

**Council Members**

District 1: Stuart Graham  
District 2: Charlene McGriff  
District 3: Billy Mosteller, Vice Chair  
District 4: Jose Luis  
District 5: Steve Harper  
District 6: Bryant Neal, Secretary  
District 7: Brian Carnes, Chair

**County Administrator**

Dennis E. Marstall

**County Attorney**

Ginny L. Merck-Dupont

**Clerk to Council**

Sherrie Simpson

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**July 21, 2025  
6:00 PM**

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**LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL**  
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING, 101 NORTH MAIN STREET, LANCASTER, SC 29720

**MINUTES**

Council Members Present: Steve Harper, Bryant Neal, Brian Carnes, Billy Mosteller, Charlene McGriff, Jose Luis, Stuart Graham.

Staff Members/Others Present: Dennis Marstall, County Administrator; Ginny Merck-Dupont, County Attorney; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; Stephany Snowden, Deputy County Administrator; Sabrena Harris, Chief Financial Officer; Jamie Privuznak, Budget Director; Allison Hardin, Development Services Director; April Williams, Planning Director; Jeff Catoe, Public Works Director; Clay Catoe, Emergency Medical Services Director; the press; various elected officials; various Department Heads; various employees; and citizens.

A quorum of Lancaster County Council was present for the meeting. The following press were notified of the meeting by e-mail in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: *The Lancaster News*, *Kershaw News Era*, *The Rock Hill Herald*, Cable News 2, Channel 9 and the local government channel. The agenda was posted in the lobby of the County Administration Building and also on the County website the required length of time. The power point presentation utilized during the meeting is attached to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

**Call to Order Regular Meeting - Chairman Brian Carnes**

Chairman Brian Carnes called the regular meeting of County Council to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

**Welcome and Recognition - Chairman Brian Carnes**

Chairman Brian Carnes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation - Council Member Bryant Neal**

Bryant Neal led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and delivered the Invocation.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Jose Luis. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Citizens Comments**

The following citizens signed up for and spoke during Citizen Comments:

1. Cecelia Smith, Indian Land, SC, spoke regarding traffic and speeding concerns on Carolina Acres Road.
2. Louann Mason, Indian Land, SC, spoke regarding traffic and safety concerns on Carolina Acres Road. Ms. Mason provided Council with pictures of her concerns, which are attached as Schedule A to the minutes.
3. Mario Mason, Indian Land, SC, spoke regarding traffic and safety concerns on Carolina Acres Road.
4. Toni McCammon, Indian Land, SC, expressed concerns regarding residency requirements for certain County leadership positions.
5. Kevin Gribbon, Indian Land, SC, spoke regarding the traffic in Indian Land and the Transportation Sales Tax referendum.
6. Thomas Mardany, Waxhaw, NC, stated that he was available for questions once his rezoning request was brought forward to Council.

The following citizens submitted electronic, written comments for Citizen Comments, of which was acknowledged during the meeting by Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council:

1. Barbara Scannell, Indian Land, SC, wrote in regarding the Transportation Sales Tax and her concerns. A copy of her comments is attached as Schedule B to the minutes.

### **Special Presentations**

**a. Report on Work of Palmetto Pride Club at the Indian Land High School - Presented by Isabella Corretjer**

Isabella Corretjer, with the Palmetto Pride Club at Indian Land High School, highlighted the club's accomplishment's and work via the County's PowerPoint presentation. Hannah Fealey with Palmetto Pride presented Miss. Corretjer with a \$1,000 scholarship.

**b. Recognition of Awards Won by the Lancaster Watershed Boards and Their Board Members AND Update on Rehabilitation Reports and Other Work by the Boards - Presented by Amanda Roberts, District Manager of the Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District and Administrative Assistant for the Cane Creek and Little Lynches Watershed Boards**

Amanda Roberts highlighted two awards that were received by the State of South Carolina. Ms. Roberts highlighted different programs and their successes, as well as their upcoming events.

**c. Video Recognition of Nominees and Winner of the Lancaster County Ted Arant Board Member of the Year Award for 2024-2025 - Chairman Brian Carnes**

**Nominees for Board Member of the Year:**

- Timothy Cureton, Lancaster County Transportation Committee
- Brian Endres, Indian Land Fire District Commission
- Greg Gregory, Keep Lancaster County Beautiful Board
- Rocky Hudson, Economic Development Advisory Board
- Mark Kahn, Community Relations Commission



- Stacy Roberts, Lancaster County Fire Commission
- Judianna Tinklenberg, Planning Commission
- Fred D. Witherspoon, Historical Commission

***Winner of the Ted Arant Board Member of the Year Award: Fred D. Witherspoon***

Brian Carnes explained that the County hosted a Board Member of the Year celebration and presented a video that recognized the nominees and winner of the Lancaster County Ted Arant Board Member of the Year Award for 2024-2025.

**Consent Agenda**

Billy Mosteller moved to approve Consent Agenda Item **7a.**, **7b.**, and **7c.**, [which are the same as Item **a.**, **b.**, and **c.** listed below]. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda Item Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Dennis Marstall introduced the County's new Communications and Marketing Director, Jenna Woods.

- Approval of Minutes from the June 11, 2025, County Council Committee of the Whole Meeting**
- Approval of Minutes from the June 23, 2025, County Council Regular Meeting**
- 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1973**  
**Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone Approximately 2 Acres Of A Larger Tract (TM# 0014-00-024.00), Which Is Located Along Green Pond Rd, From The Medium Density Residential (MDR) District To The Rural Neighborhood (RN) District, In Order To Allow A Portion Of The Property To Be Subdivided Then Joined With An Adjacent Property (TM# 0014-00-023.00). - Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2025-0636. The Planning Commission recommended approval by unanimous vote and the Planning staff also recommended approval. Passed 7-0 at the June 9, 2025, County Council Meeting. Passed 7-0 at the June 23, 2025, County Council Meeting. - April Williams**

**Non-Consent Agenda**

- Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1977**  
**Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone 9.18 Acres Of Property (TMS# 0069-00-047.00), Located On Potter Road, Lancaster, South Carolina, From RN, Rural Neighborhood District, To INS, Institutional District. - Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2025-0857. The Planning Commission recommended approval by unanimous vote and the Planning staff also recommended approval of the rezoning request. - April Williams**

Brian Carnes opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2025-1977 at approximately 6:32 p.m. He noted that no one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance. There were approximately 31 citizens, including staff members, in attendance during the Public Hearing for this Ordinance. The following speakers came forward to make comments or sent in written comments regarding the Ordinance: None. Brian Carnes closed the Public Hearing at approximately 6:32 p.m.

Billy Mosteller moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1977. Seconded by Jose Luis,

April Williams reviewed the rezoning request via the County's PowerPoint presentation and explained that the intent of the rezoning was to conjoin the 9.18-acre tract with the current church property located adjacent to the parcel for future development. Billy Mosteller stated that he was in favor of the request. Council and staff discussed what plans the church had for the property.

There was no further discussion from Council. The 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1977 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Billy Mosteller questioned if Council could invoke the pending ordinance doctrine. Council decided that the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1977 would be placed on the consent agenda at the next regular Council meeting.

**b. Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1978**

**Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone Approximately 0.44 Acres Of Property (TMS# 00810-0C-014.00), Located On Phil Thurman Drive, Lancaster, South Carolina, From GB, General Business District, To MDR, Medium Density Residential District. - Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2025-1016. The Planning Commission recommended approval by unanimous vote; however, the Planning staff has a neutral recommendation regarding this rezoning request. - April Williams**

Brian Carnes opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2025-1978 at approximately 6:37 p.m. He noted that no one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance. There were approximately 30 citizens, including staff members, in attendance during the Public Hearing for this Ordinance. The following speakers came forward to make comments or sent in written comments regarding the Ordinance: None. Brian Carnes closed the Public Hearing at approximately 6:37 p.m.

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1978. Seconded by Bryant Neal.

Council and staff discussed why the Planning Department staff did not have a recommendation for the request. April Williams reviewed the rezoning request via the County's PowerPoint presentation and explained that the intent of the rezoning was to allow for the development of a single-family home. Council and staff discussed the current zoning of the property and others in the area.

There was no further discussion from Council. The 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1978 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

**c. Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1979**

**Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO") Chapter 7, Section 7.2.4 Off Street Loading And Parking Requirements, To Extend The Ability To Use Off-Site Parking Options Between 600 – 1200 Ft From A Business With Certain Conditions Met. - Planning Department Case Number: TA-2024-0344. The Planning Commission recommended approval by unanimous vote**



***and the Planning staff also recommended approval of this text amendment - Allison Hardin***

Brian Carnes opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2025-1979 at approximately 6:47 p.m. He noted that no one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance. There were approximately 30 citizens, including staff members, in attendance during the Public Hearing for this Ordinance. The following speakers came forward to make comments or sent in written comments regarding the Ordinance: None. Brian Carnes closed the Public Hearing at approximately 6:47 p.m.

Steve Harper moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1979. Seconded by Charlene McGriff.

April Williams reviewed the proposed text amendment via the County's PowerPoint presentation. Council and staff discussed how satellite parking would be agreed upon and who would be responsible for the monitoring of the agreements.

There was no further discussion from Council. The 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1979 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

**d. 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1980**

**Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Adopt Amended Policies Related To Travel Reimbursement And Performance Evaluation Included In The Lancaster County Personnel Policies And Procedures In Accordance With Lancaster County Code, Chapter 2, Article IV, Relating To The Lancaster County Personnel Policy. - Sabrena Harris**

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1980. Seconded by Bryant Neal.

Sabrena Harris explained staff was proposing two revisions to the County's personnel policy: (1) a revision to the travel reimbursement procedure relating to per diem rates; and (2) the inclusion of a floating holiday as part of the performance evaluation process. Council requested that staff provide a list of where staff members are traveling to and what certifications were being obtained at conferences. Council and staff discussed the floating holiday and if it would be done on a fiscal year and calendar year basis.

There was no further discussion from Council. The 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1980 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

**e. 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1975**

**Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Lancaster County Code Related To The Appointment Of The County Attorney. - Passed 6-1 at the June 9, 2025, County Council Meeting (Charlene McGriff Opposed). Passed 6-1 at the June 23, 2025, County Council Meeting (Charlene McGriff Opposed). - Dennis Marstall**

Jose Luis moved to approve the 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1975. Seconded by Bryant Neal.

Dennis Marstall explained that the Ordinance was to move the County Attorney under County Council. Mr. Marstall noted no changes since the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance.

There was no discussion from Council. The 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1975 Passed by a vote of 6-1; Ayes: Harper, Neal, Carnes, Mosteller, Luis, Graham; Nays: McGriff.

**f. 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1967**

**Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Lancaster County Code Related To The Residency Requirement For Certain Leadership Positions - *Postponed at the June 9, 2025, County Council Meeting. - Dennis Marstall***

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1967. Seconded by Stuart Graham.

Dennis Marstall explained that the proposed Ordinance would add the County Attorney to the residency requirements and also clarify what was needed to ensure legal residency in Lancaster County. Council and staff discussed that the Ordinance would extend the deadline for certain staff members to obtain legal residency and requested that the County Administrator provide an update to Council once staff member's legal residency had been obtained.

There was no further discussion from Council. The 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1967 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Brian Carnes stated that the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1967 would be placed on the consent agenda at the next regular Council meeting.

**g. Public Hearing and 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1966**

**Ordinance Title: An Ordinance Providing For The Imposition Of A Transportation Sales And Use Tax, Subject To A November 4, 2025 Referendum, Pursuant To Title 4, Chapter 37 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina 1976, As Amended; Ordering A Referendum In Connection Therewith; And Providing For Matters Relating Thereto. - *Passed 5-2 at the June 9, 2025, County Council Meeting (Steve Harper and Billy Mosteller Opposed). Passed 5-2 at the June 23, 2025, County Council Meeting (Steve Harper and Billy Mosteller Opposed). - Dennis Marstall***

Brian Carnes opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2025-1966 at approximately 7:11 p.m. He noted that no one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance. There were approximately 27 citizens, including staff members, in attendance during the Public Hearing for this Ordinance. The following speakers came forward to make comments or sent in written comments regarding the Ordinance: None. Brian Carnes closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:11 p.m.

Jose Luis moved to approve the 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1966. Seconded by Charlene McGriff.

Jeff Catoe and Dennis Marstall reviewed the proposed Transportation Sales Tax via the County's PowerPoint presentation. Charlene McGriff requested that staff provide clarity of the ballot questions and a list of roads to give to citizens during the education campaign for the tax.

Jose Luis made a motion to amend the major widening "bucket" of funding to add Harrisburg Road and Barberville Road. Seconded by Stuart Graham. Council and staff discussed the widening of Highway 521 and potential funding from grants, utility relocation and right of way acquisitions. Steve Harper and Billy Mosteller expressed concerns that the tax was being



brought back to the voters too soon. The motion to amend Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Stuart Graham made a motion to approve the 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1966, as amended. Seconded by Jose Luis.

Stuart Graham made a motion to amend the project list to remove South Wyck Drive, Three Crow Road and Old Hickory Road intersection and to add Steele Hill and Old Hickory Road as an intersection on the project list. Seconded by Jose Luis. The motion to amend Passed by a vote of 4-3; Ayes: Neal, Carnes, Luis, Graham; Nays: Harper, Mosteller, McGriff.

Jose Luis made a motion to approve the 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1966, as amended. Seconded by Stuart Graham.

Stuart Graham made a motion to dedicate \$1 million from the greenway funding "bucket" to the Lindsay Pettus Greenway over the 10 years that the Transportation Sales Tax would be active. Seconded by Jose Luis. Gary Pope with Pope Flynn explained that Council could either amend the project list (Exhibit D) or the ballot question to include \$1 million of funding for the Lindsay Pettus Greenway. Stuart Graham agreed to amend Exhibit D. Jose Luis seconded. There was no further discussion from Council. The motion to amend Exhibit D Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Jose Luis made a motion to approve the 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1966, as amended. Seconded by Stuart Graham.

Stuart Graham made a motion to amend the ballot question so that Barberville Road and Harrisburg Road were included in the \$98 million "bucket" for major widening, to strike South Wyck Drive, Three Crow Road, Old Hickory Road intersection alignment and replace it with Steele Hill Road and Old Hickory Road. Seconded by Jose Luis. There was no discussion from Council. The motion to amend Passed by a vote of 5-2; Ayes: Neal, Carnes, McGriff, Luis, Graham; Nays: Harper, Mosteller.

Jose Luis made a motion to approve the 3rd Reading of Ordinance 20205-1966, as amended. Seconded by Stuart Graham. There was no discussion from Council. The 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1966 Passed, as amended, by a vote of 5-2; Ayes: Neal, Carnes, McGriff, Luis, Graham; Nays: Harper, Mosteller.

### **Discussion and Action Items**

#### **a. Receive Information and Take Desired Action Regarding Appointments and/or Re-Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions - *Sherrie Simpson***

- 1. Re-Appointment to the Keep Lancaster County Beautiful Board for District 1 - Nicolle Brusky has applied to be re-appointed to a 4-year term on the Board where, if re-appointed, she would be serving her 1st term that would end on 06/30/2029. Ms. Brusky has currently been serving an unexpired term.**
- 2. Re-Appointment(s) to the Recreation Advisory Board for District 1 - Christopher Amodeo has applied to be re-appointed to a 4-year term on the Board where, if re-appointed, he would be serving his 2nd term that would end on 06/30/2029.**
- 3. Re-Appointment to the Board of Assessment Appeals for District 5 - Michael DeMarco has applied to be re-appointed to a 4-year term on the Board where, if re-appointed, he would be serving his 3rd term that would end on 06/30/2029. Requires**

***a super majority vote of County Council.***

**4. Appointments to the Historical Commission - Richard Van Hall to move up from an Advisor position to the District 2 representative position where, if appointed, he would be filling an unexpired term that would end on 06/30/2027; Robbie Knight to move up from an Advisor position to the District 7 representative position where, if appointed, he would be filling an unexpired term that would end on 06/30/2027; Paul Kelsch has applied for an advisor position and, if appointed, he would be filling an unexpired term that would end on 06/30/2027; and Jeffrey Roberts has applied for an advisor position and, if appointed, he would be filling an unexpired term that would end on 06/30/2029.**

**5. Appointment to the Fire Commission - Todd Duncan to Fire Commission as the Kershaw Fire Department representative where, if appointed, he would be filling an unexpired term that would end on 06/30/2029.**

**6. Appointment to the Board of Assessment Appeals - Greg Bailey to the Board of Assessment Appeals as the District 7 representative where, if appointed, he would serving his first four-year term that would end on 06/30/2029.**

**7. Current Board/Commission Vacancies**

**8. Upcoming Board/Commission Expirations**

1. Sherrie Simpson explained that staff had received an application for reappointment from Nicolle Brusky for the Keep Lancaster County Beautiful Commission. Jose Luis moved to reappoint Ms. Brusky. Seconded by Stuart Graham. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.
2. Sherrie Simpson explained that staff had received an application for reappointment from Christopher Amodeo for the Recreation Advisory Board. Jose Luis moved to reappoint Mr. Amodeo. Seconded by Stuart Graham. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.
3. Sherrie Simpson explained that staff had received an application for reappointment from Michael DeMarco for the Board of Assessment Appeals. Ms. Simpson explained that the reappointment would require a super majority vote from Council since Mr. DeMarco would be serving his third term if reappointed. Steve Harper move to reappoint Mr. DeMarco. Seconded by Bryant Neal. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.
4. Sherrie Simpson explained that staff had received applications for the Historical Commission from Richard Van Hall (District 2), Robbie Knight (District 7), Paul Kelsch (Advisor), and Jeffrey Roberts (Advisor). Charlene McGriff stated that she wanted to appoint someone to the District 2 spot who lived in the District. Steve Harper moved to appoint Richard Van Hall as the District 7 representative. Seconded by Jose Luis. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0. Bryant Neal moved to appoint Paul Kelsch and Jeffrey Roberts as Advisors. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.
5. Sherrie Simpson explained that the Kershaw Fire Department representative on the Fire Commission, Chief Caldwell, had submitted his resignation for the Fire Commission, and recommended that Todd Duncan be his replacement. Bryant Neal moved to appoint Todd Duncan. Seconded by Billy Mosteller. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.
6. Sherrie Simpson explained that staff had received an application from Greg Bailey for the Board of Assessment Appeals. Charlene McGriff moved to appoint Mr. Bailey. Seconded by Billy Mosteller. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.
7. Sherrie Simpson explained that the current list of Board and Commission vacancies were included in the agenda packet.
8. Sherrie Simpson explained that the list of upcoming Board and Commission expirations was included in the agenda packet.



### **Status of Items Tabled, Recommitted, Deferred or Held**

There was no discussion regarding any items tabled, recommitted, deferred or held.

- a. **POSTPONED AT APPLICANT'S REQUEST - Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1972**  
**Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Approve The Request Of Old Hickory Hill, LLC To Amend The Future Land Use Map Contained In The Lancaster County, South Carolina Comprehensive Plan 2040, Changing The Future Land Use Designation For Their Property Located On Old Hickory Rd From Rural To Growth (TMS # 0045-00-004.00 And 0045-00-004.02). - Planning Department Case Number: CP-2024-0367. The Planning Commission recommended denial by unanimous vote and the Planning staff did not have a recommendation. Public Hearing and 1st Reading Postponed Until the July 21, 2025, County Council Meeting by Unanimous Vote at the May 27, 2025, County Council Meeting. Postponed at Applicant's Request on July 15, 2025. - April Williams**
- b. **POSTPONED AT APPLICANT'S REQUEST - Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1976**  
**Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone 159.64 Acres Located Off Old Hickory Road (TM# 0045-00-004.00), From RN, Rural Neighborhood District, To MDR, Medium Density Residential District. - Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2024-0367. The Planning Commission recommended denial by unanimous vote and the Planning staff also recommended denial of the rezoning request. Postponed at Applicant's Request on July 15, 2025. - April Williams**

### **Executive Session**

- a. **Three Items:**

***1. Receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter related to the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system.***

***2. Receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter related to Impact Fees.***

***3. Discussion of personnel matters pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 30-4-70(a)(1) related to the County Administrator's Office.***

Brian Carnes stated that he needed a motion to go into Executive Session in regards to three items: (1) for the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter related to the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system; (2) for the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter related to impact fees; and (3) for the discussion of personnel matters pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 30-4-70(a)(1) related to the County Administrator's Office and to invite the County Chief Financial Officer in to discuss the first item. Charlene McGriff stated that she so moved. Seconded by Stuart Graham. The motion to go into Executive Session Passed by a vote of 7-0. At approximately 7:52 p.m., Council went into Executive

Session.

**Items Requiring a Vote Following Executive Session**

Council came out of Executive Session and Brian Carnes called the Council meeting back to order at approximately 9:01 p.m. Jose Luis moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The motion to come out of Executive Session Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Upon returning to open session, Ginny Merck-Dupont stated that Council met in Executive Session in regards to three items: (1) for the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter related to the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system; (2) for the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter related to impact fees; and (3) for the discussion of personnel matters pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 30-4-70(a)(1) related to the County Administrator's Office. She stated that during Executive Session, no motions were made, and no votes were taken.

**Adjournment**

Jose Luis moved to adjourn the Council meeting. There being no further business to discuss, the regular meeting of Council adjourned at approximately 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Lauren Hill*

Lauren Hill  
Deputy Clerk to Council

Approved by Council on August 11, 2025.

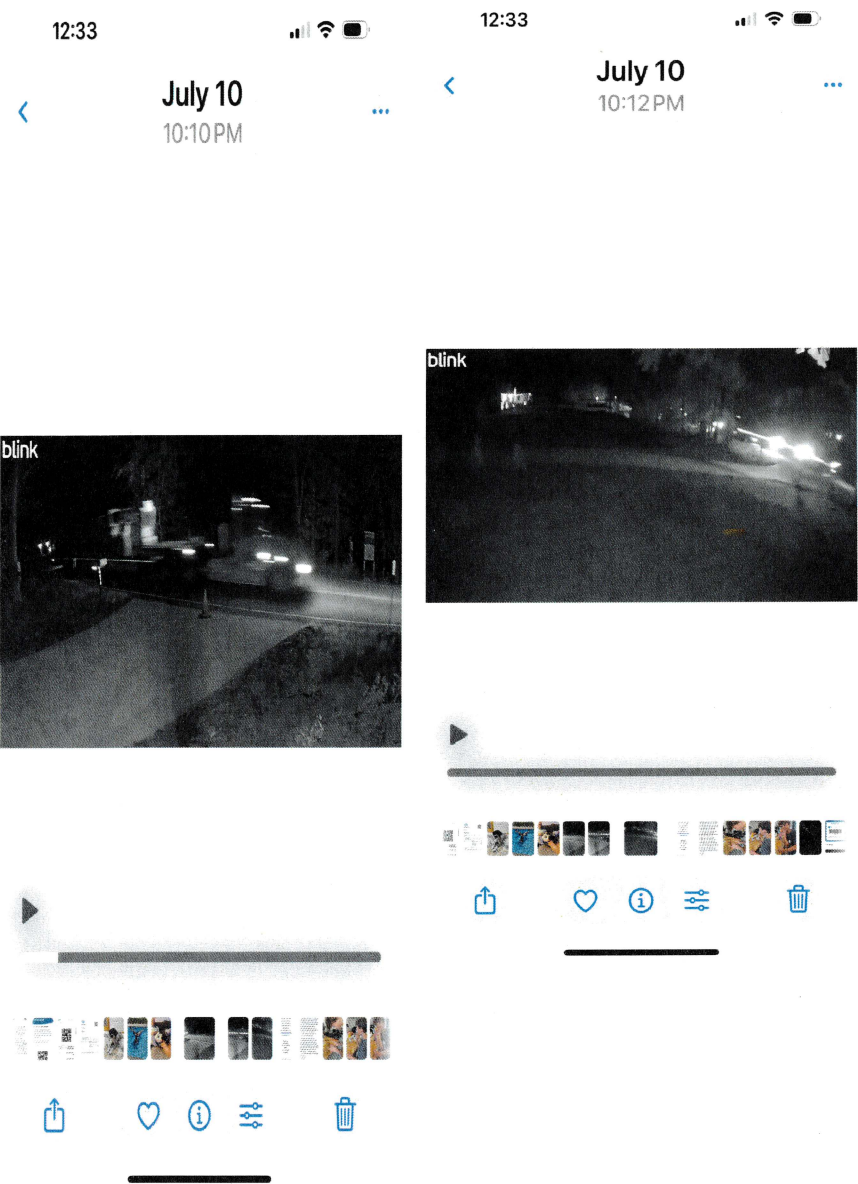
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Bryant Neal, Secretary



# Schedule A

Pictures for Citizens Comments from Louann C. Mason



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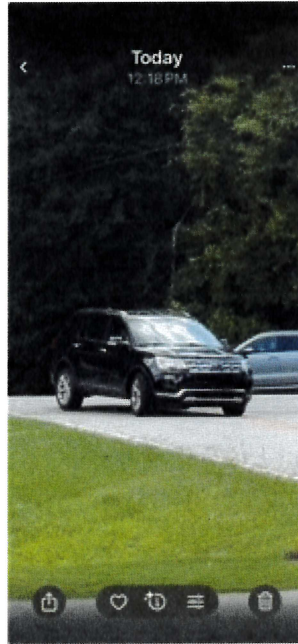


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Public Hearing Presentations -  
Proposed 2025 Transportation 1...

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# Schedule B

Please submit into the record for  
Barbara Scannell

  
Indian Land, SC 29707



Mr. Chairman and County Council Members:

First, I would like to thank Public Works Director Catoe for submitting a grant application for the widening of Highway 521. We would like to know if the grant was approved, and if so, for how much?

I would now like to discuss the content of the proposed Ordinance for the 2025 Transportation 1% Sales Tax Referendum.

There are several voter concerns that again are not addressed in the proposed referendum language or in the Transportation Sales Tax Proposal attachments. These need to be included if the County Council wants the 2025 referendum to be approved by the voters.

- 1.0 The proposed amount of the funding for all of the included projects comes to \$253 million dollars.
  - 1.1 The referendum includes the issuance of a \$100 million dollar bond to allow projects to begin. Would some of the preliminary work take place in the second half of FY26, such as hiring a traffic consultant and including some projects in the FY27 budget process?
  - 1.2 What happens if the amount of revenue received from the 1% sales tax does not match the projected amount each year to pay for the bond **and** fund the projects each fiscal year?
  - 1.3 How were the figures for each of the projects determined? It seems that many estimates are the same amounts that were listed in the 2024 referendum. This is an issue, as material and labor costs continue to increase each year.
  - 1.4 Do the estimated costs of the listed projects include a contingency percentage? If so, what is it? Will it be adjusted each year as needed?
  - 1.5 Please add the northern and southern borders of the Highway 521 and Henry Harris widenings, estimated costs, and the implementation timeline of both projects to the Referendum language.
  - 1.6 What short-term projects will be done to ease congestion on Highway 521 before construction of the widening project begins, especially since lanes will be closed during the widening construction?
  - 1.7 Can a projected timeline for all remaining road improvements be included throughout all seven districts each fiscal year?
- 2.1 I will first be speaking about updating the existing funding mechanisms for roadway maintenance and improvements to roadways throughout the County.
  - 2.2 Increase the Pennies for Progress Program from 1 cent to 5 cents or 10 cents to help fund ongoing road maintenance throughout the County.
  - 2.3 Update the vehicle registration fees for hybrid and all-electric vehicles. Owners of these vehicles pay reduced or no gas taxes, yet cause wear and tear on roads the same as gasoline-powered vehicles. Registration fees could be reduced for seniors 65 years and older and disabled of any age.

The County already charges increased registration fees for heavier vehicles, so the methodology to implement increased fees for hybrid and all-electrical vehicles already exists.
- 3.0 I will now be speaking about the development of a Comprehensive Roadway and Drainage Plan throughout the entire County that should also be adopted by the four

incorporated cities. **Language about the Plan should be added to the 2025 Referendum.**

- 3.1 Comprehensive Roadway and Drainage Plans already exist. As such, the County does not have to reinvent the wheel.
  - 3.2 To start the process, add the development of a Comprehensive Roadway and Drainage Plan to the Traffic Engineering RFP that would oversee the implementation of the proposed maintenance and improvement projects listed in the 2025 1% Transportation Sales Tax Referendum.
  - 3.3 The Comprehensive Roadway and Drainage Plan should then be added to the Uniform Development Ordinance.
  - 3.4 To prevent developers from rushing to submit applications prior to the Comprehensive Roadway and Drainage Plan being added to the Uniform Development Ordinance, place a one-year moratorium on proposed commercial and residential developments effective November 01, 2025, prior to the election.
  - 3.5 The length of the development moratorium can be increased or decreased by ordinance until the Comprehensive Roadway and Drainage Plan requirements are added to the Uniform Development Ordinance.
- 4.0 I will be speaking about applying new funding mechanisms for roadway and drainage improvements throughout the County paid for by developer applicants.

**4.1 Two major voter complaints with to the 2024 1% Transportation Sales Tax Referendum were:**

- 4.1.1 There was no consistency with the road enhancements required of new developments, and
- 4.1.2 County residents and businesses are the ones who end up paying for road improvements caused by new development projects.
- 4.1.3 The same is true for the proposed 2025 Referendum.

**4.2 To enhance the likelihood that voters will agree to pay the 1% sales tax increase, we are asking the County Council take steps prior to the 2025 election to reduce future tax burdens for road improvements.**

- 4.2.1 First, pass an ordinance to create the County-wide Comprehensive Roadway and Drainage plan.
- 4.2.2 Second, pass an ordinance that would require development applicants to **adhere to** and **pay for** all roadway enhancements required by the County-wide Comprehensive Roadway and Drainage Plan during the construction phase.
- 4.2.3 Third, pass an ordinance that would require development applicants to make monetary contributions to major road improvement projects at the time certificate of occupancy permits are issued. Doing so would help reduce future costs paid by residents and businesses.

These monetary contributions are allowed by State of South Carolina law. However, the funds must be collected and applied to specific roadway projects.

The County would have to set up a separate related fund for each specific roadway project, based upon where each development is located and which roadways would be affected by the additional traffic

caused by the proposed development.

- 4.3 Implementing the recommendations we have presented to you during this public hearing would ensure that developers pay their fair share and would help reduce future tax burdens placed on Lancaster residents and businesses.
- 4.4 Doing so would also free up more County funds for ongoing roadway maintenance and enhancement projects for all 7 districts.
- 4.5 The County Council is asking voters to make a huge financial commitment that would affect County residents and businesses for the next 10 years.
- 4.6 We are asking the County Council to commit to reducing our tax burden now and in the future by adopting the solutions we have just presented.