

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

August 13, 2025

4:00 PM

LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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; Jenna Woods, Communications and Marketing Director; Jeff Catoe, Public Works 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 PowerPoint presentation utilized during the meeting is attached to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

Call to Order Committee of the Whole Meeting - Chairman Brian Carnes

Chairman Brian Carnes called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Welcome and Recognition - Chairman Brian Carnes

Chairman Brian Carnes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation - Council Member Jose Luis

Jose Luis 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: None.

The following citizen submitted electronic, written comments for Citizen Comments, of which Council received a physical copy at their seats and which was acknowledged during the meeting by Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council:

1. Nick Rahko, Indian Land, SC, wrote in regarding poor planning, bad roads, traffic, trash, and schools. A copy of his comments is attached as Schedule A to the minutes.

Discussion and Action Items

a. Regional Park Update - *Stephany Snowden*

Stephany Snowden provided an update on the Regional Park via the County's PowerPoint presentation. Council and staff discussed grading, the need to balance the top soil, and the park's entrance and exit plans.

b. Communications Plan Regarding the Transportation Sales Tax - *Stephany Snowden / Jenna Woods*

Jenna Woods reviewed what planning measures the County had taken to start the educational campaign for the Transportation Sales Tax. Ms. Woods highlighted the interactive map the County's GIS Department created to highlight projects that would be included in the Transportation Sales Tax, if approved by the voters on November 4, 2025. There was no discussion from Council.

Adjournment

Charlene McGriff moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. There being no further business to discuss, the Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at approximately 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lauren Hill

Lauren Hill
Deputy Clerk to Council

Approved by Council on September 8, 2025.

Bryant Neal

Bryant Neal, Secretary

Agenda Item for Discussion:

I'm very disappointed by the lack of planning in this county, especially in Indian land where the rt 521 has reached critical mass, more developments, and more stores that nobody can get to because the traffic is such a mess. 45 minutes to take a kid to school, not a nice place to live. People dumping garbage on the side of the road as a way to get rid of trash. Road construction that takes years to complete while other states and cities the same job would take months. It's a disgrace, and it's a bad place to live. I will never shop in SC I'll drive to NC to get my stuff, and let those foolish businesses go out of business, Lancaster is bad for business and a bad place to live. Poor choices have come home to roost.

Meeting Date:

Full Name

First Name: Nick
Last Name: Rahko

Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

Citizen Comment - Regarding Agenda Item:

poor planning, bad roads, bad traffic, people dumping trash, poor schools, generally a bad place to live and nobody trying to fix it.