

Council Members

District 1: Stuart Graham
District 2: Charlene McGriff
District 3: Billy Mosteller
District 4: Jose Luis
District 5: Steve Harper
District 6: Bryant Neal
District 7: Brian Carnes

**County Administrator**

Dennis E. Marstall

County Attorney

Ginny L. Merck-Dupont

Clerk to Council

Sherrie Simpson

January 6, 2025

6:00 PM

LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, 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: Dennis Marstall, County Administrator; Ginny Merck-Dupont, County Attorney; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; Stephany Snowden, Deputy County Administrator; the press; various elected officials; various Department Heads; various employees and 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 Organizational Meeting - County Administrator Dennis Marstall

County Administrator Dennis Marstall called the County Council Organizational meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Recognition - County Administrator Dennis Marstall

County Administrator Dennis Marstall welcomed everyone to the Organizational meeting, and especially the family members of the Council members.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation - County Administrator Dennis Marstall

County Administrator Dennis Marstall led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and delivered the Invocation.

Dennis Marstall recognized the following attendees at the meeting: County Attorney Ginny Merck-Dupont; Honorable Brandon Newton, House Representative District 45; Lancaster County Sheriff Barry Faile; Lancaster County Auditor Suzette Murphy; Lancaster County School Superintendent Dr. Rashad Fitzpatrick; former Lancaster County School Board of Trustee Chair Brad Small; Lancaster County School Board of Trustee Member Revery Johnson; and Lancaster County Clerk of Court Mike Watkins.

Approval of the Agenda

Steve Harper moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Jose Luis. 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.

Discussion and Action Items

a. Administer Oaths of Office - Mike Watkins, Clerk of Court

District 1 - Stuart Graham

District 3 - Billy Mosteller

District 5 - Steve Harper

District 7 - Brian Carnes

Honorable Mike Watkins administered the Oaths of Office for Council Member Stuart Graham, Council Member Billy Mosteller, Council Member Steve Harper, and Council Member Brian Carnes.

b. Election of Officers - County Attorney Ginny Merck-Dupont

County Council Chair

County Council Vice-Chair

County Council Secretary

County Attorney Ginny Merck-Dupont explained, for the record, that the officers elected would serve for the next two years.

She then opened the floor for nominations for Chair of County Council. Steve Harper nominated Brian Carnes for Chair. Seconded by Billy Mosteller. There were no further nominations for Chair and so Ms. Merck-Dupont closed the nominations. There was no discussion from Council. Brian Carnes was approved as Chair by unanimous vote of 7-0.

County Attorney Ginny Merck-Dupont opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair of County Council. Brian Carnes nominated Billy Mosteller for Vice Chair. Seconded by Jose Luis. There were no further nominations for Vice Chair and so Ms. Merck-Dupont closed the nominations. There was no discussion from Council. Billy Mosteller was approved as Vice Chair by unanimous vote of 7-0.

County Attorney Ginny Merck-Dupont opened the floor for nominations for Secretary of County Council. Billy Mosteller nominated Bryant Neal for Secretary. Seconded by Steve Harper. There were no further nominations for Secretary and Ms. Merck-Dupont closed the nominations. There was no discussion from Council. Bryant Neal was approved as Secretary by unanimous vote of 7-0.

Ginny Merck-Dupont noted, for the record, that Brian Carnes was elected as Chair of County Council, that Billy Mosteller was elected as Vice Chair of County Council, and that Bryant Neal was elected as Secretary of County Council.

**Adjournment - Reception for Newly Elected and Re-Elected Councilmembers
Immediately Follows Meeting And Will be Held in the 2nd Floor Lobby Outside Chambers**

Dennis Marstall invited the attendees to a reception in the lobby.

Brian Carnes moved to adjourn the Organizational meeting. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The motion to adjourn the meeting passed by unanimous vote of 7-0. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sherrie Simpson

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Clerk to Council

Approved by Council on January 27, 2025

Bryant Neal

Bryant Neal, Secretary