

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; JUNE 20, 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, June 20, 2016, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Christopher B. Haulsee, Roy Hollingsworth, Vice Chairman; Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Isaac Smith and Shedron D. Williams, Chairman. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator, 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 JUNE 20, 2016 HAMPTON COUNTY CONSENT AGENDA:

Moved by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to accept with the Consent Agenda:

- 3.1.1 May 2, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 May 16, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.3 June 6, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Minutes

and the June 20, 2016 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (LCOG) CLOSE OUT PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW PROGRAM PERFORMANCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONDUCTED UNDER A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT KNOWN AS THE 2014 REGIONAL PLANNING GRANT, CDBG #4RP-14-010:

Chairman Williams opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding the Lowcountry Council of Governments (LCOG) Close Out Public Hearing to Review Program Performance and Accomplishments Conducted Under a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project Known as the 2014 Regional Planning Grant, CDBG #4-RP-14-010.

Ms. Michelle Knight, LCOG Representative, came before council and explained that this was the close out for the 2014 Planning Grant the ended on June 2015. She stated that this is the \$50,000

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grant that is received annually for project planning, needs assessments, etc. There were no public comments. Chairman Williams closed the public hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND PLAN AVAILABILITY FOR REVIEW REGARDING THE
LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM CONSOLIDATED PLAN 2016 –
LOWCOUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (LCOG) HOME PROJECT:**

Chairman Williams opened the public hearing to receive public comments regarding the Public Hearing and Plan Availability for Review Regarding Lowcountry Regional HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan 2016 - LCOG HOME Project. Ms. Michelle Knight, LCOG Representative, explained that the HOME Certification Needs Assessment Regional Forum was held in regards to affordable housing for LMI (Low to Moderate Income). She explained the allocations for the counties, etc. Ms. Knight stated that the plan is available for review at LCOG until the end of the month. There were no public comments. Chairman Williams closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

MR. RONALD “BREEZE” WINN REGARDING THE COUNCIL ON AGING:

Mr. Winn wanted to know about the large increase in taxes for the school. Council explained to Mr. Winn that for bonds, the council has no control over the schools. The county has to set the millage to collect the taxes to pay the bonds that the School Boards approve. Council informed Mr. Winn that he would need to take the increased taxes for bonds up with the school board(s). Council also reminded citizens that Hampton County did not raise millage this year; the increase came from the school bonds.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were deferred.

PRESENTATION(S)

There were no presentation(s).

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

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RESOLUTION(S)/PROCLAMATION(S)

MAGISTRATE'S SALARY:

Administrator Dobson Elliott presented the resolution. She explained that Judge Grille had retired and Magistrate Williams would be paid a temporary supplement until a new judge is appointed., She explained that the supplement amount paid is \$432.08 (Four hundred thirty-two dollars and eight cents) every pay period. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to accept the Resolution regarding the Magistrate's Salary. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION REGARDING JASPER'S SOLAR PROJECT MULTI-COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adopt the resolution regarding Jasper's Solar Project Multi-County Park Agreement. Council Member Haulsee wanted an update regarding the solar panel farm on Hampton County's agreement. Administrator Dobson Elliott explained that Hampton County's agreements were signed. She stated that she believed that this was a different company. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

THIRD READING TO HAMPTON COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BUDGET ORDINANCE:

Administrator Dobson Elliott stated that the amount of the Hampton County Budget for 2016-2017 Fiscal Year is \$14,462,258 (Fourteen million, four hundred sixty-two thousand, two hundred fifty-eight dollars) with no increases in the millage. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to give third reading to Hampton County Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Ordinance. Chairman Williams stated that there were some things that were still unclear to him in the budget, and he was not satisfied. Motion carried with Chairman Williams voting against.

THIRD READING TO THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FINANCING ORDINANCE:

Administrator Dobson Elliot explained that the financing is going to Palmetto State Bank at 2.47% on the tax exempt and 3.6% on the taxable portion. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give third reading to Capital Equipment Financing Ordinance. Chairman Williams stated that all equipment was needed but there was also information presented that could have possibly have saved taxpayers millage in the long run. Motion carried with Chairman Williams voting against.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE TO THE AMENDMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ORDINANCE:

The matter was deferred.

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BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Williams asked that everyone enjoy the festivities during the Watermelon Festival.

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Phillips

Council Members Phillips stated that he echoed what the Chairman said and for everyone to enjoy the Watermelon Festival.

Council Member Haulsee

Council Member Haulsee stated that the Taste of Hampton will be held at the Hampton Elementary School.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Update Regarding Recreation

Administrator Dobson-Elliott stated that she had the written report from Mr. Scott Allen, Hampton Financial Consultant for Hampton School District 2. She stated that Mr. Allen will be present at the meeting in July.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No matters listed.

REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

No matters listed.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting.