

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 Attorney
John K. DuBose III

Clerk to Council
Sherrie Simpson

May 11, 2021

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 *[who entered the meeting late at approximately 4:03 p.m. after the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation]*, Terry Graham, Steve Harper, Larry Honeycutt, Charlene McGriff and Billy Mosteller.

Council Members absent: None.

Staff Members/Others present: Steve Willis, County Administrator; Kim Belk, Interim Deputy County Administrator/Budget Director; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; Veronica Thompson, Chief Financial Officer; Rox Burhans, Development Services Director; Jeff Catoe, Public Services Director; Darren Player, Fire/Emergency Services Director; Clay Catoe, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director; various Elected Officials; various Department Heads; various staff 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 Brian Carnes

Allen Blackmon led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and delivered the Invocation since Brian

Carnes entered the meeting late.

Approval of Agenda

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Larry Honeycutt. Motion Passed 7-0.

Citizens Comments

The following citizens signed up to speak during Citizens Comments:

1. Jearlean Wright, Lancaster, SC, spoke regarding the gravel from Logging Road washing onto her property and she asked that Logging Road be paved.*

*Steve Harper explained that the County Administrator, Steve Willis, would contact her when the next County Transportation Committee (CTC) meeting was going to be held because the CTC handled which roads were going to be paved.

1. Brian Scott Laney, Lancaster, SC, spoke regarding Logging Road needing to be paved.

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

Discussion and Action Items

Discussion of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Proposed Budget - Steve Willis/Kim Belk

Steve Willis explained that the revenue numbers were now in. He provided and reviewed a handout entitled, "FY2022 Budget Draft Summary for May Committee of the Whole," and that handout is attached as Schedule A to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office. He noted that the proposed budget was balanced with no millage increase. He explained that three items had been added to the proposed budget since Council last discussed the budget: (1) a trial college program for Economic Development; (2) two maintenance crew leaders for Parks and Recreation; and (3) a part-time Assistant Manager at the Airport. Council and staff discussed possible new positions that could be added to or removed from the base budget. Council and staff discussed funding for the Sheriff's Office career ladder.

Kim Belk reviewed the millage rates and the mil value from the handout. Council and staff discussed the relationship between the County and the school district and the need for an Intergovernmental Agreement between the entities regarding fees. Council and staff discussed the merger of the Planning and Zoning Departments and that the Code for those Departments would also need to be rewritten since the Departments were being merged financially. Council and staff discussed the Infrastructure Inspector position, the position's duties and what territory the position would cover. Council requested that this information be sent to them prior to 1st Reading of the budget. Council and staff discussed the road maintenance fee.

Council requested that the positions that could be added to the budget be prioritized by staff. Council and staff continued to discuss possible new positions that could be added to or removed from the base budget.

Development Services Update - Rox Burhans

Rox Burhans provided a review of the updated and new services offered in the Development Services offices. He reviewed these new services via the power point presentation attached to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

Discussion of Fire Apparatus Acquisition - Steve Willis/Darren Player

Steve Willis explained that Council had two finance options regarding the acquisition of fire apparatus. He explained that Council could either use a voter referendum bond or an installment purchase plan bond. He noted that the installment purchase plan is more expensive.

Council and staff discussed the lack of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Lancaster and the County regarding the Fire Department and equipment for the City Fire Department and also the lack of County policy regarding fire equipment for Fire Departments.

Darren Player reviewed the history of the City of Lancaster joining the Fire Commission. Council and staff discussed the need for equipment at various fire departments. Greg Nicholson, Chief of the Pleasant Valley Fire Department, reviewed the County's truck needs and the recommended specifications for the trucks.

Council and staff discussed possible financing for the fire apparatus. Council and staff discussed Impact Fees and the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for fire apparatus.

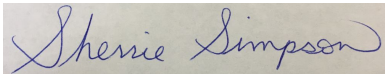
Citizen Comments

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

Adjournment

Larry Honeycutt moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. Seconded by Allen Blackmon. Motion to adjourn Passed 7-0. There being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at approximately 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Sherrie Simpson
Clerk to Council

Approved by Council on June 14, 2021



Billy Mosteller, Secretary