

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
Brian Tucker

County Attorney
Ginny L. Merck-Dupont

Clerk to Council
Sherrie Simpson

**July 22, 2026
4:00 PM**

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

MINUTES

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

Staff Members/Others Present: Brian Tucker, County Administrator; Ginny Merck-Dupont, County Attorney; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; Stephany Snowden, Deputy County Administrator; Sabrena Harris, Chief Financial Officer; Sherri Gregory, Lindsay Pettus Greenway Construction Committee Chair; Flip Hutfles, City Manager; 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 Special Meeting - Chair Brian Carnes

Chairman Brian Carnes called the Lancaster County Council special meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Welcome and Recognition - Chair Brian Carnes

Chairman Brian Carnes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation - Council Member Billy Mosteller

Billy Mosteller led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and delivered the Invocation.

Approval of the Agenda

Steve Harper moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. There was no discussion from Council. The motion to approve the agenda Passed by unanimous 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.

Special Presentations

- a. **Update on the Lindsay Pettus Greenway Project - Presented by Sherri Gregory, Lindsay Pettus Construction Committee Chair, and Flip Hutfles, Lancaster City Administrator**

Sherri Gregory, the Chair of the Lindsay Pettus Greenway Construction Committee, provided an update on the Greenway via a PowerPoint presentation and a handout entitled, "A Year In Review" and that handout is attached as Schedule A to the minutes. Flip Hutfles noted that the City of Lancaster had received a TAP grant to help fund one of the Greenway's extensions. Ms. Gregory thanked Council for their support. Council Members thanked Sherri Gregory for her hard work in the community.

Non-Consent Agenda

- a. **2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-2048**
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance Of The County Council Of Lancaster County, South Carolina, Extending Ordinance No. 2025-1992, The Nine-Month Residential Development Moratorium, For An Additional Ninety (90) Days; Reaffirming The Findings Of County Council; Providing For Severability; And Providing For An Effective Date.

Jose Luis moved to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-2048. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. There was no discussion from Council. The motion to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-2048 Passed by unanimous vote of 7-0.

- b. **1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-2054**
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 2026-2036, Relating To The Appropriation Of Funds And The Approval Of A Detailed Budget For Lancaster County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026 And Ending June 30, 2027 (FY 2026-2027), To Further Provide For Revenues And Expenditures During The Fiscal Year; And To Provide For Matters Related Thereto.

Billy Mosteller moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-2054. Seconded by Charlene McGriff.

Sabrena Harris explained that this Ordinance was a request to provide revenue out of the general fund for the sheriff's evidence storage facility. She noted that the facility was partially funded previously through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). There was no discussion from Council. The motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-2054 Passed by unanimous vote of 7-0.

Reports from Various Boards and/or Commissions

- a. **Recommendation from the Community Outreach and Engagement Advisory**

Committee

There was no discussion from Council regarding this recommendation.

Executive Session

a. One Item:

1. ***Receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding potential contractual matters relating to the Regional Park.***

Brian Carnes stated that he needed a motion to go into Executive Session for the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding potential contractual matters relating to the Regional Park and to invite the Deputy County Administrator, the Director of Parks and Recreation and members of Project Management in to discuss the item. Bryant Neal stated that he so moved. Seconded by Jose Luis. The motion to go into Executive Session Passed by unanimous vote of 7-0. At approximately 4:22 p.m., Council went into Executive Session.

Council came out of Executive Session and Brian Carnes called the Council special meeting back to order at approximately 5:10 p.m. Billy Mosteller moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The motion to come out of Executive Session Passed by unanimous vote of 7-0.

Upon returning to open session, Ginny Merck-Dupont stated that Council met in Executive Session in regard to one item: the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding potential contractual matters relating to the Regional Park. 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 special meeting of Council adjourned at approximately 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sherrie Simpson

Sherrie Simpson
Clerk to Council

Approved by Council on August 10, 2026

Bryant Neal

Bryant Neal, Secretary

Schedule A



A Year In Review

June 2025 - May 2026



STEWARDSHIP

Volunteers continue to generously give of their time to keep the greenway tidy, safe, and attractive. Trail stewards gather monthly to mow, trim, and blow debris off the trail. Twice per year, in the autumn, the Maintenance Committee organizes Autumn Leaf Sweeps, when an army of volunteers with leaf blowers descends on the trail to clear away the leaves. The Leaf and Petal Garden Club keeps the pollinator garden well-maintained so that there is always something exciting going on, whether plants are blooming, butterflies are flitting about, or insects are going about their jobs. The Lancaster Breakfast Rotary Club and the Katawba Valley Land Trust partnered this Spring to install additional bird houses along the greenway, including purple martin condominiums and a bat house.



TRAIL EXPANSION

In September 2025, the Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting celebrating the opening of the MUSC-Lancaster Spur and connection to the main trail. The new trailhead at Woodland Drive across from Marion Sims Drive marks the accomplishment of a highly anticipated trail connection. Healthcare employees and patients, hospital visitors, and residents of the Sunny Hills community are now able to access the trail and enjoy the many wellness benefits of exercising in nature. The next trail expansion priority is connecting to the Melvin Steele Soccer Complex and the Lancaster County Recreation Department facilities on South Plantation Road.

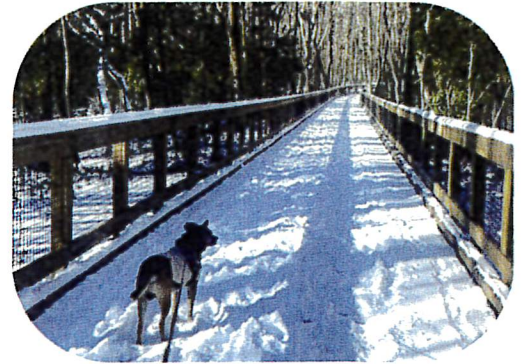
ART IN NATURE

The Lancaster County Council of the Arts brought a lot of public art to the trail this year to delight visitors. The colorful mural in Constitution Park was celebrated in July with the painters Kimsoeuth Veth and Natalie Woods and the designer Victor Bokas discussing the mural design and the painting process. The mural's scenes evoke the culture and history of our community. The LCCA also installed a story walk in the fall and hosted the third annual Plein Air Festival. Stay tuned for the next project, Art Columns, which will be painted by local and regional artists taking inspiration from the Springs Industries fabric designs archives.

SIGNATURE EVENTS

The 4th Annual Lighting of the Greenway in December attracted over 2,800 visitors over three nights—nearly doubling the attendance record set the year before. The event features holiday lights, snow-making, S'mores, hot chocolate, live music and community fellowship. It has quickly grown into a popular tradition and is powered by volunteers. Granny Greenway, The Summer Sweat Series, NAMI Walk, FAN (Faith, Activity, and Nutrition) Walk, Catawba Riversweep, Rotary 5K, LSPCA Walk, and other events were hosted on the greenway last year.

A Year In Review



OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

Mike Autry
 Norman Anderson
 Doug Barnes
 Wayne Bell
 DeAn Blanton, *Board Treasurer*
 Mike Blanton
 Tyson Blanton
 Mandy Catoe
 Dick Christie
 Chris Clouden, *Board Member*
 Donna Dukes
 Johnny Dukes
 Michelle Evans
 Buddy Faile, *Board Member*
 Nancy Fish
 Robert Folks
 Founders Federal CU Employees

Sherri Gregory, *Executive Director*
 Greg Gregory
 Mark Grier, *Board Member*
 Venise Grier
 Frances Harris
 Jeff Humphries
 Linda Hutchison
 Lauren Kirby
 Shawn Manns
 Justin McClellan, *Board Member*
 Wendy Outlaw
 Sara Phillips
 Julie Roper, *Board Member*
 Alan Sattler, *Board Member*
 Elise Shipton
 Ann Small

Kenny Stinson
 Bobbi Strickland
 Jeff Strickland
 Mark Strickland, *Board President*
 Kathy Sullivan, *Board Secretary*
 Edwina Sullivan
 Erin Tindal, *Board Member*
 Lauren Tindal
 Lauren Thomas, *Board Member*
 Owen Thomas
 Reagan Thompson, *Board Member*
 Marlow Thompson
 Richard Warrin, *Board Member*
 Tim Wells
 Kathy White
 Jay White
 April Williams
 Debbie Wood

OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

City of Lancaster, Carolina Thread Trail, Catawba Riverkeeper, Katawba Valley Land Trust, Lancaster County Council of the Arts, Arras Foundation, Keep Lancaster County Beautiful, Lancaster County School District, Lancaster Promise Neighborhood, Lancaster Breakfast Rotary Club, Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, Lancaster Thursday Rotary Club, Lancaster County Parks and Recreation Department, Lancaster County Council, the Leaf and Petal Garden Club, the Lancaster Garden Club, and the Olde English District Tourism Commission