

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY; JANUARY 17, 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, January 17, 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 Jinks gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Hollingsworth.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 17, 2023 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:**

Chairman Alexander asked for the adoption of the agenda. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Williams, seconded by Council Member Jinks, to approve the January 17, 2023 Hampton County Council Meeting agenda with the striking of Item 4.1, Ms. Johnson, Lowcountry Council of Governments (LCOG); she will come on February 6, 2023 for the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

**MS. FAYE GOODING REGARDING FISCAL INTEGRITY:**

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Ms. Gooding, Citizen, came before council regarding fiscal integrity of the county. She presented council with a petition requesting Hampton County to have a Forensic Audit. ([See Attachment – Public Comments and Petition](#))

**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**

**JANUARY 3, 2023 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:**

**Moved** by Council Member Welch, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams, to approve the January 3, 2023 Hampton County Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**JANUARY 9, 2023 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES:**

**Moved** by Council Member Jinks, seconded by Council Member Welch, to approve the January 9, 2023 Hampton County Council Meeting with striking the name “Bishop” from page 1, Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

**THE HONORABLE SHELIA ODOM, RETIRED PROBATE JUDGE:**

Ms. Odom was not present.

**THE HONORABLE ANGIE TOPPER, OUTGOING HAMPTON COUNTY CORONER:**

Chairman Alexander along with council presented the resolution and flowers to Ms. Topper.

**MS. MICHELLE GATSON, SCORE:**

Ms. Gatson was not present.

**MS. SHARON WHITE REGARDING THE BAILEY BILL:**

Ms. White came before council and asked about the Bailey Bill. Ms. White explained that she purchased a historic building and wanted to know about the tax abatements, etc. Council will get back to Ms. White.

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**APPOINTMENT(S)**

There were no appointment(s).

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

**CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS WEEK FOR HAMPTON COUNTY:**

**Moved by Council Member Welch, seconded by Vice Chairman Williams,** to approve the Childhood Cancer Awareness Week for Hampton Proclamation. Council Member Hollingsworth pointed out that the wording was duplicated after the first four paragraphs. It was noted that it was a duplication and would be removed. Motion carried unanimously.

**R2023-003, RESOLUTION REGARDING PROJECT BLUE FROG:**

**Moved** by Council Member Jinks, seconded by Council Member Welch, to adopt R2023-003, Resolution Regarding Project Blue Frog. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE(S)**

**2023-001, ANN 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 DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE PARK; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR EXPANSION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES BY P & S PROPERTIES M, LLC, 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 (P & S PROPERTIES M, LLC FORMERLY KNOWN AS PROJECT SILVERSTAR):**

Chairman Alexander read the title, 2023-001, 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"); 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 P & S Properties M, LLC, 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

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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. (P & S Properties M, LLC formerly known as Project Silverstar). **Moved** by Council Member Jinks, seconded by Council Member Welch, to give second reading to Ordinance 2023-001. Motion carried unanimously.

**2023-002, 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 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):**

Chairman Alexander read the title, 2023-002, 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 Council Member Welch, seconded b by Council Member Jinks, to give second reading to Ordinance 2023-002. Motion carried unanimously.

**2023-003, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE REAL ESTATE CONTRACT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND LURAY PEANUT COMPANY (LURAY PEANUT COMPANY FORMERLY KNOWN AS PROJECT MONICAL):**

Chairman Alexander read the title, 2023-003, An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of the Real Estate Contract Agreement by and Among Hampton County, South Carolina and Luray Peanut Company (Luray Peanut Company formerly known as Project Monical) **Moved** by Council Member Welch, seconded b by Vice Chairman Williams, to give second reading to Ordinance 2023-003. Motion carried unanimously.

**BID(S)**

There were no bid(s).

**COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)**

**CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

Chairman Alexander reported that council is taking the first step to hire an administrator and

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has directed staff.

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

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

**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).

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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