

**Council Members**

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

**County Administrator**

Dennis E. Marstall

**County Attorney**

Ginny L. Merck-Dupont

**Clerk to Council**

Sherrie Simpson

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**May 10, 2023**

**4:00 PM**

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

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**LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL  
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, and Billy Mosteller.

Absent: Charlene McGriff

Staff Members/Others present: Dennis Marstall, County Administrator; Ginny Merck-Dupont, County Attorney; John Bodner, Assistant County Administrator; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; Kim Belk, Budget Director; Graham Shuford, Budget Analyst; Grazier Rhea, Catawba Regional Council of Governments; Jason Gray, Willdan Consultants; the press; 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 - Chairman Steve Harper**

Chairman Steve Harper called the Committee of the Whole Special Meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

**Welcome and Recognition - Chairman Steve Harper**

Chairman Steve Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation - Council Member Billy Mosteller**

Billy Mosteller led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and delivered the Invocation.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Brian Carnes moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Terry Graham. Motion Passed 6-0.; Absent: McGriff

### **Citizens Comments**

The following citizens signed up for Citizens Comments: None.

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

### **Discussion and Action Items**

#### **Discussion of Possible Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Projects - Grazier Rhea, Catawba Regional Council of Governments**

Grazier Rhea reviewed the list of Prioritized Community Needs, January 2022, which is attached as Schedule A to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

Grazier Rhea stated the County could go in with the City of Lancaster, the Town of Heath Springs, or the Town of Kershaw on a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Dennis Marstall asked about making the Barnett building Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant with the elevator. Council and staff discussed whether the building had offices on the second floor where the public needs access. It was noted that the County currently does have Parks and Recreation offices on the second floor, so that could be an option for CDBG funding. Council and staff also discussed the needs for the old landfill site and convenience sites. There was discussion on low to moderate income level areas within Lancaster County. Grazier Rhea stated the rate to be considered low to moderate income for a one person household is \$43,400 and for a four person household it is \$61,850 for Lancaster County.

Council and Grazier Rhea discussed adjusting the Lancaster County Community Needs List as follows: (1) to move the "Demolish vacant, dilapidated structures in low and moderate income neighborhoods" up to the first need; (2) to make the second need making public buildings ADA compliant; (3) to make the third need the clearance of potentially hazardous materials from landfill areas, brownfields; (4) to make the fourth need the "Upgrade and extend water and sewer services..", which is currently number one on the list; and (5) move up the "construct permanent EMS and fire stations where needed to replace mobile and/or inadequate facilities" on the list. Grazier Rhea stated that she would adjust the needs list and send it back to the County to approve.

#### **Discussion of Ordinance 2023-1846 regarding Establishing a Policy and Procedure for Naming Rights**

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance Establishing A Policy And Procedure For Naming County-Owned Properties Or Structures.

John Bodner stated that changes were made to section E, section G and section 5 of the Ordinance. He stated that County Council would be the sole decision maker in the process. Council and staff discussed whether this Ordinance would apply to property the County does not own but controls by lease. Dennis Marstall stated this Ordinance would only apply to County owned property, but that the County could include these same parameters as part of lease agreements. The next step is to move the revised Ordinance back to Council for approval.

#### **Discussion and Action Approving a Preliminary Vision Statement, Mission Statement, Organizational Values, and Strategic Themes - Jason Gray, Managing Principal, Willdan**

Jason Gray with Willdan reviewed the power point presentation regarding the strategic plan for Lancaster County. He stated the vision statement for Lancaster would be the blended style. He continued that the survey measured the "quality of life" by five (5) items: Public Safety, Infrastructure, Quality Development, Resource Optimization, and High Performance.

There was discussion on the vision statement using "will be" instead of "strives" and the mission statement should not have a split infinitive. Council and staff discussed the need to define thriving communities.

Terry Graham made a motion to accept the vision statement using "will be" and the mission statement using "enhance continually". Seconded by Jose Luis. The Motion Passed 6-0. Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, Graham, Harper, Luis, Mosteller; Nays: None; Absent: McGriff

Allen Blackmon listed items that were not on the agenda that he would like to revisit. He stated he would like to amend the \$20,000 transfer rule. He stated he also wanted an organizational chart to approve with the budget. He stated that Council needed to meet before first reading of the budget. He then asked if John Bodner could discuss Horry County's budget process.

Ginny Merck-Dupont stated there was not a Miscellaneous Items on the agenda, so the agenda would need to be amended in order to discuss any of the items.

Allen Blackmon moved to amend the agenda to hear from John Bodner on the Horry County budget process. Seconded by Billy Mosteller. Motion passed 6-0. Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, Graham, Harper, Luis, Mosteller; Nays: None; Absent: McGriff

John Bodner stated that Horry County looked at the budget in two sessions. He noted that the winter retreat was a pre-budget discussion with initiatives for Council held in early December and that the spring retreat was a two to three day meeting held off-site where they dive into the budget process.

Billy Mosteller stated he did not feel ready for the budget readings. Steve Harper stated first reading of the budget will be held May 22nd and if they need a Special Meeting afterwards, they will bring one forward.

### Adjournment

Terry Graham moved to adjourn. Seconded by Brian Carnes. Motion Passed 6-0.; Absent: McGriff

There being no further business, the regular meeting of County Council adjourned at approximately 5:10 p.m.