to do active shooter training. Participants will be teachers. Mr. Watson explained that notification is given to council tonight and the press release is going out on Monday. He explained that everything about the exercise will be given except what they are doing. Mr. Watson commented that we are entering a new paradigm in this county. The county will not be graded on this exercise but will be graded on the one that will be held on March 12, 2020.

APPOINTMENT(S)

HAMPTON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL REVIEW:

Chairman Bishop commented that there was a member of the Arts Council that moved out of the County, and there are several vacancies. The Clerk explained that there was no notification sent to the council's office about the appointee moving out of the county.

HAMPTON COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER BOARD:

Council voted by ballot to appoint Christopher Altman to the Hampton County Regional Medical Center Board.

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

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

ORDINANCE(S)

There were no ordinance(s).

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

The Chairman did not have an update.

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COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:

The County Attorney thanked council for his reappointment.

CLERK'S UPDATE:

The Clerk had no update.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Dobson Elliott gave council the personnel update, and informed council that the USDA loan for the purchase of the Dialysis Center has been paid off. She reminded council that the budget process will begin soon. Also, she commented that public works have been dealing with some issues because of the rain; there has been a lot of water coming from the paved roads.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no matters for executive session.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no executive matters to report out.

ADJOURNMENT

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