

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



County Administrator
Dennis E. Marstall

County Attorney
Ginny L. Merck-Dupont

Clerk to Council
Sherrie Simpson

**April 14, 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; Jeff Catoe, Public Works Director; Allison Hardin, Development Services Director; April Williams, Planning Director; Demian Wilson, Emergency Medical Services Deputy Director; 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 power point 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

Jose Luis moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Citizens Comments

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

1. Brandy Baker, Lancaster, SC, spoke in opposition of the proposed Charter School on Shiloh Unity Road.
2. Jeff Knight, Lancaster, SC, spoke in opposition of the proposed Charter School on Shiloh Unity Road.
3. Jean Doyle, Indian Land, SC, expressed concerns regarding growth, traffic, fire equipment, infrastructure, and cost overruns on County projects.
4. Yates Dunaway, Charlotte, NC, stated that he was available for questions once item **8c** was brought to the floor.

The following citizens submitted electronic, written comments for Citizen Comments, of which Council received a physical copy at their seats and which was acknowledged during the meeting by Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council:

1. Geroldene Evans, Lancaster, SC, wrote in regarding her strong opposition of the proposed Charter School on Shiloh Unity Road. A copy of her comments is attached as Schedule A of the minutes.

Special Presentations

a. Recognition of Indian Land's Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 12136's Sheriff's Officer of the Year Award and EMS Paramedic of the Year Award - Presented by Ken Obriot

Members of the Indian Land Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 12136 recognized Dylan Cetin as their organization's Sheriff's Officer of the Year and Danny Hyatt as their organization's EMS Paramedic of the Year.

b. Recognition of Danny Hyatt, South Carolina EMS Paramedic of the Year - Presented by Clay Catoe

Demian Wilson, Deputy Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director, presented on behalf of Clay Catoe. Mr. Wilson explained that Danny Hyatt, a Lancaster County Paramedic, was named the South Carolina Paramedic of the Year at a recent conference.

c. Recognition of Employee of the Quarter - 2025 - 1st Quarter - Presented by County Administrator Dennis Marstall

Dennis Marstall presented certificates for the Employee of the 1st Quarter nominees and announced that the Employee of the 1st Quarter winner for the General Services division was Howard Mickle, with Building Maintenance, and the winner for the Public Services division was Logan McAteer, with the Lancaster County Fire Service.

d. Community Needs Assessment Public Hearing, Review of Community Needs List and Prioritization of Community Needs for 2025, and Review of Upcoming Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Opportunities - Elizabeth Morgan, Community Development Planner, Catawba Regional Council of Governments

Elizabeth Morgan, with the Catawba Regional Council of Governments (COG), reviewed the Community Needs List and Prioritization of Community Needs for 2025 and reviewed the

upcoming Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) opportunities via the County's PowerPoint presentation. Council and Ms. Morgan discussed the County's active projects, possible grant opportunities for the County, what low and moderate income (LMI) areas were within the County, when income surveys would need to be conducted, and collaboration with the City of Lancaster.

Consent Agenda

Billy Mosteller moved to approve Consent Agenda Item **7a.**, **7b.**, **7c.**, **7d.**, and **7e.** [which are the same as Item **a.**, **b.**, **c.**, **d.**, and **e.** 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 March 12, 2025, County Council Committee of the Whole Meeting**
- b. Approval of Minutes from the March 20, 2025, County Council Joint Meeting with the Lancaster County School Board of Trustees**
- c. Approval of Minutes from the March 24, 2025, County Council Regular Meeting**
- d. 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1948**
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO") Chapter 2 District Development Standards/Use Chart And Chapter 5 Use Regulations, To Add A New Use "Retreat Center" And Regulations For "Retreat Center" In Agricultural (AR) And Rural Residential (RR) Zoning Districts. - Planning Department Case Number: TA-2024-2368. The Planning Commission recommended approval of a blended ordinance blending requests from the Applicant with input from Planning staff by unanimous vote. Applicant's Version Passed 7-0 at the March 10, 2025, County Council Meeting. Passed 6-0 at the March 24, 2025, County Council Meeting (Steve Harper Absent). - Allison Hardin
- e. 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1956**
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone Approximately 38.83 Acres (TM# 0015-00-059.00), Which Is Located At 6872 Waxhaw Hwy, From The Rural Neighborhood (RN) District To The General Business (GB) District, To Open A Business Park. - Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2024-0859. The Planning Commission recommended approval by unanimous vote and the Planning staff also recommended approval of the rezoning request. Passed 7-0 at the March 10, 2025, County Council Meeting. Passed 6-0 at the March 24, 2025, County Council Meeting (Steve Harper Absent). - April Williams

Non-Consent Agenda

- a. Public Hearing and 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1950**
Ordinance Title: To Authorize And Approve The Execution And Delivery Of A First Amendment To The Amended And Restated Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Lancaster County, South Carolina And Keer America Corporation; And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto. - Passed 7-0 at the March 10, 2025, County Council Meeting. Passed 6-0 at the March 24, 2025, County Council Meeting (Steve Harper Absent). - Amy Carnes

As a precautionary measure, albeit not mandatory, Jose Luis moved to go into the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2025-1950. Seconded by Charlene McGriff.

Brian Carnes opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2025-1950 at approximately 6:57 p.m. He noted that no one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance. There were approximately 36 citizens, including staff members, in attendance during the Public Hearing for this Ordinance. The following speakers came forward to make comments or sent in written comments regarding the Ordinance: None. Brian Carnes closed the Public Hearing at approximately 6:57 p.m.

Billy Mosteller moved to approve the 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1950. Seconded by Bryant Neal.

Amy Carnes reviewed the Fee In Lieu of Tax (FILOT) Agreement and noted that no changes had been made since the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1950.

There was no discussion from Council. The 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1950 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

b. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1951

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Authorize The Execution And Delivery Of A Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement By And Between Lancaster County And An Entity Identified By The County As Project Block, Including Any Related Or Affiliated Entities, Providing For Special Source Revenue Credits; And To Express The Intention Of County Council To Provide Monies To The Economic Development Fund. - Passed 6-0 at the March 24, 2025, County Council Meeting (Steve Harper Absent). - Brian Fulk

Jose Luis moved to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1951. Seconded by Bryant Neal.

Brian Fulk reviewed the Special Source Revenue Credit (SSRC) Agreement and explained that the agreement would run for 20 years and highlighted how the company would benefit the County. Mr. Fulk noted no changes since the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1951.

There was no discussion from Council. The 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1951 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

c. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1961

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Approve A First Amendment To The Development Agreement Between Lancaster County And Crosland Southeast For A Mixed-Use Townhome/ Multifamily Apartment And Nonresidential Development Project Known As "The Exchange" Upon Approximately 130 Acres Of Land, Located At 8918 Charlotte Highway, Lancaster, South Carolina, Establishing The Regulations For The Development Of The Property And Other Matters Related Thereto. - Passed 6-0 at the March 24, 2025, County Council Meeting (Steve Harper Absent). - April Williams

Billy Mosteller moved to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1961. Seconded by Charlene McGriff.

April Williams reviewed the amendment via the County's PowerPoint presentation, and noted no changes since the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1961.

There was no discussion from Council. The 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1961 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

d. Public Hearing and Resolution 1292-R2025

Resolution Title: A Resolution To Approve The Favorable Recommendation Of The Lancaster County Planning Commission Of A Conditional Use Application To Permit A "School – Primary And Secondary" Use To Be Located Upon Tax Map# 0049-00-082.00, Off Shiloh Unity Rd, For The Purpose Of Constructing A K-8 Charter School. - Planning Department Case Number: CU-2024-2612. The Planning Commission recommended approval by unanimous vote and the Planning staff also recommended approval of the conditional use application. - April Williams

As a precautionary measure, albeit not mandatory, Jose Luis moved to go into the Public Hearing for Resolution 1292-R2025. Seconded by Bryant Neal.

Brian Carnes opened the Public Hearing for Resolution 1292-R2025 at approximately 7:00 p.m. He noted that no one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Resolution. There were approximately 35 citizens, including staff members, in attendance during the Public Hearing for this Resolution. The following speakers came forward to make comments or sent in written comments regarding the Resolution: None. Brian Carnes closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Jose Luis moved to approve Resolution 1292-R2025. Seconded by Steve Harper.

April Williams reviewed the conditional use application via the County's PowerPoint presentation, and explained that the intent of the conditional use was to open a charter school across from the Lancaster Motor Speedway. Several Council members explained that the racetrack was an important part of the Lancaster community, and did not want the school to affect the racetrack's business. The applicants explained that the school wanted to be apart of the Lancaster community

There was no further discussion from Council. Resolution 1292-R2025 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

e. Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1962

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone Approximately 0.488 Acres Of A Parcel (Identified As TM# 0086D-0C-001.00), Which Is Located Behind 1831 Great Falls Hwy, From The Medium Density Residential (MDR) District To The General Business (GB) District For The Purpose Of Combining Properties Under Unified Ownership. - Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2025-0072. The Planning Commission recommended approval by unanimous vote and the Planning staff also recommended approval of the rezoning request. - April Williams

As a precautionary measure, albeit not mandatory, Charlene McGriff moved to go into the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2025-1962. Seconded by Steve Harper.

Brian Carnes opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2025-1962 at approximately 7:12 p.m. He noted that no one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance. There were approximately 27 citizens, including staff members, in attendance during the Public Hearing for this Ordinance. The following speakers came forward to make comments or sent in written

comments regarding the Ordinance: None. Brian Carnes closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:12 p.m.

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1962. Seconded by Steve Harper.

April Williams reviewed the rezoning request via the County's PowerPoint presentation, and explained that the intent of the rezoning was to conjoin the property to 1831 Great Falls Highway in order to resolve nonconforming issues on the property, which would allow the site to be marketed to sell. Steve Harper spoke in favor of the rezoning, noting that it would offer up a good commercial space opportunity in the County.

There was no discussion from Council. The 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1962 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

f. Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1963

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone Approximately 0.73 Acres (TM# 0086C-0M-003.00), Which Is Located At 1754 Old Carter St, From The Manufactured Home (MH) District To The Medium Density Residential (MDR) District For The Purpose Of Building Single-Family Homes. - Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2025-0191. The Planning Commission recommended approval by unanimous vote and the Planning staff also recommended approval of the rezoning request. - April Williams

As a precautionary measure, albeit not mandatory, Jose Luis moved to go into the Public Hearing of Ordinance 2025-1963. Seconded by Charlene McGriff.

Brian Carnes opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2025-1963 at approximately 7:18 p.m. He noted that no one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance. There were approximately 25 citizens, including staff members, in attendance during the Public Hearing for this Ordinance. The following speakers came forward to make comments or sent in written comments regarding the Ordinance: None. Brian Carnes closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:18 p.m.

Steve Harper moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1963. Seconded by Stuart Graham.

April Williams reviewed the rezoning request via the County's PowerPoint presentation, and explained that the intent of the rezoning was to subdivide the property into Medium Density Residential (MDR) lots for single-family dwellings. Ms. Williams noted that the proposal aligned with the County's 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

There was no discussion from Council. The 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-1963 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

g. 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1958

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Lancaster County Code, Specifically Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2 – Rules Of Parliamentary Procedure Applicable To Council Meetings, Including Committee Meetings, And All Boards And Commissions For Which County Council Appoints A Majority Of Members. - Passed 7-0 at the

March 10, 2025, County Council Meeting. Passed 6-0 at the March 24, 2025, County Council Meeting (Steve Harper Absent). - Ginny Merck-Dupont

Jose Luis moved to approve the 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1958. Seconded by Charlene McGriff.

Ginny Merck-Dupont stated that no changes had been made since the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1958. Council and Ms. Merck-Dupont discussed meeting quorums, voting remotely, and electronic quorums. Council and staff also discussed who sets the policy agenda items.

Steve Harper made a motion to remove policy agenda. Jose Luis questioned if Council could wait to do one amendment to include all changes. There was no second, so the motion died on the floor.

Council and staff discussed the added language regarding citizen comments, which would streamline public comments to only allow citizens to speak on what was on the meeting agenda. Steve Harper was not in favor of limiting or restricting comments. Jose Luis highlighted Section 2-49 and stated that he wanted Council to have a guidance document regarding Council appearing before Boards and Commissions, rather than a restrictive rule being set in place in Council's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure. Brian Carnes requested that the language be changed from "...Council members shall not speak..." to "...Council members should not speak..." so that it was not as restrictive. Council and staff discussed section 2-60 regarding discipline of Council members for violating the Rules of Parliamentary Procedure.

Jose Luis made a motion to amend (1) Section 2-46 Agenda: remove the word policy; (2) Section 2-50: change "shall" to "should" in the last paragraph; and (3) Section 2-60: strike the phrase "or such other punishment". Seconded by Charlene McGriff. There was no discussion from Council. The motion to amend Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Jose Luis moved to approve the 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1958, as amended. Seconded by Charlene McGriff.

Jose Luis made a motion to amend Section 2-47 to strike the addition in the last paragraph. Seconded by Stuart Graham. There was no discussion from Council. The motion to amend Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Jose Luis moved to approve the 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1958, as amended. Seconded by Stuart Graham. There was no discussion from Council. The 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2025-1958 Passed, as amended, by a vote of 7-0.

Discussion and Action Items

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

1. Catawba Regional Workforce Development Board

2. Library Board

For the Catawba Regional Workforce Development Board, Sherrie Simpson explained that Josephine Jebackumar was no longer with Rico Industries, so she no longer met the

requirements as a business representative from Lancaster County, so she was up for removal by a vote of Council. For the Library Board, Ms. Simpson explained that Dr. Deborah Cureton had missed more than 3 meetings for the Library Board, so she was up for removal by a vote of Council.

Jose Luis moved to remove the two appointees. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. There was no discussion from Council. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.

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

- 1. Reappointment to the Library Board - Phyllis Jarvis for District 5 - 4th Term Overall - due to redistricting, 1st Term for District 5 (Requires a super majority vote of Council)**
- 2. Reappointment to the Historical Commission - Richard Van Hall as an Advisor - 1st Term (Previously filled an unexpired term); Patricia Clancy as an Advisor - 1st Term (Previously filled an unexpired term); Dr. Zora Denson as an Advisor - 1st Term (Previously filled an unexpired term); Dan West as the District 1 representative - 1st Term (Previously filled an unexpired term); Fred Witherspoon as the District 3 representative - 1st Term (Previously filled an unexpired term); and Joe Grier as the District 5 representative - 5th Term (requires a super majority vote of Council).**
- 3. Reappointment to the Van Wyck Fire Fee District Board - David Basri - 2nd Term (1st Term was a three-year term)**
- 4. Appointment to the Catawba Regional Workforce Development Board - Hunter Faile as a business representative working for Nutramax Laboratories (Filling an unexpired Term that will end on 12/31/2026)**
- 5. Current Board/Commission Vacancies**
- 6. Upcoming Board/Commission Expirations**

1. Sherrie Simpson explained that staff had received an application for reappointment from Phyllis Jarvis (District 5) for the Library Board. Ms. Simpson explained that if reappointed, it would be Ms. Jarvis's first term for District 5, but because of redistricting, she had previously served as a District 4 representative, meaning she would be serving her fourth term overall. Ms. Simpson stated that Council would need a super-majority vote to reappoint Ms. Jarvis. Jose Luis moved to reappoint Ms. Jarvis. Seconded by Stuart Graham. There was no discussion from Council. The motion to reappoint Ms. Jarvis Passed by a vote of 7-0.
2. Sherrie Simpson explained that staff had received applications for reappointment for the Historical Commission from Richard Van Hall (Advisor), Patricia Clancy (Advisor), Dr. Zora Denson (Advisor), Dan West (District 1), and Fred Witherspoon (District 3), all of whom are currently serving under unexpired terms. If reappointed, they would be serving their first four-year term. In addition, an application for reappointment was received by Joe Grier (District 5), and if reappointed, would be serving his fifth term overall. Ms. Simpson stated that Council would need a super-majority vote to reappoint Mr. Grier. Steve Harper moved to reappoint Mr. Grier to the Historical Commission. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. There was no discussion from Council. The motion to reappoint Mr. Grier Passed by a vote of 7-0. Jose Luis moved to reappoint the remaining applicants to the Historical Commission. Seconded by Steve Harper. There was no discussion from Council. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.

3. Sherrie Simpson explained that staff had received an application for reappointment from David Basri to the Van Wyck Fire Protection District Commission. Stuart Graham moved to reappoint Mr. Basri. Seconded by Jose Luis. There was no discussion from Council. The motion to reappoint Mr. Basri Passed by a vote of 7-0.
4. Sherrie Simpson explained that staff had received an application from Hunter Faile for the business representative for the Catawba Regional Workforce Development Board. Ms. Simpson explained that Ms. Faile worked for Nutramax Laboratories and, if appointed, would be serving under an unexpired term. Billy Mosteller moved to appoint Hunter Faile to the Catawba Regional Workforce Development Board. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. There was no discussion. The motion to appoint Ms. Faile Passed by a vote of 7-0.
5. Sherrie Simpson explained that the current list of Board and Commission vacancies was included in the agenda packet.
6. Sherrie Simpson explained that the list of upcoming Board and Commission expiration was included in the agenda packet.

c. Discussion of a Transportation Sales Tax Referendum proposal - *Jeff Catoe / Dennis Marstall*

Jeff Catoe reviewed the Transportation Sales Tax Referendum proposal via the County's PowerPoint presentation, which highlighted the County Transportation Committee's (CTC) recommendation and County staff's recommendation for the referendum. Council and staff discussed, at length, topics which included the widening of Barberville Road or Henry Harris Road, the CTC recommendation versus staff's recommendation, the widening of Highway 521, project phasing, a potential traffic or transportation planner for the County, cost estimates for utility relocation, a priority list for the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), and bonding projects. Several Council members voiced concerns about putting the ballot question in front of the voters too soon, and Billy Mosteller stated that 2026 might be a better time to bring it back to the voters. Stuart Graham stated that he would not support residential growth in the County without an approved and funded road plan. Council also discussed the importance of the education campaign, a strategy for the Highway 521 project, the timeline leading up to the November 2025 General Election, and the road use fee. Council agreed to vote at the next regular Council meeting scheduled for April 28, 2025, to move forward with the proposed tax or not.

Status of Items Tabled, Recommitted, Deferred or Held

There was no discussion regarding the status of any tabled, recommitted, deferred or held items.

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: Project Janus.

2. Receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding potential contractual matters relating to the County Fire Service.

Brian Carnes stated that he needed a motion to go into Executive Session for 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: Project Janus; and (2) for the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding potential contractual matters relating to the County Fire Service, and to invite Economic Development staff into Executive Session for the first item. Jose Luis stated that he so moved. Seconded by Bryant Neal. The motion to go into Executive Session Passed by a vote of 7-0. At approximately 8:55 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 9:37 p.m. Jose Luis moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. 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 regard 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: Project Janus; and (2) for the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding potential contractual matters relating to the County Fire Service. She stated that during Executive Session, no motions were made, and no votes were taken.

Adjournment

Jose Luis moved to adjourn the Council meeting. There being no further business to discuss, the regular meeting of Council adjourned at approximately 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lauren Hill

Lauren Hill
Deputy Clerk to Council

Approved by Council on April 28, 2025

Bryant Neal

Bryant Neal, Secretary

Agenda Item for Discussion:

Cogito Academy

Schedule A

Meeting Date:

April 14, 2025 11:27 AM

Full Name

First Name: Geroldene

Last Name: Evans

Phone Number

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Email

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Address:

[REDACTED] 70 Shiloh Unity Road, Lancaster, SC

**Citizen Comment - Regarding
Agenda Item:**

I am writing to express my very strong opposition to the proposed Cogito Academy in our Shiloh Unity neighborhood. I believe that this project would have a detrimental impact on our community.

First and foremost, the proposed development is simply too large for our area and is unwanted in our Shiloh Unity community. The increase would put a strain on our community leading to increased traffic congestion, more accidents on the curve near the Lancaster Speedway, and noise pollution. Additionally, the construction of this project would result in significant environmental damage, destroying natural habitats and putting wildlife at risk.

Furthermore, the type of development being proposed is simply not in keeping with the character of our neighborhood. It would also drastically alter the aesthetic of our area.

Finally, I am a life-long resident of the Shiloh Unity community, living here all of my 69 years, and I want to leave it as is, a peaceful, quiet community.

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to reconsider this proposed Cogito Academy development and heartily oppose it. I believe that this project is simply not the right fit for our neighborhood.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Geroldene Proctor Evans