

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY; MARCH 3, 2023; 4:30 P. M.
HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Hampton County Council held a special meeting on Friday, March 3, 2023, 4:30 p. m. Council Member(s) present: Noah O. Alexander, Chairman; Darin Williams, Vice Chairman; Camille M. Welch, and Jordan J. “JJ” Jinks. Council Member(s) absent: Roy Hollingsworth. Staff present: Chanel Lewis, Interim County Administrator and Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney Staff absent: None. Wilson Holland, Hampton County IT was present. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Alexander called the meeting to order at 4:30 p. m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Vice Chairman Williams gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Welch.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE MARCH 3, 2023 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Alexander asked for the approval of the agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Jinks, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to approve the March 3, 2023 Special Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION(S)

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSAL FROM MRB GROUP REGARDING ADMINISTRATOR’S SEARCH:

Ms. Heather Simmons Jones, MRB Group came before council to give presentation regarding administrator’s search. Ms. Simmons Jones explained that they were under the impression that they were going to present all the services that they had to offer, not just the administrator’s search. Ms. Simmons Jones introduced Ms. Melissa Harrill and Mr. Matt Horn. The MRB Group made the presentation to council. (See Attachment)

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COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ALTERNATE LOCATION FOR
COUNCIL ON AGING DURING RENOVATION OF ESTILL AND HAMPTON
CENTERS:**

Council Member Welch reported that Ms. Griffin, Director, Hampton County Council on Aging, has secured Open Arms Church as the facility for the seniors to use while the Estill and Hampton Senior Centers are being renovated. She's also secured PODS for storage.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT
REGARDING FIRE SERVICE:**

Council Member Jinks wanted to know what action that you can take to repay the Fire Bonds. He wanted to know what exactly did the bank use for the description to make the loan. Council Member Welch commented that council needs a loan schedule and the pay outs for accounts. She explained that she believes that only interest is being paid. The year-end audit is not completed and don't know financially where the county is. Council Member Jinks commented that he knows that something happened in the past that reduced the credit rating. Chairman Alexander wanted to know what the bond/debt ratio is. The County Attorney will contact the bond attorneys. Council will have a retreat on March 10, 2023 at 3:00 p. m.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AMENDED STATE-ISSUED
CERTIFICATE OF FRANCHISE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE CABLE OR VIDEO
SERVICE IN HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR SPECTRUM
SOUTHEAST, LLC:**

Moved by Council Member Welch, seconded by Council Member Jinks, to table the matter and to have a special meeting on March 10, 2023 to discuss. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**PERSONNEL MATTER REGARDING RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT
REGARDING ADMINISTRATION:**

Moved by Council Member Jinks, seconded by Council Member Welch, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter concerning resignation and appointment regarding Administration. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

**PERSONNEL MATTER REGARDING RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT
REGARDING ADMINISTRATION:**

Moved by Council Member Jinks, seconded by Council Member Welch, to come out of executive session to discuss a personnel matter concerning resignation and appointment regarding Administration. Motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Welch, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to adjourn.
Motion carried. Chairman Alexander adjourned the meeting.