

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; MAY 2, 2016; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, May 2, 2016, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Roy Hollingsworth, Vice Chairman; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Isaac Smith and Shedron D. Williams, Chairman. Council Member(s) absent: Christopher B. Haulsee. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator and Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Hampton County Guardian. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Council Member Smith gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE MAY 2, 2016 HAMPTON COUNTY CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the Consent Agenda:

3.1.1 April 18, 2016 County Council Meeting Minutes

and the May 2, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

HAMPTON COUNTY WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN APPLICATION JOINTLY WITH COLLETON, BEAUFORT AND JASPER COUNTIES TO BE SUBMITTED TO SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAMS ON OR ABOUT MAY 5, 2016 FOR A COMMUNITY BLOCK DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT. HAMPTON COUNTY IS REQUESTING \$50,000 TO CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES: (1) THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY OF CDBG ADMINISTRATORS TO EFFECTIVELY DETERMINE COMMUNITY NEEDS, SET LONG-TERM GOALS AND SHORT-TERM OBJECTIVES AND DEVELOP PLANS FOR CARRYING EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS PRIORITY NEEDS,

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(2) plans for carrying out effective strategies to address priority needs.

- The grant will be used to provide CDBG planning, capacity building, project development and technical assistance to local governments.
- The funds will only be used in the state CDBG program eligible (non-entitlement) communities.
- The type of services to be provided will address an array of housing, community development and economic development needs.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

No public comment(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

MR. SCOTT ALLEN, FINANCIAL CONSULTANT FOR HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 (HD2), REGARDING HD2 FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Mr. Scott Allen, Financial Consultant for Hampton School District 2 (HD2), Regarding HD2 Financial Update

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK'S MONTHLY REPORT REGARDING CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX PROJECTS:

Chairman Williams thanked Mr. Brunson for serving on the Hampton County Economic Development Commission (Mr. Brunson moved out of Hampton County and can no longer serve on the commission). Mr. Gregg Brunson, Construction Manager at Risk, came before council and gave an update. He reported that everything is going good on the library. He reported that the building is completely dried in and not contain moisture; they can start the work on the inside. He estimated that completion date for the library to be up and running by July 9, 2016. He stated that the Recreation Center had some land issues, but will take a class from Wade Hampton to look at the construction process next Tuesday. Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that Mr. Blake Hodges, Public Works Director and Mr. Dobie Hiers, Risk Manager, are hands on at the Health Department. She stated that the Health Department is under by two weeks and that was due to the weather. Council thanked Mr. Brunson for his report.

RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN RESOLUTION:

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Moved by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE, OF HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, SERIES DESIGNATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR HER LAWFULLY-AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE NOTE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTE AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS THERETO:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a Not to Exceed \$600,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note, of Hampton County, South Carolina, Series Designation; to Authorize the County Administrator or Her Lawfully-Authorized Designee to Determine Certain Matters Relating to the Note; To Provide for the Payment of the Note and the Disposition of the Proceeds Thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

FIRST READING TO ORDINANCE PLACING CONSERVATION EASEMENT OF WETLANDS IN THE LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL PARK (LRIP):

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, to give first reading to the Ordinance Placing Conservation Easement of Wetlands in the Lowcountry Regional Industrial Park (LRIP). Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman had no update. He stated that he has been studying some issues and will defer comments until next meeting.

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

There were no discussion point(s).

DISCUSSION AND PRIORITIZATION OF HAMPTON COUNTY NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

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Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the Hampton County Needs Assessment Prioritization List as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE RECREATION COMPLEX GENERAL PUBLIC FORUM:

Moved by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Smith, to hold the Recreation Complex General Public Forum on April 28, 2016 at 7:00 p. m. in the Courtroom at the Hampton County Courthouse.

DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION NAMING BUILDINGS:

Chairman Williams stated that April is National County Government month and he and council members have had side bar conversations regarding buildings and Ag and the contribution of acquiring the buildings, and there was discussion of name the Ag Building or the former Unemployment office in honor of State Legislator, Representative Bill Bowers and the Estill Library in honor of the Late Virgin Johnson, Sr. for his dedication to youth and education. Council will look at ordinances and come up with guidelines for naming buildings, etc.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Town of Estill's Neighborhood Initiative Program

Administrator Dobson-Elliott wanted to know if the county would like to pick up the program. She reported that the Town of Estill has only been able to do four properties under the program. She stated that the county could implement the program under the Forfeiture Land Commission and cleans up properties and sell to put back on the tax roll. She explained that it doesn't cost us, the county, anything. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that he is always suspicious of someone wanting to give something that they have and is not working – What's the problem? Council Member Phillips said that she could look into it and give council what they asked and what benefits it would be for the county, etc. Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that council can go under the Urban Renewal Program and see what the program is about. She explained that it runs out in 2017. Chairman Williams reported that he heard that the town was having some problems with the program and the citizens. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth stated that he would like to hear more about this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CONTRACTUAL MATTER AND LEGAL MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter and a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

CONTRACTUAL MATTER AND LEGAL MATTER:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to come out of executive session regarding a legal matter and a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously. After coming out of executive session, Chairman Williams state that council discussed a contractual matter as well as a legal matter and Court Administration and a personnel matter.

HONORABLE CAROLYN WILLIAMS, MAGISTRATE, REGARDING LAST VISIT:

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Judge Williams came before council and apologized for how she sounded at the last meeting. She explained that her persona fore what she needed in court spilled over into her presentation to council. She explained that she was frustrated, because she did not feel that council as understanding the situation. Council thanked Judge Williams and explained to her that they will provide an answer to her soon regarding her request. Judge Williams wanted to know how soon. Vice Chairman Hollingsworth told Judge Williams to be patient that they were working on it. Judge Williams stated that it has been 1.5 months and have been working on it. Chairman Williams explained that by Friday, she would be contacted.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p. m.