

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

June 12, 2023

6:00 PM

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

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

MINUTES

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

Staff Members/Others present: Dennis Marstall, County Administrator; Ginny Merck-Dupont, County Attorney; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; Allison Hardin, Interim Planning Director; Veronica Thompson, Financial Services Director; Kim Belk, Budget Director; Graham Shuford, Budget Analyst; Jeff Catoe, Public Services Division Director; Brenda Thompson, Communications and Marketing Director; Lisa Robinson, Human Resources Director; Sheriff Barry Faile; Darren Player, Fire Rescue/Emergency Management Director; Robert Purser, Public Safety Communications Director; Jason McCray, Assistant Parks & Recreation 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 Steve Harper

Chairman Steve Harper called the County Council meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Recognition - Chairman Steve Harper

Chairman Steve Harper welcomed everyone to the meeting. He recognized Freddie Gault and Will Cantrell from Congressman Ralph Norman's office. He noted that if citizens needed constituent help, they would be available for assistance.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation - Council Member Terry Graham

Council Member Terry Graham 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 Brian Carnes. Motion Passed 7-0.

Citizens Comments

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

1. Tindall Yarborough, Lancaster, SC, spoke regarding the homeless problem in Lancaster.
2. Reid Wilkerson, Indian Land, SC, deferred to the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.
3. Steve Willis, Lancaster, SC, spoke regarding the budget ordinance. A copy of his statement is attached as Schedule A to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.
4. John P. Baker, Heath Springs, SC, spoke regarding the budget ordinance.
5. Gordon Johnson, Century Communities, stated he was attending for the purpose of clarifying the Shiloh Woods development agreement.
6. Clare McConaughay, Indian Land, SC, spoke in support of the budget and requested reconsideration for a 10% increase for EMS employees and she also explained that she was excited about the possibility of Costco in the Indian Land community.

The following citizens submitted electronic, written comments for Citizens Comments:

1. Joseph Salerno, Indian Land, SC, submitted a citizen comment in favor of Costco. His comment stated Costco would provide a great anchor to the complex.
2. Kasey Rhein, Indian Land, SC, submitted a citizen comment regarding support of Costco. Her comment stated Costco would provide good jobs and additional value to Highway 521.

The comments are attached as Schedule B to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office and a summary of the written comments were provided by Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council, during the meeting. A copy of the written comments were provided to each Council member.

Special Presentations

Randy Duffy, Chair of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee, presented the Committee's recommendations for the distribution of funds from the State Accommodations Tax for fiscal year 2022-2023. He stated the Committee recommended funding the Carolinas Chili Championship at \$32,000; the Lancaster County Council of the Arts at \$20,760; the Lindsay Pettus Greenway at \$15,000; and the Friends of the Buford Massacre Battlefield at \$15,000, for a total of \$82,760. He stated that the County would have \$15,340 left to roll over into the next fiscal year grant cycle. A copy of the recommendation is attached as Schedule C to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

Consent Agenda

Billy Mosteller moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 7a., 7b., and 7c. [which are the same as Item a., b., and c. listed below]. Seconded by Charlene McGriff.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda Passed 7-0. Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, Graham, Harper, Luis, McGriff, Mosteller; Nays: None

a. Approval of Minutes from the May 22, 2023 County Council Regular Meeting

- b. **Approval of Minutes from the May 31, 2023 County Council Budget Workshop**
- c. **3rd Reading of Ordinance 2023-1847 regarding Rezoning Property Located at 3867 Pageland Highway from RR to RUB to Remedy Non-Conformity and to Allow Minor Subdivision of Property (Applicant Richard F. Duncan)**

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone Approximately 1.206 Acres (Portion Of TM 0059-00-058.00) Located At 3867 Pageland Hwy, From Rural Residential (RR) District To Rural Business (RUB) District. - *Planning Case Number: RZ-2023-0215.*

Non-Consent Agenda

Resolution 1240-R2023 regarding Endorsement of the Recommendations from State Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee

Resolution Title: A Resolution To Endorse The Recommendation Of The Lancaster County State Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee For The Distribution Of Funds From The State Accommodations Tax In Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Brian Carnes moved to approve Resolution 1240-R2023. Seconded by Terry Graham.

Veronica Thompson stated the Lancaster County Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee met on June 1, 2023 and heard presentations from the grant applicants. She stated that Council just heard the presentation from Mr. Duffy. Jose Luis asked about the visibility of what the expectations were for the funding of these tax dollars. She answered that the guidelines were on the county website. She continued that the applicants know the information that would be required to receive the grant funds by looking at those guidelines. She stated the final reports give more details about the successes of the projects. Randy Duffy informed Council that the Committee discussed the need for return on investment (ROI) information for future applications when they were speaking with the applicants.

Motion to approve Resolution 1240-R2023 Passed 7-0. Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, Graham, Harper, Luis, McGriff, Mosteller; Nays: None

1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1854 regarding Amending the Effectuation Date for the Shiloh Woods Development Agreement

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Approve Amendment Of A Development Agreement Between Lancaster County And Century Communities Southeast, LLC, For The Development Known As "Shiloh Woods" In Order To Effectuate The Intent Of The Parties As To The Effective Date Of The Development Agreement.

Chairman Steve Harper recused himself from the discussion and vote for Ordinance 2023-1854, and Vice Chairman Brian Carnes took over the meeting at approximately 6:22 p.m. Steve Harper's recusal form is attached as Schedule D to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

Charlene McGriff moved to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1854. Seconded by Billy Mosteller.

Dennis Marstall stated the original development agreement ordinance was previously approved on December 12, 2022. He stated this ordinance would amend the effectuation date for the Shiloh Woods development agreement to a date no later than December 31, 2024.

The motion to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1854 Passed 4-2. Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, McGriff, Mosteller; Nays: Graham, Luis; Abstain: Harper

2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-1848 regarding Rezoning Property Located at and adjacent to 8574 Charlotte Highway, Indian Land, From PDD-26 to Regional Business and From Regional Business to

PDD-26 (Applicant Crossridge Development LLC)

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone Approximately 5.81 Acres (TM# p/o 0010-00-059.00; p/o 0010-00-061.01; p/o 0010-00-057.00; p/o 0010-00-056.00) Located At And Adjacent To 8574 Charlotte Highway, Indian Land, From PDD-26 To Regional Business (RB) (p/o 0010-00-059.00 And p/o 0010-00-061.01) And From Regional Business (RB) To PDD-26 (p/o 0010-00-057.00 And p/o 0010-00-056.00). - **Planning Case Number: RZ-2023-0531.**

Allen Blackmon moved to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-1848. Seconded by Charlene McGriff.

Allison Hardin reviewed the County power point presentation regarding rezoning parcels at 8574 Charlotte Highway in order to align zoning and parcel boundaries to the existing road network. Jose Luis asked what would be done with the parcels. Ms. Hardin stated this would be an economic development project not yet named. Jose Luis stated that not having seen what the proposed development was, he would not be comfortable with additional development in Indian Land. Ms. Hardin stated it would be commercial development with a traffic analysis. Mr. Luis stated he believed such development would be problematic to the traffic problems in Indian Land.

The motion to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-1848 Passed 6-1. Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, Graham, Harper, McGriff, Mosteller; Nays: Luis

1st Reading 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.

Charlene McGriff moved to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1846. Seconded by Brian Carnes.

Dennis Marstall stated this ordinance would establish a policy and procedure for naming county-owned properties or structures. Council discussed the need for clarification on private or public buildings, county buildings, useful life, whether naming a room would require a donation or contribution, which needed to be specified. There was also discussion on requirements for unanimous votes. Jose Luis asked staff to define useful life, provide clarification on cancelled at any time, and the need to be reimbursed or prorated due to cancellation.

Jose Luis moved to postpone for discussion at the July 19, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting and then have 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1846 at the August 14, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The motion Passed 7-0. Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, Graham, Harper, Luis, McGriff, Mosteller; Nays: None

1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1850 regarding Amending the County Code related to the Position of the Deputy County Administrator

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Lancaster County Code Related To The Position Of Deputy County Administrator

Charlene McGriff moved to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1850. Seconded by Jose Luis.

Dennis Marstall stated that an organizational chart had been provided for both a Deputy County Administrator and Assistant County Administrator, as requested. He stated the ordinance change would correct the title in the current Lancaster County Code. Allen Blackmon stated he would like Lancaster County to have a true Deputy County Administrator. Council discussed a Second in Command responsibility, and a Deputy County Administrator versus an Assistant County Administrator.

Charlene McGriff moved to defer 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1850 until the County Administrator could give more information after the discussion. The motion died for lack of a second.

The motion to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1850 Failed 0-7. Ayes: None; Nays: Blackmon, Carnes, Graham, Harper, Luis, McGriff, Mosteller

1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1851 regarding Amending the County Code related to the Residency Requirement for Certain Management Positions

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Lancaster County Code Related To The Residency Requirement For Certain Management Positions

Charlene McGriff moved to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1851. Seconded by Billy Mosteller.

Dennis Marstall stated this ordinance would amend the County Code that required the County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator and the Economic Development Director to reside in Lancaster County. Council discussed the need for these positions to live in Lancaster County and noted that if there were any exceptions, they should be approved by Council. Charlene McGriff stated that she would not oppose giving candidates more time to move. Terry Graham stated the workforce has changed since 2016 and Steve Harper agreed and stated this could also limit the application pool. Allen Blackmon recommended promoting from within the County rather than promoting from outside the County. Steve Harper stated that this action may be overstepping the bounds of the Council-Administrator form of government. Ginny Merck-Dupont stated Council is responsible for writing personnel policies and parameters but, at the end of the day, the employees answer to the County Administrator.

The motion to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1851 Failed 3-4. Ayes: Graham, Harper, Mosteller; Nays: Blackmon, Carnes, Luis, McGriff

Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1852 regarding Rezoning Property Located At or Adjacent to 8918 Charlotte Highway from Light Industrial (LI) to Regional Business (RB) District (Applicant C4 OP Owner LLC)

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone Approximately 28.01 Acres (TM# 0010-00-029.00) Located At 8918 Charlotte Highway, Indian Land, From Light Industrial (LI) District To Regional Business (RB) District.

Allison Hardin reviewed the County power point presentation regarding rezoning property at 8918 Charlotte Highway from Light Industrial (LI) to Regional Business (RB) District.

Allison Hardin stated the draft traffic impact analysis (TIA) had been received and that staff was reviewing it. Yates Dunaway came forward and stated the development agreement would be signed before 2nd reading and both items would be presented at 2nd reading. Yates Dunaway stated Costco would not use noxious uses as part of the development agreement. He also stated the property taxes were estimated to be approximately \$1 million per year and a conservative Costco projected sales would be \$200 million annually so considering Lancaster's tax rate, the sales tax revenue would be approximately \$2.6 million.

Steve Harper opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2023-1852 at approximately 7:38 p.m.

He noted that one person signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance.

There were approximately 49 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:

1. Reid Wilkerson, Indian Land, SC, spoke against Costco. He stated he was against Costco for three (3) reasons: the economic benefit, the issues it would create with the environment and traffic.

Steve Harper closed the Public Hearing at approximately 7:41 p.m.

Charlene McGriff moved to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1852. Seconded by Billy Mosteller.

After discussion, Allison Hardin noted that the Mixed Use (MX) district would not be allowed for this project. Yates Dunaway reviewed the history of the project. Michael Wickline discussed the traffic impact analysis and looked at the cumulative impact on traffic. Council requested copies of the traffic impact analysis and the planning reports.

The motion to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1852 Passed 6-1. Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, Graham, Harper, McGriff, Mosteller; Nays: Luis

Chairman Harper called for a break at approximately 7:58 p.m.

Chairman Harper called the meeting back to order at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1853 regarding Amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) regarding Section 4.3.2 of the Highway Corridor Overlay District (Applicant C4 OP Owner, LLC)

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO") Section 4.3.2, Highway Corridor Overlay District (HCO), To Exclude Hospitals, Medical Clinics, And Large-Scale Retailer Facilities From Certain Portions Of Section 4.3.2 On The Effective Date Of This Ordinance - *Planning Department Case Number: UDO-TA-2022-0344.*

Allison Hardin reviewed the County power point presentation. She noted there was a scrivener's error in the information presented. She stated that alternate 1 proposed by the applicant should have added in subsection 4.3.2.F.1.C as well as 4.3.2.F.1.A. She stated Ginny Merck-Dupont had a copy of the corrected Alternate 1.

Steve Harper opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2023-1853 at approximately 8:35 p.m.

He noted that no one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance.

There were approximately 46 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.

Steve Harper closed the Public Hearing at approximately 8:35 p.m.

Charlene McGriff moved to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1853. Seconded by Allen Blackmon.

Yates Dunaway reviewed a power point presentation, which is attached as Schedule E to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office. Council and staff discussed requiring additional buffering and the position/location of parking. There was discussion on whether Lancaster County was playing favorites based on previous developers being made to conform to our requirements. Brian Carnes clarified that Costco wanted 250 feet but that the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) was the main driver of this requirement.

Terry Graham moved to amend the approval of the Ordinance with alternate 2. The motion to amend died for lack of a second.

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the Ordinance with alternate 1 and correct the scrivener's error to include subsection 4.3.2.F.1.C as well as 4.3.2.F.1.A.

Brian Carnes moved to amend the ordinance to add additional enhanced landscaping regulations along the corridor. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The motion to amend Passed 5-2. Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, Harper, McGriff, Mosteller; Nays: Graham, Luis.

The motion to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1853 as amended Passed 5-2. Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, Harper, McGriff, Mosteller; Nays: Graham, Luis

Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1855 regarding Amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) regarding Section 10.3 to Add a New Definition for "Large Scale Retailer" (Applicant C4 OP Owner, LLC)

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO") Section 10.3, Use Type Definitions, To Include A New Use Definition For "Large-Scale Retailer" On The Effective Date Of This Ordinance - *Planning Department Case Number: UDO-TA-2022-0344.*

Allison Hardin reviewed the County power point presentation.

Steve Harper opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2023-1855 at approximately 8:49 p.m.

He noted that one person signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance.

There were approximately 45 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:

1. John P. Baker - It was noted that he had left the meeting before the Public Hearing.

Steve Harper closed the Public Hearing at approximately 8:50 p.m.

Charlene McGriff moved to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1855. Seconded by Billy Mosteller.

After discussion, Jose Luis moved to amend the ordinance to state that a large scale retailer was a retail use located in a single building of at least 100,000 square feet of gross retail floor area. Seconded by Allen Blackmon. The motion to amend Passed 7-0.

The motion to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1855 as amended Passed 7-0. Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, Graham, Harper, Luis, McGriff, Mosteller; Nays: None

Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1856 regarding Amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) regarding Section 7.2.6.A. - Bicycle Parking - for Large-Scale Retailer use (Applicant C4 OP Owner, LLC)

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO") Section 7.2.6, Bicycle Parking, To Modify Standards Pertaining To The Required Number Of Short-Term And Long-Term Spaces For Large-Scale Retailers On The Effective Date Of This Ordinance - *Planning Department Case Number: UDO-TA-2022-0344.*

Allison Hardin reviewed the County power point presentation.

Brian Carnes reminded Council that when Highway 521 gets updated, there should be an 8 foot bicycle path requirement. Erich Brann, Director of Real Estate Development for Costco, came forward and stated that Costco usually has three to five racks for bicycle parking for employees.

Steve Harper opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2023-1856 at approximately 9:02 p.m.

He noted that no one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance.

There were approximately 45 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.

Steve Harper closed the Public Hearing at approximately 9:02 p.m.

Charlene McGriff moved to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1856. Seconded by Allen Blackmon.

After discussion, Jose Luis moved to amend the ordinance that a large scale retail use have a requirement of a minimum of ten (10) short-term bicycle parking spaces. Seconded by Allen Blackmon. The motion passed 7-0.

The motion to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1856 as amended Passed 7-0. Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, Graham, Harper, Luis, McGriff, Mosteller; Nays: None

Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1857 regarding Amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) regarding Section 7.4.5 related to Signage Standard by Category (Applicant C4 OP Owner LLC)

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO") Section 7.4.5, Signage

Standards By Category, To Include A Maximum Wall Sign Allowance For A "Large-Scale Retailer" On The Effective Date Of This Ordinance - ***Planning Department Case Number: UDO-TA-2022-0344.***

Allison Hardin reviewed the County power point presentation.

Jose Luis stated he would be more comfortable with a 500 foot sign.

Steve Harper opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2023-1857 at approximately 9:13 p.m.

He noted that no one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance.

There were approximately 43 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.

Steve Harper closed the Public Hearing at approximately 9:13 p.m.

Billy Mosteller moved to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1857. Seconded by Charlene McGriff.

The motion to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1857 Passed 6-1. Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, Graham, Harper, McGriff, Mosteller; Nays: Luis

2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-1849 regarding Approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Appropriate Funds And Approve A Detailed Budget For Lancaster County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023 And Ending June 30, 2024 (FY 2023-24); To Set Millage Rates For The Levy Of Ad Valorem Taxes; To Approve A Schedule Of Taxes, Fees And Charges For FY 2023-24; And To Provide For Matters Related Thereto.

Charlene McGriff moved to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-1849. Seconded by Brian Carnes.

Chairman Harper stated that Council and staff had discussed some amendments that needed to be made. Kim Belk stated the budget would have a 4.1 mil increase to give Public Safety employees increases as discussed, as well as a 6.5% across the board increase for all employees. Kim stated property tax on a \$250,000 home plus two vehicles would be an increase of approximately \$26 on property taxes.

Allen Blackmon moved to approve a 10% increase for EMS. Seconded by Jose Luis.

Dennis Marstall stated he does not have the dollar amount that would be needed to increase EMS from 8% to 10%. Billy Mosteller stated he had an issue with only giving the Sheriff 10% increase when he requested 15% and then also to cut two deputies from his budget. Brian Carnes stated Council needed to fund four (4) additional detention center officers in preparation for the new detention center.

Brian Carnes moved to postpone 2nd reading. The motion died for lack of a second.

There were discussions on holding another budget meeting, changes to the budget, changes to the millage value, cuts to the budget, the budget process, planning a 5 year budget, and a career ladder for EMS.

Jose Luis stated there was still a motion and 2nd on the floor. Allen Blackmon called for the question. The motion to approve a 10% increase for EMS certified staff Passed 7-0.

Charlene McGriff moved to amend Ordinance 2023-1849 regarding approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget as follows:

- \$50 per day funeral home storage fee for the Coroner's Office;
- Making part-time Deputy Coroner position full-time;
- Increasing Sheriff's Office and Detention Center career ladder pool for sworn staff to 10% of current pay from 6.5%;
- Create a competitive pay hierarchy for Fire Rescue and Emergency Management which brings the

minimum firefighter pay up to \$44,045;

- Include cost of living increases for the Solicitor and Public Defender at 6.5% to keep them equivalent to County employees;
- Add \$228,000 for Administration renovations as an additional project to be paid for with Fund Balance.

Seconded by Brian Carnes. The amendment Passed 7-0.

Council and staff discussed adding sheriff deputies and detention center officers while keeping the millage increase in check.

Billy Mosteller moved to amend Ordinance 2023-1849 and add two deputies and four detention center officers in January 2024. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The motion to amend Passed 7-0.

Dennis Marstall discussed the options for fire fees and reducing the Equivalent Residential Units (ERU). Council discussed commercial fees versus residential fees. Council asked if this item could be discussed Wednesday at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Allen Blackmon moved to amend Council's rules of order to extend the meeting past 10:30 p.m. Seconded by Jose Luis. The motion Passed 6-0; Absent: Carnes

Allen Blackmon moved to instruct staff to bring back a 1, 2, and 3 mil decrease. Seconded by Jose Luis. Ginny Merck-Dupont stated this motion was improper and not part of the budget. No vote was taken.

Allen Blackmon moved to make the organizational chart part of the budget. Seconded by Jose Luis. The motion to amend Passed 7-0.

The motion to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-1849 as amended four times Passed 7-0. Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, Graham, Harper, Luis, McGriff, Mosteller, Naves: None

Discussion and Action Items

Approval of the Proposed Update to the Lancaster County Prioritized Community Needs List - Dennis Marstall

Billy Mosteller moved to approve the Lancaster County Prioritized Community Needs list. Seconded by Allen Blackmon. The motion Passed 7-0. Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, Graham, Harper, Luis, McGriff, Mosteller; Naves: None

Approval of Appointments and Reappointments to Various Boards or Commissions

- Charles Eric Flynn as the Antioch Fire Department representative to the Fire Commission to fill a four year term that would expire on 06/30/2027 (1st Term)
- Kenneth W. Sims as the Flat Creek Fire Department representative to the Fire Commission to fill a four year term that would expire on 06/30/2027 (1st Term)
- Terrence E. Ward as the Gooches Fire Department representative to the Fire Commission to fill a four year term that would expire on 06/30/2027 (1st Term)
- Matthew D. Harris as the Heath Springs Fire Department representative to the Fire Commission to fill a four year term that would expire on 06/30/2027 (1st Term)
- Anna Henson as the School Health representative to the Health and Wellness Commission to fill a four year term that would expire on 06/30/2027 (1st Term)
- Katey Powell as the District 2 representative to the Health and Wellness Commission to fill a four year term that would expire on 06/30/2027 (2nd Term)
- Mark Strickland as the District 6 representative to the Keep Lancaster County Beautiful Board to fill a four year term that would expire on 06/30/2027 (2nd Term)
- Jane Rinard as the District 6 representative to the Health and Wellness Commission to fill an unexpired term that would end on 06/30/2023 AND to fill a four year term that would expire on 06/30/2027 (1st Term)

- Mattie M. Lowery as the District 2 representative to the Keep Lancaster County Beautiful Board to fill a four year term that would expire on 06/30/2027 (2nd Term)
- Clare McConaughay as the District 7 representative to the Keep Lancaster County Beautiful Board to fill an unexpired term that would end on 06/30/2025
- David Cox as the District 2 representative to the Construction Board of Appeals to fill an unexpired term that would end on 06/30/2027 (4th Term - Requires a Super Majority Vote from Council for Approval)
- Cheri Plyler as an At Large representative to the Health and Wellness Commission to fill a four year term that would expire on 06/30/2027 (4th Term - Requires a Super Majority Vote from Council for Approval)
- Christopher Stevenson as an At Large representative to the Health and Wellness Commission to fill an unexpired term that would end on 06/30/2023 AND to fill a four year term that would expire on 06/30/2027 (1st Term)
- Kemesha Lowery as the District 2 representative to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) to fill a four year term that would expire on 06/30/2027 (2nd Term)

Billy Mosteller moved to approve the appointments as listed. Seconded by Allen Blackmon. The motion to approve the appointments Passed 7-0. Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, Graham, Harper, Luis, McGriff, Mosteller; Nays: None

Status of items tabled, recommitted, deferred or held

There were no discussions regarding the status of items tabled, recommitted, deferred or held.

Executive Session

Three Items:

1. Receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter for land acquisition.
2. Receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter regarding land recommendation.
3. Receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a contractual matter.

Brian Carnes moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Jose Luis. Motion Passed 7-0. Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, Graham, Harper, Luis, McGriff, Mosteller; Nays: None. At approximately 10:30 p.m., Council went into Executive Session to discuss the three (3) items listed above.

Council came out of Executive Session and Steve Harper called the Council meeting back to order at approximately 11:15 p.m. Allen Blackmon moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Brian Carnes. Motion Passed 7-0. Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, Graham, Harper, Luis, McGriff, Mosteller; Nays: None.

Items Requiring a Vote Following Executive Session

Upon returning to open session, Ginny Merck-Dupont noted, for the record, that during Executive Session, Council discussed three (3) items: receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter for land acquisition; receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential contractual matter regarding land recommendation; receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a contractual matter. She stated no decisions were made in Executive Session and no votes were taken.

Brian Carnes moved to authorize the County Administrator to move forward with a contractual matter regarding a

land recommendation within the parameters discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The Motion Passed 7-0. Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, Graham, Harper, Luis, McGriff, Mosteller; Nays: None

Adjournment

Jose Luis moved to adjourn. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. Motion Passed 7-0.

There being no further business, the regular meeting of County Council adjourned at approximately 11:16 p.m.

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