

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

**October 15, 2025
1:00 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; Lauren Hill, Deputy Clerk to Council; Sabrena Harris, Chief Financial Officer; Jamie Privuznak, Budget Director; Allison Hardin, Development Services Director; Greg Nicholson, Indian Land Fire Consolidated District Fire Chief; 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 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 1:00 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

Jose Luis moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The motion to

approve the agenda Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Citizens Comments

The following citizens signed up for and spoke during the Citizen Comments: None.

The following citizens submitted electronic, written comments for Citizen Comments: None.

Discussion and Action Items

a. Medical Response Calls for Indian Land Fire and EMS Services - *Dennis Marstall*

Chief Greg Nicholson reviewed Indian Land Consolidated Fire's current response times and capabilities and explained that staff's goal was to begin to address the medical needs of a patient prior to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arriving on a call in order to decrease delays in needed medical attention. Chief Nicholson reviewed the implementation process and associated costs. Council voiced several concerns which included how the Fire Department and EMS would be licensed, the chain of command once first responders are on scene, levels of responsibilities on calls, and how to implement the program effectively without spending double the money on resources. Clay Catoe explained that he had concerns regarding the legal liability of more staff working medical calls since it would open up more departments and staff to liability. Mr. Catoe also explained that EMS would not provide medications to Indian Land Fire since medications cannot be shared between departments and a separate license would be needed for each organization. Jose Luis requested a list outlining what Indian Land Fire staff's current capabilities were, what could be done differently with the program, and what the return on investment would be if the program were implemented. Council and staff discussed the start-up costs and Charlene McGriff requested that Council be updated on a quarterly basis. Council requested that Ginny Merck-Dupont look into the program and Clay Catoe stated that the program would only work in paid fire districts where fire stations were fully staffed around the clock.

b. Review of Full Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Draft - *Allison Hardin*

Steve Harper stated that he was unhappy with the length of the Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO") documents and felt that staff did not address Council's concerns and requests. Mr. Harper recommended that Council appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee to review the draft UDO and make comments to staff, and Council was in agreement. Jose Luis stated that Council's comments were not incorporated, and the document needed to be simplified and more user-friendly. Stuart Graham stated that he wanted to see this finished before the budget season began, and Brian Carnes stated that the Committee would have 3–4 months to review the entire document and make recommendations to Council. Steve Harper requested that the Planning Commission Chair and Vice-Chair be appointed to the Ad-Hoc Committee as well as developer(s) and citizens with a background to understand the documents. Brian Carnes stated that he would appoint members at the next Council meeting, which was scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2025.

Adjournment

Jose Luis moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Billy Mosteller. There was no further discussion from Council. The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at approximately 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved by Council on November 10, 2025.

Lauren Hill

Lauren Hill
Deputy Clerk to Council

Bryant Neal

Bryant Neal, Secretary