

Council Members

District 1: Terry Graham
District 2: Charlene McGriff
District 3: Billy Mosteller
District 4: Jose Luis
District 5: Steve Harper
District 6: Allen Blackmon
District 7: Brian Carnes

**County Administrator**

Dennis E. Marstall

County Attorney

Ginny L. Merck-Dupont

Clerk to Council

Sherrie Simpson

January 3, 2023

6:00 PM

**101 North Main Street
Lancaster, SC 29720**

**LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, County Council
Chambers, County Administration Building, 101 North
Main Street, Lancaster, SC 29720**

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Council Members present: Allen Blackmon, Brian Carnes, Terry Graham, Steve Harper, Jose Luis, Charlene McGriff and Billy Mosteller.

Council Members absent: None.

Staff Members/Others present: Dennis Marstall, County Administrator; John Bodner, Assistant County Administrator; Ginny Merck-Dupont, County Attorney; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; various Department Heads; various elected officials; various staff; the press; 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.

Call to Order - County Administrator, Dennis Marstall

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

Welcome and Recognition - County Administrator, Dennis Marstall

Dennis Marstall welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the County was having technical difficulties with the live stream and that the only camera view for the night was the podium view. He apologized for the problems with the cameras and he explained that the County may have to switch to FaceBook live.

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. He then recognized several special guests in the audience: (1) Clerk of Court, Jeff Hammond; (2) former representative Sandy McGarry; (3) Planning Commission Chairman, Charles Deese; (4) Sheriff Barry Faile; and (5) Probate Judge, Mary Rathel. He also introduced new County Attorney, Ginny Merck-Dupont.

Approval of the Agenda

Allen Blackmon moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Brian Carnes. Motion Passed 7-0.

Citizens Comments

The following citizens signed up for and spoke during Citizens Comments: None.

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

Discussion and Action Items

Administer Oath of Office - Jeff Hammond, Clerk of Court

Jeff Hammond, Clerk of Court, administered the Oath of Office to the following newly elected officials: Charlene McGriff, Jose M. Luis and Allen Blackmon.

Election of Officers - Ginny L. Merck-Dupont, County Attorney

Dennis Marstall recognized County Attorney, Ginny Merck-Dupont, who presided over the election of officers for County Council. She noted that the officers would serve for the next two years.

Ginny Merck-Dupont opened the floor for nominations for County Council Chair. Allen Blackmon nominated Steve Harper for Chair. Seconded by Billy Mosteller. As there were no further nominations forthcoming, Ginny Merck-Dupont closed the nominations for Chair. There was no further discussion by Council. The motion to nominate Steve Harper as Chair Passed 7-0. Ginny Merck Dupont noted that Steve Harper was elected as Chair of County Council by unanimous vote.

Next, Ginny Merck-Dupont opened the floor for nominations for County Council Vice-Chair. Terry Graham nominated Brian Carnes for Vice-Chair. Seconded by Steve Harper. As there were no further nominations forthcoming, Ginny Merck-Dupont closed the nominations for Vice-Chair. There was no further discussion by Council. The motion to nominate Brian Carnes as Vice-Chair Passed 7-0. Ginny Merck-Dupont noted that Brian Carnes was elected as Vice-Chair of County Council by unanimous vote.

Lastly, Ginny Merck-Dupont opened the floor for nominations for County Council Secretary. Brian Carnes nominated Billy Mosteller for Secretary. Seconded by Allen Blackmon. As there were no further nominations forthcoming, Ginny Merck-Dupont closed the nominations for Secretary. There was no further discussion by Council. The motion to nominate Billy Mosteller as Secretary Passed 7-0. Ginny Merck-Dupont noted that Billy Mosteller was elected as Secretary of County Council by unanimous vote.

Ginny Merck-Dupont recapped the election of County Council officers: Steve Harper as Chair, Brian Carnes as Vice-Chair and Billy Mosteller as Secretary.

Appointment of Clerk to Council - Dennis Marstall, County Administrator

Dennis Marstall explained that, per Ordinance, County Council needed to appoint a Clerk to Council, that was not a member of County Council, for an indefinite term. Charlene McGriff moved to appoint Sherrie Simpson as

the Clerk to Council. Seconded by Brian Carnes. The motion to appoint Passed 7-0.

Adjournment (Reception for Newly Elected Councilmember Jose Luis Immediately Follows in Lobby)

Billy Mosteller moved to adjourn the Organizational / Special meeting. Seconded by Allen Blackmon. The motion to adjourn Passed 7-0. There being no further business, the special meeting of Council adjourned at approximately 6:16 p.m.

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