

Council Members

District 1: Terry Graham
District 2: Charlene McGriff
District 3: Billy Mosteller, Secretary
District 4: Jose Luis
District 5: Steve Harper, Chair
District 6: Allen Blackmon
District 7: Brian Carnes, Vice-Chair

**County Administrator**

Dennis E. Marstall

County Attorney

Ginny L. Merck-Dupont

Clerk to Council

Sherrie Simpson

September 13, 2023

4:00 PM

**101 North Main Street
Lancaster, SC 29720**

**LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
County Council Chambers, County Administration
Building, 101 North Main Street, Lancaster, SC 29720**

MINUTES

Council Members Present: Allen Blackmon, Brian Carnes, Terry Graham, Steve Harper, Jose Luis, Charlene McGriff, and Billy Mosteller.

Absent: None.

Staff Members/Others present: Dennis Marstall, County Administrator; Ginny Merck-Dupont, County Attorney; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; Stephany Snowden, Deputy County Administrator; Ashley Davis, Deputy Planning Director; Paul Moses, Airport Director; Ken Holt, Holt Consulting; Charles Deese, Planning Commission Chairman; the press; various Planning Commission members; 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. The livestream was disconnected during the middle of this meeting and had to be restarted, so there are two parts to the livestream posted on the County's YouTube page.

Call to Order

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

Welcome and Recognition

Chairman Steve Harper welcomed everyone to the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation - Council Member Brian Carnes

Council Member Brian Carnes led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and delivered the Invocation.

Approval of Agenda

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Terry Graham. Motion Passed 7-0.

Citizens Comments

The following citizens signed up for and spoke during Citizens Comments: None

The following citizens submitted electronic, written comments for Citizens Comments:

1. Karla Rivas Plata, Indian Land, SC, wrote in regarding overcrowding at the Animal Shelter. Each Council Member received a copy of the written comment at their seat, and a physical copy is attached as Schedule A to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's Office.
2. Ashley Cafero, Lancaster, SC, wrote in regarding the Animal Shelter business hours and the punishments for the abuse and neglect of animals. Each Council Member received a copy of the written comment at their seat, and a physical copy is attached as Schedule B to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's Office.
3. Amy Loudermilk, Lancaster, SC, wrote in regarding fully funding spay and neuter programs and restrictions on backyard breeding. Each Council Member received a copy of the written comment at their seat, and a physical copy is attached as Schedule C to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's Office.
4. Crystal A., Lancaster, SC, wrote in regarding waiving adoption fees at the Animal Shelter once at capacity, and shelter funding. Each Council Member received a copy of the written comment at their seat, and a physical copy is attached as Schedule D to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's Office.
5. Teri Hinson, Lancaster, SC, wrote in regarding traffic and speeding issues on Hilddale Drive. Each Council Member received a copy of the written comment at their seat, and a physical copy is attached as Schedule E to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's Office.

Discussion and Action Items

Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Update Discussion - Ashley Davis

Ashley Davis provided an update regarding the rewrite of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) via the County's PowerPoint that is attached to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's Office. Council and Staff discussed form-based zoning, Planned Development Districts (PDD), and flex districts within the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). Council requested that the rewrite of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) move forward with Planned Development Districts (PDD) and remove the reference of form-based zoning and flex districts.

Discussion of New Text Amendments Until Finalization of the Unified Development Ordinance Rewrite - Ashley Davis

Ashley Davis spoke of concerns regarding the number of text amendments being received during the rewrite process of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). Charles Deese, from South Potter Road, District 3, spoke on behalf of the Planning Commission and the time it takes to research the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for text amendments. The County contracted with White and Smith in 2021 to assess and rewrite the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), and there have been approximately 24 text amendments since then. Ashley Davis explained that when a text amendment is received, White and Smith then has to research the changes and update their records. The Planning Commission requested that Council place a moratorium on all text amendments coming to the Planning staff until the rewrite of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) is complete. Dennis Marstall explained that Council could slow down the number of text amendments by not approving each amendment that is presented to Council. Council and Staff discussed the positive and negative aspects of continuing to allow text amendments to come forward during the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) rewrite. After discussion, Council informed staff that they would continue to consider text amendments

on a case-by-case basis.

Airport Terminal and Lighting Vault Project Update - Dennis Marstall

Dennis Marstall announced the Airport Terminal Project federal grant was finalized and that the County was at a point to provide a notice to proceed with the Procurement Department in October. Ken Holt provided an update on the Airport Terminal and Lighting Vault Project via the County's PowerPoint that is attached to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's Office. Council wanted to be provided with the exact escalations for the project. Council and Staff discussed the legal aspects of not accepting the cost escalations, whether the escalations were eligible for grant funding, whether a change order would be eligible for grant funding, and other decision points regarding the project. Ken Holt noted that all funding is guaranteed, except for the additional State funding. Jose Luis requested a physical copy of the information that Ken Holt was using for explanations.

Adjournment

Jose Luis moved to adjourn. Seconded by Terry Graham. Motion Passed 7-0.

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at approximately 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved by Council on October 9, 2023

Lauren Hill

Lauren Hill
Deputy Clerk to Council

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "B Mosteller", is written over a horizontal line.

Billy Mosteller, Secretary