

**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 City Council:**

Mayor: T. Alston DeVenny  
District 1: Kenny Hood  
District 2: Tomonica Marsh  
District 3: Jackie Harris  
District 4: Ashante Miller  
District 5: Hazel Taylor  
District 6: Ronnie Sowell

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**April 15, 2025  
6:00 PM**

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**LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL  
JOINT MEETING WITH THE LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL  
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING, 101 NORTH MAIN STREET, LANCASTER, SC 29720**

**MINUTES**

Council Members Present: Brian Carnes, Stuart Graham, Steve Harper, Jose Luis, Charlene McGriff, Billy Mosteller, Bryant Neal.

Council Members Absent: None

City Council Members Present: Jackie Harris, Tomonica Marsh, Ashante Miller, Ronnie Sowell, and Mayor T. Alston DeVenny.

City Council Members Absent: Kenny Hood and Hazel Taylor

County Staff Members/Others Present: Dennis Marstall, County Administrator; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; Stephany Snowden, Deputy County Administrator; Jeff Catoe, Public Works Director; Allison Hardin, Development Services Director; Brian Fulk, Economic Development Director; Robert Purser, Director of Public Safety Communications; Sheriff Barry Faile; various elected officials; various Department Heads; various employees; and citizens.

City Staff Members Present: Steven "Flip" Hutfles, Town Manager; James Asher, Finance Director; Police Chief Roper; Matt Berry, Sanitation Director; and Kelli Stevens, City Clerk.

A quorum of Lancaster County Council and Lancaster City Council were 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 Joint Meeting of County Council and Lancaster City Council - County Council Chairman Brian Carnes and Lancaster Mayor T. Alston DeVenny**

Chairman Brian Carnes called the Lancaster County Council meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. and asked for a motion to open the meeting. Billy Mosteller so moved and the motion was 2nd by Charlene McGriff. The motion Passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Alston DeVenny called the Lancaster City Council meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m., with a quorum of

five members present.

### **Welcome and Recognition - Chairman Brian Carnes**

Chairman Brian Carnes welcomed everyone to the Joint County Council and City Council meeting.

### **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation - Mayor T. Alston DeVenny**

Mayor Alston DeVenny 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. County Council approved the agenda by unanimous vote and City Council approved the agenda by a vote of 5-0; (Absent: Kenny Hood and Hazel Taylor).

### **Discussion and Action Items**

#### **a. City / County Communications - Steven "Flip" Hutfles**

Steven "Flip" Hutfles provided an overview of the City and County communication collaborations via the PowerPoint presentation. There was no discussion from County or City Council Members.

#### **b. City / County Collaborations - Dennis Marstall**

Dennis Marstall provided an overview of County and City collaboration efforts via the PowerPoint presentation. There was no discussion from County or City Council Members.

#### **c. Growth and Development - Steven "Flip" Hutfles / Allison Hardin**

Allison Hardin and Flip Hutfles presented an overview of growth and development in both the County and the City via the PowerPoint presentation. Council Members and staff discussed the need for workforce housing, the need for commercial development, the re-development in the City, and the importance of good communication between the County and City.

#### **d. Transportation Sales Tax Referendum Status - Dennis Marstall**

Dennis Marstall provided a status update on the County's possible transportation sales tax referendum via the PowerPoint presentation. Council Members and staff discussed the County road fee, how the County determined which roads were to be paved, the need to re-examine the City roads list for the referendum, that the City has used ad valorem taxes in the past for road work, and that the City would like input when the County begins City road contracts.

#### **e. Transfer Station / Solid Waste Issues - Steven "Flip" Hutfles**

Flip Hutfles provided an overview of solid waste issues between the County and the City via the PowerPoint presentation, especially in regard to growth needs. Mr. Hutfles noted that the City would need to increase the County's fees for using the transfer station, as well as possibly sharing equipment costs due to those increasing costs. He explained that the City's other choice would be to limit the use of the transfer station to City residents.

Staff discussed the fact that the County is responsible for obtaining the landfill bid. However, the

City noted that they would like for the County to look at using another landfill vendor due to safety concerns for their employees / drivers that use the landfill and due to increased equipment costs due to the poor conditions at the landfill that cause excessive wear and tear on their equipment.

**f. Fire Service Growth Plans - *Dennis Marstall / Steven "Flip" Hutfles***

Dennis Marstall provided an overview of the County's upcoming fire service growth plan via the PowerPoint presentation. The Mayor, City Council Members and County Council Members discussed that fact that City residents were also County residents and should be included in any future fire service growth plans.

**g. City / County 911 Dispatch Operations - *Dennis Marstall / Steven "Flip" Hutfles***

Dennis Marstall provided an overview of the current 911 dispatch operations and possible collaborations in this area in the future via the PowerPoint presentation. There was no discussion from either the County or the City Council Members regarding this topic.

**h. Open Discussion - *Led by Dennis Marstall***

During the Open Discussion item, County Council Member Steve Harper asked for additional information on the solid waste issues. He requested additional information on revenues and costs for the landfill contract. Council Members and staff discussed the fact that the landfill contract was open-ended since 2009 and that it has an automatic renewal. They also discussed the need to examine landfill costs for the safety of City employees and the importance of working together to obtain improvements within the current system. The City Sanitation Director explained that there was another landfill four miles closer and that was a nicer facility. Jeff Catoe, County Public Works Director, explained that the County was completing a solid waste study.

County Council Member Charlene McGriff suggested that these joint meetings continue and that the two bodies meet at least two times per year. City Council Member Ronnie Sowell stated that the City should have some voice in choosing the landfill vendor since the City employees are the ones that use it. He also explained that he felt the City should maintain its 911 dispatch operations. County Council Member Stuart Graham explained that a strong City of Lancaster helped the County and so it should follow that the County help the City use its resources wisely. County Council Members and City Council Members discussed annexations and how far out, geographically, that the City may annex property outside the current City limits. They also discussed the City's push for internal development. Next, they discussed in what areas the County and City could collaborate, such as clean-up of the Old Springs Mills site and grants. Finally, they discussed possible restaurants in the City, City impact fees, and commercial development.

**Adjournment of Joint Meeting**

Jose Luis moved to adjourn the joint meeting. There being no further business to discuss, Brian Carnes adjourned the Joint Lancaster County Council and Lancaster City Council meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Sherrie Simpson*

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Clerk to Council

Approved by Council on May 12, 2025

*Bryant Neal*

Bryant Neal, Secretary