

Council Members

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

**County Administrator**

Dennis Marstall

County Attorney

John K. DuBose III

Clerk to Council

Sherrie Simpson

June 15, 2022

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 (*arrived at approximately 4:02 after Citizen Comments*), Brian Carnes, Terry Graham, Steve Harper, Larry Honeycutt, Charlene McGriff, and Billy Mosteller.

Staff Members/Others present: Dennis Marstall, County Administrator; John DuBose, County Attorney; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; John Bodner, Assistant County Administrator; Kim Belk, Budget Director; Rox Burhans, Development Services Director; Veronica Thompson, Financial Services Director; Paul Moses, Airport Director; Darren Player, Emergency Management/Fire Rescue Director; Lisa Robinson, Human Resources Director; Suzette Murphy, Auditor; Hal Hiott, Parks and Recreation Director; Katherine Jones, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director; the press; 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.

Call to Order - Chairman Steve Harper

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

Welcome and Recognition - Chairman Steve Harper

Chairman Steve Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation - Council Member Allen Blackmon

Larry Honeycutt led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and delivered the Invocation.

Approval of Agenda

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded by Billy Mosteller. Motion Passed 7-0.

Citizens Comments

The following citizens signed up for Citizens Comments: None.

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

Discussion and Action Items

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update and Potential Funded Projects - Dennis Marstall

Dennis Marstall reviewed the projects for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. He stated Lancaster County has been allocated \$19 million from the federal government. He stated to date, Council has allocated \$12.2 million to various projects. He stated the technology for Council Chambers has been scheduled as follows: the audio equipment installation is scheduled for July and video is scheduled for December. He stated there are supply chain issues with the equipment. He stated after purchasing twelve (12) Sheriff's Office vehicles and upgrading the Barnett building for \$1 million, the County would have \$5.1 million remaining. He reviewed the items on the current work flow, as well as items still remaining on the list of requests. He stated of the \$19 million, regulations allow \$10 million to be classified as revenue placement. He explained the \$10 million is included in the \$19 million, not in addition to it.

Chief Greg Nicholson from Pleasant Valley Fire Department spoke regarding funding for a station 2. He stated they have paid \$40,000 for a design phase for station 2. He also stated there are approximately 7,000 houses being built in station 2's area and he doesn't have any place to put firefighters to cover the area. His architect stated at current prices, it should cost approximately \$5 million for minimum square footage.

Mr. Marstall stated there will be further discussion starting in August regarding fire rescue. Staff and Council discussed a possible increase in roof top fees for the fire districts.

Larry Honeycutt discussed the need for an EMS bus. He stated the bus would accommodate 20 patients.

Roselyn Residential Improvement District (RID) and other Development Issues - Dennis Marstall

Dennis Marstall updated information on the Roselyn Residential Improvement District. Council decided in October 2020 to allow the developer to use bonds to cover the infrastructure expenses. The developer has incurred \$12 million in expenses thus far and has begun the bond process with the bond council. John DuBose stated they are also currently working on the creation of a fire district, which would be shared between two districts, Riverside and Shiloh Zion. Mr. Marstall stated there should be more information coming forward in late August or early fall.

Zoning and Land Use for Billboards - Dennis Marstall/Rox Burhans

Dennis Marstall spoke regarding using County land for billboards. He stated he wanted Council to have information regarding land use restrictions. Rox Burhans reviewed the County power point presentation which is attached to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

There was discussion concerning billboards currently in place in Lancaster County. Council noted that the information contained on the billboards can be helpful to the citizens. There were questions regarding our current

billboards and that they were grandfathered before the regulations came into effect. Rox stated they were placed before the regulations and new standards were in place and now there is a high bar set to be able to place new billboards.

Hal Crenshaw stated the goal is to help his son's business. He stated they have technology that allows amber alerts, as well as any public service announcements. He stated they have approximately ten (10) acres of land at the corner of Rocky River Road and Tabernacle Road that they are willing to give to Lancaster County for public use as the County sees fit, such as a fire department. He stated they are not interested in placing a line of billboards but currently there is an individual who has a monopoly on billboards. He stated the current business owner does not live in Lancaster but the Crenshaw family does live in Lancaster. He stated he would like to place the billboards at the Indian Land Recreation Center and the EMS building located at Walnut Creek. He asked for a 99 year lease in exchange for the ten acre tract of land in the Buford community.

John DuBose discussed legal challenges and doesn't recommend a 99 year lease ever. Council asked for John to research and have ready for discussion in Executive Session for June 27.

Discussion of Closed County Road System - Dennis Marstall

Dennis Marstall stated Council has been receiving questions in regards to adding roads to the current county road system. He stated Council closed the county road system by ordinance in 2014. He continued that staff is reinforcing the 2014 ordinance on closed county road system. He also stated that Jeff Catoe is inspecting the roads being built and ensuring they are being built to standards.

Justice Planners Analysis for Proposed Lancaster County Detention Center - Sheriff Barry Faile/Steve Willis

Dennis Marstall noted that the County has acquired the land for the new Lancaster County Detention Center. He stated members of the Sheriff's Office staff are here to discuss the project planning.

Steve Willis began by stating Council will be receiving project briefings as they become available on the Lancaster County Detention Center. He stated today's briefing would be given by the Project Planner and Justice Planners. He stated they are using 2050 as the forecast to allow for growth. He also stated they are using six (6) years of data for their projections.

Project Planner Chad Catledge introduced Alan Richardson with Justice Planners. Mr. Richardson reviewed the County power point presentation which is attached to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office. He stated the purpose of this presentation is to discuss projected inmate population as well as bed space needs. Chad stated they recommend that 300 beds are needed day one (1) and project 450 beds will be needed by year 2050.

Alan Richardson also reviewed another power point presentation which is attached as Schedule A to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office. He also recommends five (5) full courtrooms would be needed for future growth.

Citizen Comments

All citizens were heard during Citizens Comments held at the beginning of the Council meeting.

Adjournment

Larry Honeycutt moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Brian Carnes. Motion Passed 7-0.
There being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at approximately 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved by Council on July 18, 2022

Donna Greene

Donna Greene
Deputy Clerk to Council

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

Billy Mosteller, Secretary