

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



Interim County Administrator
Steve Willis

County Attorney
Ginny L. Merck-Dupont

Clerk to Council
Sherrie Simpson

**April 27, 2026
6:00 PM**

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: Steve Willis, Interim 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; Shannon Catoe, Interim Planning 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 PowerPoint presentation utilized during the meeting is attached to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

Call to Order Regular Meeting - Chair Brian Carnes

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

Welcome and Recognition - Chair 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

Steve Willis requested that Item **8a.** be postponed to the second Council meeting in May due to a last-minute change in the proposed easement.

Steve Harper moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. There was no

discussion from Council. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Citizens Comments

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

1. Yokima Cureton, Lancaster, SC, spoke in support of continuing the Planning Commission's workshop meetings.
2. Libby Sweatt-Lambert, Lancaster, SC, requested a letter from Council regarding the residential development moratorium and the process of written responses from Council to citizens. She also highlighted the need for transparency so that citizen's questions were answered.
3. Jane Alford, Lancaster, SC, spoke in support of the County's non-profit grant funding.

Special Presentations

- a. **Recognition from the EMS State Awards Competition for the Paramedic Team and the EMT of the Year Award - *Presented by Clay Catoe, EMS Director***

Clay Catoe explained that Lancaster County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) employees participated in a state competition. Mr. Catoe introduced the paramedic team that competed, and the EMT of the year. It was also noted that Clay Catoe was awarded with the 2025 South Carolina EMS Association Director of the Year award.

- b. **Recognition of Art Contest Winners and Essay Contest Winner from the Lancaster County School District for "Lancaster County Government Month" - *Presented by Jenna Woods, Communications and Marketing Director***

Jenna Woods recognized the winners of the art contest and essay contest. She noted that there was a winner for the art contest from each school that had students participating.

Consent Agenda

Billy Mosteller moved to approve Consent Agenda Items **7a.**, **7b.**, and **7c.** [*which are the same as Items a., b., and c. listed below*]. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. There was no discussion from Council. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.

- a. **Approval of Minutes from the April 1, 2026, County Council Budget Workshop**
- b. **Approval of Minutes from the April 13, 2026, County Council Regular Meeting**
- c. **2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-2027**
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone Approximately 1.5 Acres (TM# 0068L-0D-004.00), Which Is Located At 1553 Pageland Highway, From The General Business (GB) District To The Low Density Residential (LDR) District - *Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2025-2735. The Planning Commission recommended approval by unanimous vote and the Planning staff also recommended approval of the rezoning request. Passed 7-0 at the April 13, 2026, County Council Meeting. - Shannon Catoe*

Non-Consent Agenda

a. Public Hearing and 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2026-2026

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Approve A Temporary Construction And Permanent Easement Grant To Lancaster County Natural Gas Authority Upon Real Property Owned By Lancaster County And Located Off Harrisburg Road Bearing Tax Parcel Number 0003-00-041.00 And To Authorize County Officials To Take Such Actions As Are Necessary To Effectuate The Grant Of The Easements And To Effectuate The Purposes Of This Ordinance. - Passed 7-0 at the March 23, 2026, County Council Meeting. Passed 7-0 at the April 13, 2026, County Council Meeting. - Steve Willis

Steve Harper moved to postpone the Public Hearing and 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2026-2026 until the second regular Council meeting in May. Seconded by Jose Luis. There was no discussion from Council. The motion to postpone Passed by a vote of 7-0.

b. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-2029

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 2025-1971, Relating To The Appropriation Of Funds And The Approval Of A Detailed Budget For Lancaster County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 And Ending June 30, 2026 (FY2025-2026), To Further Provide For Revenues And Expenditures During The Fiscal Year, And To Provide For Matters Related Thereto. - Passed 7-0 at the April 13, 2026, County Council Meeting. - Jamie Privuznak

Bryant Neal moved to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-2029. Seconded by Charlene McGriff.

Jamie Privuznak reviewed the proposed budget amendment and noted, for the record, that the South Carolina State Constitution mandates that youth who are detained must be in a separate facility from incarcerated adults, so the County has to contract with the state and pay a per diem rate to house the juvenile defenders that commit crimes in Lancaster County.

There was no discussion from Council. The 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-2029 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

c. 1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-2030

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Lancaster County Code Related To The Meeting Requirements Of The Lancaster County Planning Commission As It Relates To Workshop Meetings. - Steve Willis

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-2030. Seconded by Bryant Neal.

Steve Willis explained that the ordinance would eliminate the Planning Commission's required monthly workshop meetings and instead allow them to be held on an "as-needed" basis. Charlene McGriff and Steve Harper voiced their opposition to the Ordinance and explained that the workshop trainings should be a mandatory once a month requirement. Jose Luis noted that

Planning Department staff needed more training and the workshop meetings did not need to include discussions of specific items, but more general discussions. Brian Carnes stated that the workshop meetings needed more guardrails.

Steve Harper moved to amend the Ordinance to allow the workshops to be scheduled at the call of the Chair or if the majority of the Planning Commission members requested to meet. Seconded by Jose Luis. The motion to amend Passed by a vote of 7-0.

There was no further discussion from Council. The 1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-2030, as amended, Passed by a vote of 7-0.

d. 1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-2031

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Disestablish/Dissolve The Recreation Advisory Board And Remove The Duties And Responsibilities Of Those Persons And Organizations Associated Therewith. - Steve Willis

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-2031. Seconded by Stuart Graham.

Stephany Snowden explained that the Recreation Advisory Board has had a difficult time establishing a quorum for their meetings, and staff wished to create an ambassador program instead to promote parks and recreation activities and gather data on current programs. Several Council members stated that before this proposal received final approval, they wanted to see an outline of what the ambassador program would look like should the Recreation Advisory Board be dissolved.

There was no further discussion from Council. The 1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-2031 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

e. Resolution 1323-R2026

Resolution Title: A Resolution To Approve The Recommendation Of The Lancaster County Non-Profit Grant Review Committee For The Distribution Of Funds From The Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. - At the April 13, 2026, County Council Meeting, Council postponed the reading of the Resolution until the April 27, County Council Meeting. - Stephany Snowden

Charlene McGriff recused herself from the Council meeting and stepped out of Council Chambers at approximately 6:55 p.m. A copy of her Statement of Recusal is attached as Schedule A to the minutes.

Bryant Neal moved to approve Resolution 1323-R2026. Seconded by Stuart Graham.

Stephany Snowden stated that the applications received were emailed to Council for their review. Billy Mosteller explained that he was in favor of funding the following: Greater New Hope Soup Kitchen (\$5,000), Christian Services (\$5,000 for food only), HOPE (\$10,000 for food only), KARE (\$10,000 for food only), Finding Serenity (\$40,000), and the County would put the remaining \$60,000 back into the budget. Stuart Graham stated that he was in favor of funding organizations that provided critical needs to the residents of the County. His recommendations were as follows: Hope (\$15,000), Greater New Hope Soup Kitchen (\$10,000), Christian

Services (\$10,000), KARE (\$15,000), Lancaster Children's Home (\$10,000), Lancaster SPCA Spay and Neuter Program (\$5,500), and Finding Serenity (\$25,000), which would total to \$90,500. Jose Luis questioned if it would be possible to allocate funds per district, and Ginny Merck-Dupont explained that there were no parameters set on how the funding could be utilized, so Council was able to decide that. Bryant Neal stated that he was in favor of doing per district allocations. Ms. Merck-Dupont explained that the best way to set parameters would be to postpone the Resolution and set parameters. Steve Harper supported Stuart Graham's funding recommendations. Jose Luis stated that Council needed to be careful with allocating funds since they were taxpayer dollars.

Stuart Graham moved amend Resolution 1323-R2026 to allocate the following funds: Hope (\$15,000), Greater New Hope Soup Kitchen (\$10,000), Christian Services (\$10,000), KARE (\$15,000), Lancaster Children's Home (\$10,000), Lancaster SPCA Spay and Neuter Program (\$5,500), and Finding Serenity (\$25,000), which would total to \$90,500. Seconded by Steve Harper. Jose Luis noted that he wanted to see guidelines put in place, and he also wanted to see the allocations by district. There was no further discussion from Council. The motion to amend Passed 5-1-1; Ayes: Harper, Neal, Carnes, Luis, Graham; Nays: Mosteller; Recused: McGriff.

Resolution 1323-R2026, as amended, Passed by a vote of 5-1-1; Ayes: Harper, Neal, Carnes, Luis, Graham; Nays: Mosteller; Recused: McGriff.

Charlene McGriff re-entered Council Chambers at approximately 7:07 p.m.

Discussion and Action Items

a. Proposal to Transfer the Foster Wastewater Treatment Plant - *Steve Willis*

Steve Willis explained that staff would like Council's approval to enter into discussions with the Lancaster County Water and Sewer District (LCWSD) about transferring the Foster Wastewater Treatment Plant to them. Billy Mosteller stated that he was in favor of transferring the facility. Mr. Willis noted that since there was no objection from Council, he would begin discussions with the LCWSD and bring back parameters to Council.

b. Receive Information and Take Desired Action Regarding Removal from a Board and Commission - *Sherrie Simpson*

1. Health and Wellness

2. Board of Assessment Appeals

Sherrie Simpson explained that Nakisha Procope was on the Health and Wellness Commission and Board of Assessment Appeals, but was up for removal due to absences. Jose Luis moved to remove Ms. Procope from both boards. Seconded by Billy Mosteller. There was no discussion from Council. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.

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

1. William Kasper, Marie DeMartino, and Richard Crandall have applied for the

Planning Commission as the District 1 representative. If appointed, the person would be serving an unexpired term that would end on 06/30/2029.

2. Karol Knoop has applied for the Health and Wellness Commission as the District 1 representative. If appointed, she would be serving a four-year term that would end on 06/30/2030.

3. Yvette Pressley has applied for the Community Outreach and Engagement or Health and Wellness Commission. The only available position is in District 4 for Community Outreach and Engagement and even though Ms. Pressley resides in District 7, residency in the district is not required for either of these Advisory Boards. If appointed to the Community Outreach and Engagement Board, she would be serving an unexpired term that would end on 06/30/2027.

4. **POSTPONED INDEFINITELY** - Appointment to the Community Outreach and Engagement Advisory Board as the District 4 Representative - Kyvia Crisco has applied to serve as the District 4 representative, and, if appointed, she would be serving an unexpired term that would end on 06/30/2027.

5. Current Board/Commission Vacancies

6. Upcoming Board/Commission Expirations

1. Sherrie Simpson explained that William Kasper, Marie DeMartino, and Richard Crandall had applied for the District 1 vacancy on the Planning Commission. Stuart Graham moved to appoint Richard Crandall. Seconded by Jose Luis. There was no discussion from Council. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.
2. Sherrie Simpson explained that Karol Knoop had applied for the District 1 vacancy on the Health and Wellness Commission. Stuart Graham moved to appoint Karol Knoop. Seconded by Jose Luis. There was no discussion from Council. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.
3. Sherrie Simpson explained that Yvette Pressley had applied for the District 4 vacancy on the Community Outreach and Engagement Advisory Committee. Jose Luis moved to postpone the appointment item until the next regular Council meeting. Seconded by Stuart Graham. There was no discussion from Council. The motion to postpone Passed by a vote of 7-0.
4. Sherrie Simpson explained that this item was postponed indefinitely.
5. Sherrie Simpson explained that the current list of Board and Commission vacancies were included in the agenda packet.
6. Sherrie Simpson explained that the list of upcoming Board and Commission expirations were included in the agenda packet.

Status of Items Tabled, Recommitted, Deferred or Held

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

- a. **HELD UNTIL CONNECTIVITY ISSUES RESOLVED BUT NOT LATER THAN MAY 11, 2026 - 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-2012**
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone Approximately 71.1 Acres (TM#S 0013-00-067.00, 0013-00-067.01, 0013-00-067.02, 0013-00-067.03, And 0013-00-135.00), Which Is Located At Charlotte Highway And Laurel Hill Road, From The Low Density Residential (LDR) District To The Regional Business (RB) District - Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2025-2538. The Planning staff recommended approval of the rezoning request; however,

Planning Commission recommended denial by unanimous vote. Passed 5-2 at the February 9, 2026, County Council Meeting (Stuart Graham and Jose Luis Opposed). At the February 23, 2026, Council Meeting, Council voted to postpone the 2nd Reading until the March 9, 2026, County Council Meeting by a vote of 6-1 (Billy Mosteller Opposed). At the March 9, 2026, Council Meeting, 2nd Reading was postponed until the connectivity issues were resolved, but not later than 60 days. - Shannon Catoe

- 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. - Shannon Catoe*
- c. **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. - Shannon Catoe*
- d. **PENDING/SENT TO AD-HOC COMMITTEE - 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1988**
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Approve A Development Agreement With AM Group Land Holdings, LLC., In Connection With A Major Subdivision Preliminary Plat SD-2021-0528, Which Proposes A 92-Lot Single-Family Cluster Subdivision Overlay District (CSO) Development, Establishing The Regulations For The Development Of The Property, And Other Matters Related Thereto. - *Planning Department Case Number: DA-2025-1506 (and DA-2021-0528). The Planning Commission recommended approval of the request by a vote of 5-1 and the Planning staff recommended conditional approval with the provision that staff edits are included in the Development Agreement. At the October 13, 2025, Council Meeting, the 1st Reading was sent to the Ad-Hoc Development Agreement Committee for Recommendations. - Shannon Catoe*
- e. **POSTPONED AT APPLICANT'S REQUEST - 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-2008**
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster

County To Rezone Approximately 48.339 Acres (TM# 0044-00-004.00 And P/O 0044.00.006.00), Which Is Located On Charlotte Highway, Near McAteer Rd., From The Rural Neighborhood (RN) District To The General Business (GB) District - *Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2025-1292. The Planning Commission recommended approval by unanimous vote and the Planning staff also recommended approval of the rezoning request. - Shannon Catoe*

- f. **PENDING/SENT TO AD-HOC COMMITTEE - 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-2011**
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Development Agreement To Approve An Amendment To The Development Agreement Between Lancaster County And The Inspiration Network, Inc. For A Mixed-Use/ Multifamily Apartment And Nonresidential Development Project Known As "The City Of Light" Upon Approximately 91.90 Acres Of Land, Located In Lancaster, South Carolina, Establishing The Regulations For The Development Of The Property And Other Matters Related Thereto. - Shannon Catoe

Executive Session

There were no Executive Session items.

Items Requiring a Vote Following Executive Session

There were no items requiring a vote since there were no Executive Session items.

Adjournment

Jose Luis moved to adjourn the Council meeting. There being no further business to discuss, the regular meeting of Council adjourned at approximately 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lauren Hill

Lauren Hill
Deputy Clerk to Council

Approved by Council on May 11, 2026

Bryant Neal

Bryant Neal, Secretary



Lancaster Count

Schedule A

Post Office Box 1809 Lancaster, South Carolina 29721-1809

STATEMENT OF RECUSAL

In accordance with State Code § 8-13-700(b), I hereby abstain from all votes, deliberations, and other action on the following matter(s):

Resolution 1323-R2026

SECTION 8-13-700. Use of official position or office for financial gain; disclosure of potential conflict of interest.

(B) No public official, public member, or public employee may make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use his office, membership, or employment to influence a governmental decision in which he, a member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated has an economic interest. A public official, public member, or public employee who, in the discharge of his official responsibilities, is required to take an action or make a decision which affects an economic interest of himself, a member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated shall:

- (1) prepare a written statement describing the matter requiring action or decisions and the nature of his potential conflict of interest with respect to the action or decision;
- (2) if the public official is a member of the General Assembly, he shall deliver a copy of the statement to the presiding officer of the appropriate house. The presiding officer shall have the statement printed in the appropriate journal and require that the member of the General Assembly be excused from votes, deliberations, and other action on the matter on which a potential conflict exists;
- (3) if he is a public employee, he shall furnish a copy of the statement to his superior, if any, who shall assign the matter to another employee who does not have a potential conflict of interest. If he has no immediate superior, he shall take the action prescribed by the State Ethics Commission;
- (4) if he is a public official, other than a member of the General Assembly, he shall furnish a copy of the statement to the presiding officer of the governing body of any agency, commission, board, or of any county, municipality, or a political subdivision thereof, on which he serves, who shall cause the statement to be printed in the minutes and require that the member be excused from any votes, deliberations, and other actions on the matter on which the potential conflict of interest exists and shall cause the disqualification and the reasons for it to be noted in the minutes;
- (5) if he is a public member, he shall furnish a copy to the presiding officer of any agency, commission, board, or of any county, municipality, or a political subdivision thereof, on which he serves, who shall cause the statement to be printed in the minutes and shall require that the member be excused from any votes, deliberations, and other actions on the matter on which the potential conflict of interest exists and shall cause such disqualification and the reasons for it to be noted in the minutes.

Reason(s) for Disqualification:

Volunteer

Name:

Charlene M. Smith
County Council Member

Date:

4-13-2026