

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

March 9, 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, Terry Graham, Larry Honeycutt, Charlene McGriff and Billy Mosteller.

Council Members absent: Steve Harper.

Staff Members/Others present: Steve Willis, County Administrator; Kim Belk, Interim Deputy County Administrator/Budget Director; John DuBose, County Attorney; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; Veronica Thompson, Chief Financial Officer; Rox Burhans, Development Services Director; Jamie Gilbert, Economic Development Director; Darren Player, Fire/Emergency Services Director; Sheriff Barry Faile, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office; 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

Since Chairman Steve Harper was absent, Vice-Chairman Brian Carnes called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Welcome and Recognition - Chairman Steve Harper

In Chairman Steve Harper's absence, Vice-Chairman Brian Carnes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation - Council Member Brian Carnes

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

Approval of Agenda

Steve Willis requested to move Item **7f. (Hazard Pay Bonus)** to the top of the Discussion and Action Items and to add an Executive Session to the end of the meeting so that Council could discuss an Economic Development matter, which is Project Tattoo.

Allen Blackmon moved to approve the agenda as submitted by Steve Willis. Seconded by Larry Honeycutt. Motion Passed 6-0.; Absent: Harper

Special Presentations

There were no Special Presentations held during the meeting.

Citizens Comments

The following citizens signed up to speak during Citizens Comments: None.

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

Discussion and Action Items

Hazard Pay Bonus - Steve Willis/Kim Belk

Steve Willis asked that Council consider providing a one time Hazard Pay Bonus in the amount of \$3000.00 to the employees of all the Public Safety Departments and to the Solid Waste employees within the Public Services Division. He noted that the request would come to Council in the form of a Resolution.

Middleburg Communities - Rox Burhans

Rox Burhans provided an overview of the proposed Middleburg Communities development project, which is detailed in the Agenda Item Summary and attachments found in the agenda packet and in the power point presentation attached to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

Jason Pfister with Middleburg Communities provided an overview of the project. He explained that they would like to enter into a development agreement with the County to get flexibility on design standards and discussed what changes would potentially need to be made to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). Council and staff discussed possible safety measures for the project.

Patterson Lane Multifamily Development Agreement - Rox Burhans

Rox Burhans provided an overview of the Patterson Lane Multifamily development project, which is detailed in the Agenda Item Summary and attachments found in the agenda packet and in the power point presentation attached to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office. He noted that the County has already received a proposed Development Agreement for this project.

Council and staff discussed the need for criteria and guidelines in reviewing and evaluating future development projects.

Traffic Calming Manual - Pilot Program - Steve Willis/Jeff Catoe/Darren Player

Steve Willis explained that the International Fire Code gives the Fire Marshal/Fire Department the authority over

traffic calming. He noted that the Fire Department was previously against traffic calming but that they currently changed their stance. He explained that the County is now proposing a draft manual to permit traffic calming under certain circumstances. He explained that the cost to the County would be the initial engineering study to determine if traffic calming was warranted in a particular neighborhood, but that all other expenses would be incurred by the Homeowners Associations (HOA).

Darren Player explained that the Fire Departments were against traffic calming initially because it was hazardous to the fire apparatus. However, he noted that the Fire Commission did decide to allow this pilot program for traffic calming.

Jeff Catoe reviewed the pilot program. He explained that once the pilot program is completed, then staff will go back before the Fire Commission to determine whether the program will continue.

Request for Quit Claim Deed - Steve Willis/John DuBose

Steve Willis and John DuBose explained that the County had a request to Quit Claim Deed an unopened section of road between Lynwood Drive and Norfolk Road. They explained that the request was from an adjacent property owner and that the County actually never claimed that they owned the land and that the County never opened that portion of the road. John DuBose noted that the road was a dirt road.

Allen Blackmon left the Committee of the Whole meeting at approximately 5:34 p.m.

Steve Willis explained that this item would be brought to Council in the form of an Ordinance.

Discussion on How to Proceed on DSS Building - Steve Willis

Steve Willis explained that staff needed guidance regarding the project to renovate the Department of Social Services' building. He noted that the bid for the project came in over budget by approximately \$177,550.00. He explained that the County cannot engage in value engineering because the money is tied to a Community Development Block Grant. He explained that Council had two options: (1) they can take the money out of the General Fund and proceed with the low bid; or (2) the County can cut the scope of the project and re-bid it. Council asked staff to research whether the renovation project would be eligible for COVID funds. Steve Willis explained that this would come before Council in the form of a Resolution.

Citizen Comments

There were no written comments submitted and no one signed up to speak for Citizens Comments during the meeting.

Executive Session

One Item (AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION, COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY MAKE MOTIONS IN OPEN SESSION):

1. Economic Development Discussion: Project Tattoo. SC Code 30-4-70(a)(5).

Larry Honeycutt moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. Motion Passed 5-0. At approximately 5:46 p.m., Council went into Executive Session to discuss the following item: (1) one Economic Development matter, Project Tattoo, pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(5).

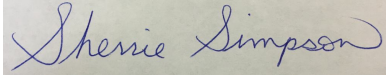
Council came out of Executive Session and Brian Carnes called the Council meeting back to order at approximately 6:06 p.m. Charlene McGriff moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Billy Mosteller. Motion Passed 5-0.

Upon returning to open session, John DuBose noted, for the record, that during Executive Session, Council discussed one Economic Development matter, Project Tattoo. He explained that, during Executive Session, no votes were taken and no decisions were made.

Adjournment

Larry Honeycutt moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. Seconded by Billy Mosteller. Motion to adjourn Passed 5-0. There being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at approximately 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sherrie Simpson".

Sherrie Simpson
Clerk to Council

Approved by Council on March 22, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Billy Mosteller".

Billy Mosteller, Secretary