

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY; FEBRUARY 21, 2023, 6:00 P. M.  
HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Hampton County Council held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 6:00 p. m. Council Member(s) present: Noah O. Alexander, Chairman; Darin Williams, Vice Chairman; Roy Hollingsworth; Camille M. Welch and Jordan J. “JJ” Jinks. Council Member(s) absent: None. Staff present: Chanel Lewis, Interim County Administrator/Finance and Human Resources Director; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Staff absent: None. Wilson Holland and Robert Chasse, Hampton County IT. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:00 p. m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION:**

Council Member Welch gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Jinks.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2023 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
MEETING AGENDA:**

Chairman Alexander asked for the adoption of the agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Welch, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to approve the February 21, 2023 Hampton County Council Meeting agenda with the deferral of Items 6.1 and 6.2 and 10.2.2. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**MR. BEN FENNELL REGARDING GUN RANGE IN YEMASSEE:**

Mr. Fennell came before council representing Fennell Hill. He explained that the bullets are

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coming into the homes. The bullet came into the home of the oldest member of the community. Ms. Baker started a nursery in Yemassee. He asked that council pursue this matter.

**MS. LINDA KELLY REGARDING FISCAL INTEGRITY:**

Ms. Kelly came before council regarding the county moving forward with a forensic audit and an experienced administrator.

**DR. ZANE OSBORNE REGARDING THE AIRPORT:**

Dr. Osborne came before council to applaud the Hampton County Airport Commission for getting money from the State NPIAS. He encouraged the county to work productively with the hospital to operate a medical transport through the county.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council deferred that approval the minutes.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

**NAACP VOTERS DISTRICTS AND ZONING PROPOSAL FOR SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT FOR HAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND COUNTY COUNCIL INCREASE TO SEVEN MEMBER WITH SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT THAT COINCIDE WITH SCHOOL BOARD SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS – HAMPTON COUNTY, SC:**

Mr. Willard E. Wilson, came to speak on behalf of the NAACP Voters Districts and Zoning Proposal for Single Member District for Hampton County School Board and County Council Increase to Seven Member with Single Member District that Coincide with School Board Single Member Districts – Hampton County, South Carolina. Mr. Wilson explained that of the 5,765 residents of Estill – Not represented.

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

**LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LRTA) BOARD:**

Council voted by ballot to appoint Laura J. Atkinson to the Lowcountry Regional Transportation Authority (LRTA) Board.

**RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)**

**R2023-004, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED MASTER AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUAD-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK I, PARK II, AND PARK III TO INCLUDE**

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**ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN THE PARK:**

**Moved** by Council Member Jinks, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to adopt R2023-004, Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Agreement for the Establishment of the Quad-County Industrial Park I, Park II, and Park III to Include Additional Property in the Park (Project Tread). Motion carried unanimously.

**R2023-005, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED MASTER AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUAD-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK I, PARK II, AND PARK III TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN THE PARK (PROJECT HOMEGROWN):**

**Moved** by Council Member Jinks, seconded by Council Member Welch, to adopt R2023-005, A Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Agreement for the Establishment of the Quad-County Industrial Park I, Park II, and Park III to Include Additional Property in the Park (Project Homegrown). Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

**2023-004, REZONING ORDINANCE:**

**Moved** by Council Member Jinks, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to give second reading the Ordinance 2023-004, Rezoning Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

**2023-005, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #2000-1002-003, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES:**

Council deferred this matter.

**BID(S)**

**ROOF ON RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND DOJO:**

**Moved** by Council Member Welch, seconded by Council Member Jinks, to defer 11.1 until the vetting of the company. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)**

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

Chairman Alexander reported that council is taking the first step to hire an administrator and has directed staff.

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S LIAISON APPOINTMENTS:**

Chairman Alexander reported that by the end of this week, liaison appointments will be completed.

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS' UPDATE:**

**Council Member Jinks**

Council Member Jinks reported that he has contacted Brenna Hancock, Hampton County Grants Administrator, regarding funding to renovate this building, the Administrative Center. He explained that there is a grant that helps with historic preservation. Brenna has been in contact with Lowcountry Council of Governments regarding the information. The grant is \$40,000 (forty thousand) to \$200,000 (two hundred thousand) with a 20% (twenty percent match). Council thanked Council Member Jinks for the information.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S UPDATE:**

The County Attorney had no update.

**CLERK'S UPDATE:**

The Clerk had no update.

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Chanel Lewis, Hampton County Interim Administrator and Finance/Human Resources Director, came before council to explain that the 2022 Hampton County Audit should have been completed by December 2022, and funding has been withheld from the State. The independent auditors could not complete the audit due some receipts not being entered, etc. Lisa is consulting. CPA. Lisa is consulting. CPA and will provide status updates this week. Documentation is under review. The audit should be completed by March 2023 and turned over.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no matter(s).

**REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There were no matter(s).

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Council Member Jinks, seconded by Council Member Welch, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Alexander adjourned the meeting.