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

Lancaster County
South Carolina

County Administrator
Dennis E. Marstall

County Attorney
Ginny L. Merck-Dupont

Clerk to Council
Sherrie Simpson

February 24, 2025
6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

Council Members Present: Steve Harper, Bryant Neal, Brian Carnes, Billy Mosteller, Charlene McGriff, Jose Luis, 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; Lauren Hill, Deputy Clerk to Council; Jamie Privuznak, Budget Director; Jeff Catoe, Public Works Director; Clay Catoe, Emergency Medical Services Director; Sheriff Barry Faile; Karla Deese, Coroner; Chad Catledge, Perception Builders; the press; 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 Regular Meeting - Chairman Brian Carnes
Chairman Brian Carnes called the regular meeting of County Council to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Recognition - Chairman Brian Carnes
Chairman Brian Carnes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation - Council Member Bryant Neal
Bryant Neal led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and delivered the Invocation.

Approval of the Agenda
Charlene McGriff moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Billy Mosteller. The motion to approve the agenda Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Citizens Comments
The following citizens signed up for and spoke during Citizen Comments:

1. Jean McCoy, Indian Land, SC, spoke in opposition of the proposed Cresswind development and requested that council deny the application once presented.
2. Toni McCammon, Indian Land, SC, spoke in opposition of the proposed Cresswind development and the lack of Public Safety services in the Indian Land area of the County.
3. Bruce Cohen, Indian Land, SC, spoke in opposition of the proposed Cresswind development and traffic issues on Highway 521.

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

Special Presentations

a. Recognition of EMS for Winning Two Awards: (1) Pedi Ready Certification; and (2) Two Staff Awards for Patient Care - Presented by Clay Catoe, Director of EMS
Clay Catoe provided an overview of the certification program and explained that Lancaster County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department received the advanced pediatric life support award. Mr. Catoe also recognized two employees, Michelle Harris and Josh Harris, who responded to a call in Kershaw County and delivered a pre-term baby.

b. Detention Center Update - *Chad Catledge*
Chad Catledge provided Council with an update on the Detention Center via the County's PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Catledge reviewed the project's budget and timeline and noted that they were on track with what they had proposed the timeline/budget to be.

Consent Agenda
Billy Mosteller moved to approve Consent Agenda Item **7a.** [which is the same as Item **a.** listed below]. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda Passed by a vote of 7-0.

a. Approval of Minutes from the February 10, 2025, County Council Regular Meeting

Non-Consent Agenda

a. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1949
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 2024-1910, Relating To The Appropriation Of Funds And The Approval Of A Detailed Budget For Lancaster County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024, And Ending June 30, 2025 (FY 2024-2025), To Further Provide For Revenues And Expenditures During The Fiscal Year; And To Provide For Matters Related Thereto. *- Passed 7-0 at the February 10, 2025, County Council Meeting. - Jamie Privuznak*
Steve Harper moved to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1949. Seconded by Billy Mosteller.

Jamie Privuznak explained that the proposed budget amendment included 5 requests. The first part was for the Sheriff's Office to appropriate $25,000 from their restricted fund balance to purchase a guardian property packaging system for the storage of inmate's properties. The second part of the budget amendment was a fund-balance appropriation of $110,000 to support housing juveniles through the Department of Juvenile Justice. The third part of the budget amendment was to appropriate $21,500 for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department to cover the cost overruns for two ambulances. The fourth part of the budget amendment was to appropriate $209,004 for solid waste tire collection cost overruns. The final part of the budget amendment was to appropriate $200,000 for a restoration project at Bailes Ridge Trail.

Jeff Catoe spoke regarding the solid waste tire collection funding and explained that the Public Works tire facility is inspected by DHEC and the County would be fined if the tire stockpiles were not kept down. Billy Mosteller questioned if possibly implementing tipping fees for tires would cover the costs, and Mr. Catoe explained that this was a one-time funding request to remove the backlog of tires at the collection facility. Jose Luis questioned if any funding from line items that were not being used could be used for the tire waste so that the budget was balanced out. Stephany Snowden explained that Bailes Ridge Trail had been washed out and was in need of repairs. Several Council members had reservations approving funding for the trail restoration and wanted to hold off on appropriating funds until the costs were finalized, and Dennis Marstall noted that Ms. Snowden would provide more information prior to the 3rd Reading of the Ordinance.

There was no further discussion from Council. The 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1949 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

<u>Discussion and Action Items</u>

a. Receive Information and Take Desired Action Regarding Removals from Various Boards and Commissions - *Sherrie Simpson*

1. Keep Lancaster County Beautiful Committee
2. Health and Wellness Commission

Sherrie Simpson reviewed information regarding members who were up for removal based on absences. Ms. Simpson explained that Maureen Johnson had missed four consecutive Keep Lancaster County Beautiful Committee meetings, and Chris Stevenson and Catherine Abbott had missed three consecutive Health and Wellness Commission meetings.

Jose Luis moved to remove the three members. Seconded by Bryant Neal. There was no discussion from Council. The motion to remove the three members Passed by a vote of 7-0.

b. Receive Information and Take Desired Action Regarding Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions - *Sherrie Simpson*

1. Reconstituted Board of Zoning Appeals
2. Van Wyck Fire Proctection Fee Board
3. Current Board/Commission Vacancies
4. Upcoming Board/Commission Expirations

1. Sherrie Simpson explained that staff had received six applications for the Board of Zoning Appeals vacancy. Jose Luis moved to appoint Aaron Fender to the At-Large position on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Seconded by Stuart Graham. There was no discussion from Council.

The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.

2. Sherrie Simpson explained that staff had received one application for the Van Wyck Fire Protection District Commission vacancy. Stuart Graham moved to appoint Marky Trinkle to the Van Wyck Fire Protection District Commission. Seconded by Jose Luis. There was no discussion from Council. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.

3. Sherrie Simpson explained that the current list of Board and Commission vacancies was included in the agenda packet.

4. Sherrie Simpson explained that the list of upcoming Board and Commission expirations was included in the agenda packet.

c. Coroner's Office Update - *Stephany Snowden*

Stephany Snowden provided Council with an update on the Coroner's Office via the County's PowerPoint presentation. She provided a summary of the project, and a review of its timeline and preliminary budget. Ms. Snowden explained that the project's budget was contingent on how water and sewer services were brought to the site. Coroner Karla Deese noted that she was very pleased with the progress that had been made so far.

Status of Items Tabled, Recommitted, Deferred or Held

There was no discussion regarding items tabled, recommitted, deferred or held.

Executive Session

a. Two Items:

1. Receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter relating to an Economic Development Project: Keer America Corporation.

2. Receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential re-establishment of certain Boards and Commissions.

Brian Carnes stated that he needed a motion to go into Executive Session in regards to two items: (1) for the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter relating to an Economic Development Project: Keer America Corporation; and (2) for the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential re-establishment of certain Boards and Commissions and to invite Economic Development staff in to discuss the first item and Administration staff in to discuss the second item. Jose Luis stated that he so moved. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The motion to go into Executive Session Passed by a vote of 7-0. At approximately 7:05 p.m., Council went into Executive Session.

Items Requiring a Vote Following Executive Session

Council came out of Executive Session and Brian Carnes called the Council meeting back to order at approximately 7:41 p.m. Charlene McGriff moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Steve Harper. The motion to come out of Executive Session Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Upon returning to open session, Ginny Merck-Dupont stated that Council met in Executive

Session in regards to two items: (1) for the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter relating to an Economic Development Project: Keer America Corporation; and (2) for the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential re-establishment of certain Boards and Commissions. She stated that during Executive Session, no motions were made, and no votes were taken.

Adjournment

Jose Luis moved to adjourn the Council meeting. The motion to adjourn Passed by a vote of 7-0.

There being no further business to discuss, the regular meeting of Council adjourned at approximately 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lauren Hill

Lauren Hill
Deputy Clerk to Council

Approved by Council on March 10, 2025.

Bryant Neal

Bryant Neal, Secretary