

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY; JUNE 15, 2020; 6:00 P. M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting virtually on Monday, June 15, 2020, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Clay Bishop, Chairman; Charles H. “Buddy” Phillips, Vice Chairman; Roy Hollingsworth, Ronald G. “Breeze” Winn, and Darin Williams. Council Member(s) absent: None. Staff present: Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator and Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Staff absent: None. Wilson Holland, Hampton County Information Technology Director and Brantley Strickland, Hampton County Project Manager, were present. Media present: None. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Bishop called the virtual meeting to order.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION:**

Council Member Hollingsworth gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairman Phillips.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF THE JUNE 15, 2020 HAMPTON COUNTY VIRTUAL MEETING  
AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:**

Chairman Bishop asked that Item 8.1 be struck from the agenda. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the June 15, 2020 Hampton County Council Meeting agenda and consent agenda as stated. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members’ votes:

Roy Hollingsworth – Yes

Charles H. “Buddy” Phillips – Yes

Darin Williams – Yes

Clay Bishop – Yes

Ronald Winn – Yes

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

There were no public hearing(s).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Bishop read the following that was listed on agenda for public comments:

Due to the COVID-19 Threat, public comments will be accepted in writing via email to the Clerk to

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Council at [anewton@hamptoncountysc.org](mailto:anewton@hamptoncountysc.org) (Please place in the subject line Public Comments 05/18/2020) or mail to the Hampton County Council's Office at 200 Jackson Ave., E., Hampton, SC 29924. All comments must be received by noon on Monday, May 18, 2020, and will be presented to Council at the meeting. Public comment guidelines will apply. Chairman Bishop commented that there were no public comments received.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MAY 18, 2020 HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES:**

Chairman Bishop asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the May 18, 2020 Hampton County Council Virtual Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members' votes:

Roy Hollingsworth – Yes

Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips – Yes

Darin Williams – Yes

Ronald Winn – Yes

Clay Bishop – Yes

**PRESENTATION(S)**

There were no presentation(s).

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

**LOWCOUNTRY WORKFORCE BOARD:**

Council voted by ballot to appoint Aaron Anderson and Lynn Bowers to the Lowcountry Workforce Board for Hampton County.

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

**GULLAH GEECHEE PROCLAMTION:**

Chairman Bishop asked Administrator Dobson Elliott to read the proclamation. **Moved** by Council Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Council Member Winn, to approve the Gullah GeeChee Proclamation as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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**RESOLUTION R2020-005 TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR A JOING INDUSTRIAL PARK AMONG ALLENDALE, BAMBERG, BARNWELL, AND HAMPTON COUNTIES AS TO ENLARGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PARK AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (PROJECT BLACKBERRY)**

Chairman Bishop asked Administrator Dobson Elliott to read the resolution. **Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the resolution to amend the agreement for a joint industrial park among Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, and Hampton Counties as to enlarge the boundaries of the park and other matters related thereto (Project Blackberry) as read. Motion carried.

Council Members' votes:

Roy Hollingsworth – Yes

Charles H. “Buddy” Phillips – Yes

Darin Williams – Yes

Ronald Winn – Nay

Clay Bishop – Aye

**ORDINANCE(S)**

There were no ordinance(s).

**BID(S)**

There were no bid(s).

**COUNCIL BRIEFING(S)**

**CHAIRMAN’S UPDATE:**

Chairman Bishop had no update.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY’S UPDATE:**

The County Attorney had no update. He reminded council to verify that they were alone during executive session.

**CLERK’S UPDATE:**

The Clerk had no update.

**CONSENT TO THE PALMETTO RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC’S APPLICATION FOR STATE-ISSUED CERTIFICATE OF FRANCHISE AUTHORITY:**

Chairman Bishop asked council if there was a motion to consent to the Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s Application for State-Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority. **Moved** by

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Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth. Motion carried unanimously.

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Roy Hollingsworth – Yes

Charles H. “Buddy” Phillips – Yes

Darin Williams – Yes

Ronald Winn – Yes

Clay Bishop – Yes

**REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL**

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

Administrator Dobson-Elliott had no report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER REGARDING PROJECT CLEAN (MR. BRANTLEY STRICKLAND, HAMPTON COUNTY PROJECT MANAGER, SOUTHERNCAROLINA ALLIANCE)**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Winn, to go into executive session regarding an economic development matter concerning Project Clean (Mr. Brantley Strickland, Hampton County Project Manager, SouthernCarolina Alliance). Motion carried unanimously.

Council Members' votes:

Roy Hollingsworth – Yes

Charles H. “Buddy” Phillips – Yes

Darin Williams – Yes

Ronald Winn – Yes

Clay Bishop – Yes

**REPORT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Clay Bishop – Yes

Chairman Bishop reported that an economic development matter concerning Project Clean was discussed. No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved** by Vice Chairman Phillips, seconded by Council Member Winn, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Bishop adjourned the meeting.

Council Members' votes:

Ronald Winn – Yes

Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips - Yes

Roy Hollingsworth - Yes

Darin Williams – Yes

Clay Bishop – Yes