

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY; JANUARY 3, 2023; 5:00 P. M.
HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Hampton County Council held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 5:00 p. m. Council Member(s) present: Charles H. “Buddy” Phillips, Chairman; Darin Williams, Vice Chairman; Roy Hollingsworth; and Noah O. Alexander. Council Member(s) absent: Clay Bishop. 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 Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:00 p. m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Council Member Hollingsworth gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairman Williams.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 3, 2023 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA:**

Chairman Phillips asked for the adoption of the January 3, 2023 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda. **Moved** by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to approve the agenda as stated. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**DECEMBER 30, 2022 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES:**

Chairman Phillips asked for action on the December 30, 2022 Hampton County Council Special Meeting Minutes. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the December 30, 2022 Hampton County Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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PRESENTATION(S)

Chairman Phillips commented the Clerk was framing the resolutions and asked for five minutes recess. **Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to recess for five minutes. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to come back in session. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Phillips explained that the honorees that were not there that council would present at a later date. Judge Odom and Council Member Clay Bishop were not present. Chairman Phillips read and along with Council presented Resolution R2022-022 to the Honorable Thomas C. “TC” Smalls, Retired Hampton County Sheriff. Retired Sheriff Smalls was also presented with a gift. Chairman Phillips read and along with Council presented Resolution R2022-0224 to Mrs. Dorothy “Dot” Washington, Retired Hampton County Deputy Sheriff, Lieutenant Victims Advocate. Retired Deputy Sheriff Washington was also presented with a gift. Chairman Phillips read and along with Council presented Resolution R2022-021 to the Honorable Charles H. “Buddy” Phillips, Outgoing Hampton County Council Member and Chair. Outgoing Chairman Phillips was presented with a gift.

Chairman Phillips turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Williams.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Clerk to Council administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Camille M. Welch. Mr. Welch, Husband, held the Bible.

The Clerk to Council administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Darin Williams. Rev. Thomas C. “TC” Smalls held the Bible.

The Clerk to Council administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Jordan J. “JJ” Jinks. Mr. Jinks’ pastor held the Bible.

The members took their seats.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Council voted by ballot to elect Noah O. Alexander as Chair of the Hampton County Council. The votes were as follows: Noah O. Alexander – 3 (three), Roy Hollingsworth – 1 (one) and Jordan J. “JJ” Jinks – 1 (one).

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Council voted by ballot to elect Darin Williams as Vice Chair of the Hampton County Council.

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The votes were as follows: Darin Williams – 4 (four) and Roy Hollingsworth – 1 (one). 1 (one).

ORDINANCE(S)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH JASPER COUNTY (THE “PARK”). SUCH INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN JASPER COUNTY (THE “COUNTY”) AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-1-170 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976. AS AMENDED (THE “ACT”); AS AMENDED PROVIDING FOR A WRITTEN PARK AGREEMENT WITH JASPER COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES AND DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE PARK; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR EXPANSION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES BY PROJECT SILVERSTAR ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES, AND/OR PROJECT SPONSORS (COLLECTIVELY, THE “COMPANY”) IN THE COUNTY (THE “PROJECT”) TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PARK; PROVIDING FOR THE BENEFITS OF A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL OR BUSINESS PARK TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY AND THE PROJECT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. (PROJECT SILVERSTAR)

Chairman Alexander read the title, Ordinance Authorizing and Approving the Development of a Jointly Owned and Operated Multi-County Industrial/Business Park in Conjunction with Jasper County (The “Park”). Such Industrial/Business Park to be Geographically Located in Jasper County (The “County”) and Established Pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976. As Amended (The “Act”); Providing for a Written Park Agreement with Jasper County to Provide for the Expenses and the Distribution of Fees In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes for the Park; Providing for the Establishment and/or Expansion of Certain Facilities by Project Silverstar, Acting for Itself, One or More Affiliates, and/or Other Project Sponsors (Collectively, The “Company”) in the County (The “Project”) to be Included in the Park; Providing for the Benefits of a Multi-County Industrial or Business Park to be Made Available to The Company and The Project; and Other Matters Relating Thereto. (Project Silverstar). **Moved** by Vice Chairman Williams, seconded by Council Member Welch, to give first reading Item 9.1.1, Project Silverstar Ordinance. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH, PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-1-170 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK, IN CONJUNCTION WITH JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH JASPER COUNTY AS TO THE SHARING OF THE REVENUES AND EXPENSES OF THE PARK; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES FROM THE PARK AMONG TAXING ENTITIES HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THE PARK; TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXATION; AND OTHER

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MATTERS RELATED THERETO (FREEDOM INDUSTRIAL PARK):

Chairman Alexander read the title, An Ordinance to Establish, Pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976. As Amended, A Multi-County Industrial/Business Park, In Conjunction with Jasper County, South Carolina; To Provide for a Written Agreement with Jasper County as to the Sharing of the Revenues and Expenses of the Park; To Provide for the Distribution of Revenues from the Park Among Taxing Entities Having Jurisdiction Over the Park; To Provide for a Fee In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxation; And Other Matters Thereto. (Freedom Industrial Park). **Moved** by Vice Chairman Williams, seconded by Council Member Jinks, to give first reading Item 9.2.1. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE REAL ESTATE CONTRACT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND PROJECT MONICAL (PROJECT MONICAL):

Chairman Alexander read the title, An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of the Real Estate Contract Agreement by and Among Hampton County, South Carolina and Project Monical. (Project Monical). **Moved** by Vice Chairman Williams, seconded by Council Member Welch, to give first reading to Project Monical. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

(A reception was held for outgoing Council Members Clay Bishop and Charles H. “Buddy” Phillips, at 4:00 p. m., January 3, 2023.)