

**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 28, 2024**

**6:00 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**

**MINUTES**

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

Staff Members/Others present: Dennis Marstall, County Administrator; Ginny Merck-Dupont, County Attorney; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; Stephany Snowden, Deputy County Administrator; Allison Hardin, Development Services Director; Sabrena Harris, Chief Financial Officer; Jamie Privuznak, Budget Director; Brian Fulk, Economic Development Director; April Williams, Planning Director; Brenda Thompson, Marketing and Communications Director; Jeff Catoe, Public Services Director; Karla Deese, Coroner; Chris Clouden, Parks and Recreation Director; Clay Catoe, Emergency Medical Services Director; Darren Player, Fire Service/Emergency Management Director; Barry Faile, Sheriff; Brad Carnes, Assessor; Kelvin Alexander, Project Management; 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 within 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 regular meeting of County Council to order at approximately 6:00 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 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. Bruce Cohen, Lancaster, SC spoke regarding taxes requested by County departments without any plans set in place.
2. Jean Doyle, Lancaster, SC spoke regarding growth issues in the Indian Land area of the County and plans for the proposed budget.
3. Brian Endres, Indian Land, SC spoke regarding budget request options for the Indian Land Consolidated Fire Protection District and requested a hybrid approach.

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. Pete Butterfield, Lancaster, SC wrote in regarding the proposed budget and requested that no new taxes be implemented, and no taxes be increased. His comments are attached as Schedule A to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's Office.

## Consent Agenda

Billy Mosteller moved to approve Consent Agenda Item **6a.**, **6b.**, **6c.**, and **6d.** [which are the same as Item **a.**, **b.**, **c.**, and **d.** listed below]. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. Jose Luis made a motion to bifurcate item **6d.** to be handled separately. Seconded by Terry Graham. The motion to bifurcate item **6d.** Passed by a vote of 7-0. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended Passed by a vote of 7-0.

- a. **Approval of Minutes from the May 8, 2024 County Council Budget Workshop**
- b. **Approval of Minutes from the May 13, 2024 County Council Regular Meeting**
- c. **3rd Reading of Ordinance 2024-1897 regarding Adding Property to the Edgewater II Improvement District**  
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Add Certain Property To The Edgewater II Improvement District; And To Provide For Other Matters Relating Thereto - *Passed 7-0 at the April 22, 2024 County Council Meeting. Passed 6-0 at the May 13, 2024 County Council Meeting (Steve Harper absent). - Dennis Marstall / Michael Seezen*
- d. **2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-1907 regarding an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Relating to the Purchase of a Bulldozer**  
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 2023-1849, Relating To The Appropriation Of Funds And The Approval Of A Detailed Budget For Lancaster County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023, And Ending June 30, 2024 (FY 2023-2024), To Further Provide For Revenues And Expenditures During The Fiscal Year; And To Provide For Matters Related Thereto. - *Passed 6-0 at the May 13, 2024 County Council Meeting (Steve Harper Absent). - Sabrena Harris*

Billy Mosteller moved to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-1907. Seconded by Allen Blackmon. Jeff Catoe stated that the bulldozer to be purchased had 1,000 hours on it, and the purchase would come with a four-year warranty which covered the engine and service. Mr. Catoe noted that his staff had inspected the bulldozer to ensure that it would be a good purchase.

The 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-1907 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

### **Non-Consent Agenda**

#### **Resolution 1261-R2024 regarding an Inducement Resolution for Project Tree and Project Tree Sponsor Affiliate**

Resolution Title: A Resolution To State The Commitment Of Lancaster County To Enter Into A Second Amendment To Fee Agreement With Project Tree And Project Tree Sponsor Affiliate; To Provide The General Terms Of The Second Amendment To Fee Agreement Including The Extension Of Special Source Revenue Credits; To Provide That This Resolution Is An Inducement Resolution For Purposes Of The Fee In Lieu Of Tax Simplification Act; And To State The Commitment Of Lancaster County To Place Property In A Multi-County Park.

Brian Carnes moved to approve Resolution 1261-R2024. Seconded by Charlene McGriff.

Allen Blackmon pointed out an error in the paragraph numbering in the Resolution draft. Mr. Blackmon made a motion to approve Resolution 1261-R2024 as long as the incorrect numbering was a scrivener's error. Seconded by Terry Graham. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Resolution 1261-R2024 as amended Passed by a vote of 7-0.

#### **1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-1908 regarding Authorization of a Second Amendment to Fee Agreement for Project Tree and Project Tree Sponsor Affiliate**

Ordinance Title: To Authorize And Approve The Execution And Delivery Of A Second Amendment To Fee Agreement By And Among Lancaster County, South Carolina, Project Tree And Project Tree Sponsor Affiliate; And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto.

Allen Blackmon moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-1908. Seconded by Terry Graham.

Brian Fulk highlighted that Ordinance 2024-1908 was the companion Ordinance for Resolution 1261-R2024.

Allen Blackmon questioned what would happen if Project Tree and Project Tree Sponsor Affiliate did not hit their projected investment amount, and Brian Fulk stated that per the original document, the company would lose their Special Source Revenue Credit (SSRC) retrospectively and proactively, but assured Mr. Blackmon that he believed they would hit the projected number. Mr. Blackmon stated that the company should be held accountable if the numbers were not hit.

The 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-1908 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

#### **Public Hearing and 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2024-1893 regarding Amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) related to Chapter 2 and Amending Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing from Permitted with Review to a Conditional Use**

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Unified Development Ordinance (“UDO”) Chapter 2 To Amend “Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing” From A Use Permitted With Review (PR) To A Conditional Use, And To Invoke The Pending Ordinance Doctrine So That No Permit Shall Be Issued That Would Be In Conflict With The Proposed Zoning Changes As Set Forth Herein.

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2024-1893. Seconded by Terry Graham.

Allison Hardin discussed the proposed separation requirements, setbacks from the Catawba River, and nuisance issues. Ms. Hardin also reviewed the proposed Compliance Agreement that applicants of an applicable manufacturing or processing plant permit would be required to sign.

Steve Harper opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2024-1893 at approximately 6:37 p.m. He noted that no one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance. There were approximately 38 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 6:37 p.m.

There was no discussion from Council. The 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2024-1893 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

**2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-1896 regarding Amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) related to the Removal of "Amusement, Indoor" and "Amusement, Outdoor" From the Use List for Light Industrial (LI) Districts**

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Unified Development Ordinance (“UDO”) Chapter 2, Section 5 Use Table, To Remove The Uses “Amusement, Indoor” And “Amusement, Outdoor” From The Permitted Use List For Light Industrial (LI) Districts, And To Invoke The Pending Ordinance Doctrine So That No Permit Shall Be Issued That Would Be In Conflict With The Proposed Zoning Changes As Set Forth Herein.

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-1896. Seconded by Billy Mosteller.

Allison Hardin provided an overview of the text amendment via the County's PowerPoint presentation and highlighted that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Ordinance at their May 21, 2024, meeting.

There was no discussion from Council. The 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-1896 Passed by a vote of 7-0.

**2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-1905 regarding Rezoning Property Located at 1540 Old Pardue Road from Low Density Residential (LDR) District to Rural Residential (RR) District (Applicant Peter Sites)**

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone Approximately 46.883 Acres (TM# 0050-00-038.02), Which Is Located At 1540 Old Pardue Rd, From Low Density Residential (LDR) District To Rural Residential (RR) District.

At approximately 6:41 p.m., Terry Graham recused himself from the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-1905 and stepped out of Council Chambers. A physical copy of Mr. Graham's Statement of Recusal is attached as Schedule B to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

Brian Carnes moved to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-1905. Seconded by Charlene McGriff.

Allison Hardin reviewed the County's PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Hardin noted that the current use was Low Density Residential (LDR), and the proposed zoning was consistent with the adjacent uses. The Planning Commission recommended unanimous approval at their meeting that was held on April 16, 2024.

The 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-1905 Passed by a vote of 6-0; Abstained: Terry Graham.

At approximately 6:44 p.m., Terry Graham reentered Council Chambers, and rejoined Council at the dias.

Allison Hardin introduced Lancaster County's new Planning Director, April Williams.

**1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-1910 regarding Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget**

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Appropriate Funds And Approve A Detailed Budget For Lancaster County For

The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 And Ending June 30, 2025 (FY 2024-25); To Set Millage Rates For The Levy Of Ad Valorem Taxes; To Approve A Schedule Of Taxes, Fees And Charges For FY 2024-25; And To Provide For Matters Related Thereto.

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-1910. Seconded by Terry Graham.

Dennis Marstall stated that the information to be presented was read at the May 8, 2024, Council meeting, and the Council members could review the line-item budget details in their notebooks. A physical copy of the notebook is attached as Schedule C to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office. Mr. Marstall stated that staff needed direction from Council in order to post for the required Public Hearing notice. Sabrena Harris reviewed the County's PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Harris reviewed the major budget factors and highlighted that \$3.3M was identified in new revenue for the next fiscal year. Staff and Council reviewed the Fund Balance Appropriation line items. Charlene McGriff stated that she was not in favor of the County Council/Administration Merit Pool line item, and the Council members discussed their opinions on merit raises.

Billy Mosteller made a motion to remove the Merit Pool line item of \$125,000. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The amendment Passed by a vote of 4-3. Ayes: Allen Blackmon, Steve Harper, Billy Mosteller, Charlene McGriff. Nays: Brian Carnes, Terry Graham, Jose Luis.

Allen Blackmon made a motion to remove the community survey line item of \$40,000. Seconded by Jose Luis. There was no discussion from Council. The amendment Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Council and Staff discussed the Information Technology (IT) data room upgrade line item. Scott Hernandez stated that the department's office could not grow or expand, so separation walls and storage racks for equipment were needed to optimize the space. Mr. Hernandez stated that \$50,000 would not be enough funding to cover the upgrades needed.

Allen Blackmon made a motion to remove \$150,000 of the requested \$250,000 from the data room upgrade line item. Seconded by Billy Mosteller. Council requested to see the data room in person to gain a better understanding of the space before making a budgetary decision. Allen Blackmon withdrew his motion.

Jose Luis made a motion to remove the Council contingency line item of \$100,000. Seconded by Allen Blackmon. There was no discussion from Council. The amendment Passed by a vote of 6-1; Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, Harper, Mosteller, Graham, Luis; Nays: Charlene McGriff.

Billy Mosteller made a motion to purchase flock cameras for the Sheriff's Department using funds from the Fund Balance. Council and Staff discussed that funds for the flock cameras were already accounted for in the Operating Budget for the Sheriff's Department. There was no second for the motion, so the amendment died on the floor.

Council and Staff discussed the reclassification of the existing Road Maintenance position to Director of Facilities. Dennis Marstall stated that the reclassification of the position would help the County better address growth and facility needs within Lancaster County.

Billy Mosteller made a motion to remove the reclassification of the existing Road Maintenance position line item of \$49,706. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The amendment Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Council and Staff discussed the proposed Grant Writer and Grant Coordinator positions. Charlene McGriff was not in favor of the Grant Coordinator salary being higher than the Grant Writer. Ms. McGriff stated that she would prefer a Grant Writer position be created before a Grant Coordinator. Billy Mosteller was not in favor of the Grant Coordinator position and believed that the County should contract out a Grant Writer. Mr. Mosteller was also not in favor of the new Veterans Affairs Benefits Coordinator position and new Fire Rescue Director position. Charlene McGriff and Allen Blackmon did not agree with Mr. Mosteller's opposition of the Veterans Affairs Benefits Coordinator.

Charlene McGriff made a motion to remove the new Fire Rescue Director position. Seconded by Billy Mosteller.

There was no discussion from Council. The amendment Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Charlene McGriff made a motion to remove the new Grant Coordinator position. Seconded by Terry Graham. There was no discussion from Council. The amendment Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Jose Luis made a motion to remove the new Grant Writer position. Seconded by Billy Mosteller. Council discussed contracting out a Grant Writer and requested that Staff provide a recommendation for the contract position at the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2024-1910. The amendment Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Billy Mosteller made a motion to budget for two new Correction Officers. Seconded by Terry Graham. Steve Harper voiced concerned with the fact that the new Detention Center was still several years away from being completed. Sheriff Faile stated that the Department can making a couple hiring decisions each year. The amendment Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Sabrena Harris reviewed the position adjustments for Director level positions, as requested by Council, via the County's PowerPoint presentation. Council and Staff discussed an increase in Council's salary. Charlene McGriff made a motion to increase each Councilmember's salary by \$2,000. There was no second. The motion died on the floor due to the lack of a second.

Jose Luis made a motion to reallocate the \$7,000 Council member pay increase line item to the County's Risk Manager salary. Seconded by Allen Blackmon. Charlene McGriff was not in favor of the funds being reallocated because she did not want one Councilmember to speak for the entire group. The amendment Passed by a vote of 6-1; Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, Harper, Mosteller, Graham, Luis; Naves: McGriff.

Clay Catoe explained to Council that the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department had an Equipment Manager vacancy and proposed that the position be reclassified as a Deputy Director. The reclassification would require at least a \$25,000 salary increase. Steve Harper requested that the accurate numbers for salary and benefits package for the proposed position be presented and voted on at the next Council meeting.

Sabrena reviewed the non-personnel budget requests via the County's PowerPoint presentation. Council and Staff discussed the Sheriff Department's mental health services line item. The mental health counselor is available for Sheriff's Office employees two days a week. Steve Harper requested that the mental health services be made available for other County emergency responder employees. Sheriff Faile stated that additional days per week could be arranged, but there would be an additional cost for the services. Council and Staff discussed the Information Technology (IT) Department increase requests. Jose Luis requested a list of items that were included in the requested \$704,079.

Council and Staff discussed the Town of Kershaw pool agreement line item, and Jose Luis questioned if Council was obligated to allocate \$40,000 to the Town of Kershaw. Dennis Marstall noted that Council had requested previously to have it included in the budget request. Several Councilmembers were not in favor of removing the line item, due to prior commitments that had been made. Jose Luis made a motion to remove the Town of Kershaw pool agreement line item. There was no second. The motion died on the floor due to the lack of a second.

Steve Harper highlighted the Lancaster County Council on Aging budget request and suggested that Council consider an increase to their budget due to the supportive services that they provide to Lancaster County residents. Mr. Harper asked that the other Councilmembers research the Council on Aging and review their services. Council and Staff discussed the Lancaster Area Ride Service (LARS) and requested that the County Attorney review the County's obligation.

Jamie Privuznak reviewed the Replacement Fund Highlights - Capital Improvement Fund (CIP) via the County's PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Privuznak stated that the purpose of the CIP was to replace vehicles and heavy equipment on an ongoing basis. It was noted that the current millage for the CIP was 5.3 mils, and Staff was proposing a 2 mil increase, and that the increase would be a set funding source for the Sheriff's Department replacement vehicles. Brian Carnes was in favor of adding the increase to the replacement fund, so that there

would be a dedicated funding source for the replacement vehicles. Dennis Marstall stated that if Council was in favor of the proposed millage increase, the 2-mil increase would be the published millage rate for the Public Hearing notice.

At approximately 8:25 p.m., Council took a break from the meeting.

At approximately 8:40 p.m., Chairman Harper called the meeting back to order.

Sabrina Harris reviewed the Fiscal Year 25 Budget Summary and budget options via the County's PowerPoint presentation. Dennis Marstall stated that a millage increase needed to be decided upon for the Public Hearing advertisement. Allen Blackmon stated that he would prefer a no mil increase. Mr. Blackmon also noted that if a millage increase was required, it should be for something specific, and transparent for Lancaster County constituents. Council discussed the County's millage history. Billy Mosteller requested clarification on why the EMS Department's fuel and medical expense line item was cut, and clarification on the career ladder percentage for the Sheriff's Office.

Stephany Snowden reviewed a ten-year fire millage plan with Council, via the County's PowerPoint presentation. Dennis Marstall stated that if Council wished to create a countywide fire millage district, it would need to be done via ordinance, and municipalities in the County would have to opt in to charge the fire millage within their municipal boundaries. Council discussed a county wide millage versus a general obligation bond, the need for firefighters over apparatus south of Highway 5, the number of calls run from each fire station, the need to reinstate the seven-year fire apparatus rotation with general obligation bonds, and how fire apparatus general obligation bonds affected the County's debt capacity. Ms. Snowden stated that there was no change in the Van Wyck Fire District roof top fee for FY25. Ms. Snowden reviewed the revised Indian Land Consolidated Fire budget and millage options. Three options were reviewed: the implementation of 16-mils to remove the roof top fees, increasing the roof top fee to \$180, or maintaining the current \$150 roof top fee and implementing a 4-mil fire millage. Staff and Council discussed the hiring requests for next year, the staffing needs for Indian Land Consolidated Fire and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.

Allen Blackmon made a motion to extend the Council meeting beyond 10:30 p.m. Seconded by Terry Graham. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Jose Luis made a motion to postpone the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-1910 to a special Council meeting to be called on June 5, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. Ginny Merck-Dupont clarified, for the record, that the postponement would be for the main motion as it stood with the amendments that had been made. Seconded by Allen Blackmon. There was no discussion from Council. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.

### **Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-1909 regarding Approval of the Amendment to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Adopt The Revised Lancaster County Capital Improvement Plan Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Through 2030-2031 As Recommended By The Lancaster County Planning Commission.

Jose Luis moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-1909. Seconded by Charlene McGriff.

Jamie Privuznak reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) via the County's PowerPoint presentation. Council and staff reviewed the amended CIP information provided in their budget notebooks in the supplemental section.

Steve Harper opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2024-1909 at approximately 10:19 p.m. He noted that no one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance. There were approximately 14 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 10:20 p.m.

The 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-1909 Passed by a vote of 6-1; Ayes: Carnes, Harper, Mosteller, McGriff, Graham, Luis; Nays: Blackmon.

**1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-1911 regarding Amending the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for the Coroner's Office Building Expansion Project**

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding For The Lancaster County Coroner's Office Building Expansion.

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-1911. Seconded by Brian Carnes.

Stephany Snowden stated that the Coroner's Office upgrades came in over budget by approximately \$770,000 and reviewed the pictures of the office via the County's PowerPoint presentation. Steve Harper voiced environmental concerns and noted that the building and substructure were not sound, and it would be cheaper to demolish the building than to upgrade it. Ms. Snowden explained that \$150,000 from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds have been spent thus far in architectural fees. Mr. Harper was in favor of a building alternative and spending the funds that were originally allocated for the project. The architect for the project, Russ Angelo, addressed Council's concerns with the building, and highlighted that old buildings could be saved, and crawl space issues could be fixed. Council discussed the option of moving forward with the current building or building a new Coroner's Office and the liability concerns with the City of Lancaster. Kelvin Alexander noted that the funds needed to be allocated by the end of 2025, or the County would lose them. Steve Harper requested a legal opinion on the issuance of the building permit by the City of Lancaster when the County would be the organization to conduct the inspections. Karla Deese stated that the current Coroner's Office had significant drainage issues and the upgrade process had been challenging. Ms. Deese expressed that the department just needs a facility that was suitable for their needs, whether it be the current or new facility.

The 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-1911 Failed by a vote of 0-7.

**Discussion and Action Items**

**Approval of Appointment to the Van Wyck Fire Protection District Fee Board**

- Sheena Hinson to the Van Wyck Fire Protection District Fee Board as one of the four appointees to fill a four year term that would expire on 06/30/2027 (2nd Term)

Terry Graham moved to approve the appointment of Sheena Hinson to the Van Wyck Fire Protection District Fee Board. Seconded by Jose Luis.

There was no discussion from Council. The motion Passed by a vote of 7-0.

**Announcement of Creation of Regional Park Ad Hoc Committee - Chairman Steve Harper**

Steve Harper stated that in order to keep the Regional Park progress moving ahead and to keep County Council updated, he was appointing himself, Terry Graham and Charlene McGriff to the newly created Regional Park Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Harper noted that the Committee would most likely meet every other month.

**Status of items tabled, recommitted, deferred or held**

- a. HOLD - 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-1898 regarding Amending the Lancaster County Code Relating to Parliamentary Procedures / Rules of Procedure for Meetings  
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Lancaster County Code, Relating To Parliamentary Procedures/Rules Of Procedure For Council Meetings, Including Committee Meetings, And All Boards And Commissions For Which County Council Appoints A Majority Of Members. - **By a Vote of 6-0, 1st Reading Postponed (Allen Blackmon Absent). - Dennis Marstall / Ginny Merck-Dupont**

**b. HOLD - 1st Reading of Ordinance 2024-1906 regarding a Proposed Transportation Sales Tax**

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Levy And Impose A One Percent Sales And Use Tax, Subject To A Referendum, Within Lancaster County Pursuant To Section 4-37-30 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina 1976, As Amended; To Define The Specific Purposes And Designate The Projects For Which The Proceeds Of The Tax May Be Used; To Provide The Maximum Time For Which Such Tax May Be Imposed; To Provide The Estimated Cost Of The Projects Funded From The Proceeds Of The Tax; To Provide For A County-Wide Referendum On The Imposition Of The Sales And Use Tax And The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds And To Prescribe The Contents Of The Ballot Questions In The Referendum; To Provide For The Conduct Of The Referendum By The Board Of Elections And Voter Registration Of Lancaster County; To Provide For The Administration Of The Tax, If Approved; To Provide For The Payment Of The Tax, If Approved; And To Provide For Other Matters Relating Thereto. - *Dennis Marstall / Frannie Heizer*

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

**Executive Session**

One Item:

***1. Discussion of personnel matters pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 30-4-70(a)(1) related to the County Administrator's Office.***

Steve Harper stated that he needed a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 30-4-70(a)(1) related to the County Administrator's Office. Brian Carnes stated that he so moved. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The motion to go into Executive Session Passed by a vote of 7-0. At approximately 10:57 p.m., Council went into Executive Session.

**Items Requiring a Vote Following Executive Session**

Council came out of Executive Session and Steve Harper called the Council meeting back to order at approximately 11:48 p.m. Charlene McGriff moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Allen Blackmon. The motion to come out of Executive Session Passed by a vote of 7-0.

Upon returning to open session, Sherrie Simpson stated that Council met in Executive Session in regard to one item: the discussion of personnel matters pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 30-4-70(a)(1) related to the County Administrator's Office. She stated that it was her understanding that no motions were made, and no votes were taken.

**Adjournment**

Charlene McGriff moved to adjourn the Council meeting. Seconded by Brian Carnes. The motion to adjourn Passed by a vote of 7-0.

There being no further business to discuss, the regular meeting of Council adjourned at approximately 11:49 p.m.