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

County Attorney
John K. DuBose III

Clerk to Council
Sherrie Simpson

August 9, 2021 | **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

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

Council Members absent: None.

Staff Members/Others present: Steve Willis, County Administrator; John DuBose, County Attorney; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; Clay Catoe, EMS Director; Jamie Gilbert, Economic Development Director; Katie See, Senior Planner; Robert Tefft, Planner; Suzette Murphy, Auditor; Frannie Heizer, via Conference Call, Attorney with Burr Forman; various Elected Officials; various Department Heads; 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. 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.

Allen Blackmon moved to amend the Non-Consent Agenda to place **Item 8m (1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1763)** as the 2nd item on the Non-Consent Agenda, to place **Item 8k (1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1761)** as the 3rd item on the Non-Consent Agenda and to place **Item 8l (1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1762)** as the 4th item on the Non-Consent Agenda. Seconded by Larry Honeycutt.

Steve Willis requested that **Item 8g (Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1756)** be removed from the agenda because the request was withdrawn by the applicant. Steve Harper asked Allen Blackmon if would be willing to add that information to his motion to amend and he stated that he would. Motion to Amend Passed 7-0.

The motion to approve the agenda as amended Passed 7-0.

Special Presentations

Chairman Steve Harper recognized Clay Catoe and the EMS Department for winning a 2021 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties for their "EMS Boot Camp" program.

Chairman Steve Harper and EMS' Josh Faulkenberry also recognized Clay Catoe for winning the South Carolina EMS Director of the Year.

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Citizens Comments

The following citizens signed up to speak in person during Citizens Comments:

1. Suzette Murphy, Auditor, Lancaster, SC, spoke regarding the need for protective glass in the Auditor's office and the recent tax bills;
2. Melvin Stroble, Indian Land, SC, spoke in support of School Impact Fees;
3. Ken Buck, Indian Land, SC, spoke in support of the School Impact Fees and that they be passed at the full amount;
4. Angela Davis, Indian Land, SC, spoke in support of the School Impact Fees passing at one hundred percent (100%) of the maximum allowable study amount;
5. Bjorn Hansen, Indian Land, SC, spoke in support of the School Impact Fees passing at one hundred percent (100%) of the maximum allowable study amount;
6. Jessie Adams, Lancaster, SC, spoke in regards to Ordinance 2021-1720; and
7. Mike Neese, Indian Land, SC, spoke in support of the School Impact Fees passing at one hundred percent (100%) of the maximum allowable study amount.

The following citizens submitted written comments for Citizens Comments, which were acknowledged during the meeting by the County Administrator and for which each Council Member received a written copy of the comment at their seat:

1. James and Debbie LoPiccolo, Indian Land, SC, sent in a written comment in support of the School Impact Fees passing at the full allowable amount of the study and that comment is attached as Schedule A to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office;
2. Stan Wilson, Jr., Indian Land, SC, sent in a written comment in support of the School Impact Fees passing at the full allowable amount of the study and that comment is attached as Schedule B to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office;
3. Marilyn Ginsberg-Finner, Indian Land, SC, sent in a written comment in support of the School Impact Fees passing at the full allowable amount of the study and that comment is attached as Schedule C to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office;

4. Kathy and John Moellman, Indian Land, SC, sent in a written comment in support of the School Impact Fees passing at the full allowable amount of the study and that comment is attached as Schedule D to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office;
5. Lois Breau, Indian Land, SC, sent in two written comments in support of the School Impact Fees passing at the full allowable amount of the study and those comments are attached as Schedule E to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office;
6. Ida V. White, Indian Land, SC, sent in a written comment in support of the School Impact Fees passing at the full allowable amount of the study and that comment is attached as Schedule F to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office;
7. Valerie Amidon, no address given, sent in a written comment in support of the School Impact Fees passing at the full allowable amount of the study and that comment is attached as Schedule G to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office;
8. Stephanie Houser, Indian Land, SC, sent in a written comment in support of the School Impact Fees and that comment is attached as Schedule H to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office;
9. Linda Manfre, Indian Land, SC, sent in a written comment in support of the School Impact Fees passing at the full allowable amount of the study and that comment is attached as Schedule I to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office; and
10. James and Kimberly Allen, Indian Land, SC, sent in a written comment in support of the School Impact Fees and that comment is attached as Schedule J to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

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Consent Agenda

Billy Mosteller moved to approve Consent Agenda Items **7a.**, **7b.**, **7c.** and **7d.** *[as listed in the Agenda packet, which are the same as Item* ***a.****, Item* ***b.****, Item* ***c.*** *and Item* ***d.*** *listed below]*. Seconded by Terry Graham. Motion Passed 7-0.

a. Approval of Minutes from the July 19, 2021 County Council Regular Meeting

b. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2021-1744 regarding Rezoning Property Located at 10925 Pettus Farm Road from LDR to MDR (Applicant Anthony Haltom, Sr.)

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone A 5.24 Acre Tract Of Property (TMS# 0003-00-051.00), Located At 10925 Pettus Farm Road, Lancaster, South Carolina, From LDR, Low Density Residential District, To MDR, Medium Density Residential District. - ***Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2021-0753.***

c. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2021-1748 regarding Rezoning Property Located at 585 Monroe Highway from INS to LDR (Applicant Jacob Meeks)

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone A 1.67 Acre Tract Of Property (TMS# 0061-00-011.00), Located At 585 Monroe Highway, Lancaster, South Carolina, From INS, Institutional District, To LDR, Low Density Residential District. - ***Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2021-0917.***

d. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2021-1749 regarding Rezoning A Portion of Property Located near the Intersection of Pageland Highway and Rocky River Road from RR to RUB (Applicant WTC of Lancaster, LLC)

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone A One Acre Portion Of Property (A Portion Of TMS# 0058-00-116.00), Located Near The Intersection Of Pageland Highway And Rocky River Road, Lancaster, South Carolina, From RR, Rural Residential District, To RUB, Rural Business District. - ***Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2021-0959.***

Non-Consent Agenda

Resolution 1161-R2021 regarding Authorization for the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds for Reid Pointe Special Tax District

Resolution Title: A Resolution To Authorize The Issuance And Sale Of A Not To Exceed $650,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2021, Of Lancaster County, South Carolina, Or Such Other Appropriate Series Designation (Reid Pointe Special Tax District); To Provide For The Payment Of The Note And The Disposition Of The Proceeds Thereof; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

Brian Carnes moved to approve Resolution 1161-R2021. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. Motion Passed 7-0.

1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1763 regarding the Authorization of the Issuance and Sale of Not Exceeding $7,250,000 Special Obligation Bonds, Series 2021 (for Fire Apparatus)

Ordinance Title: Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding $7,250,000 Special Obligation Bonds, Series 2021, Or Such Other Appropriate Series Designation, And The Execution And Delivery Of An Acquisition, Use And Security Agreement In Connection Therewith Or The Execution And Delivery Of A Direct Placement Acquisition, Use And Security Agreement By Lancaster County, South Carolina; Fixing Certain Of The Details Of The Bonds And The Appropriate Agreement; Authorizing The County Administrator To Determine Certain Matters Relating To The Bonds And The Appropriate Agreement; Providing For The Payment Of The Bonds Or Direct Placement Agreement And The Disposition Of The Proceeds Thereof; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

Larry Honeycutt moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1763. Seconded by Charlene McGriff.

Steve Willis noted for the record that the fire apparatus would include three (3) aerial trucks and a mobile command post at the amount approved by Council. Bond counsel Frannie Heizer, who joined the meeting via phone, answered questions regarding the bond process.

The motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1763 Passed 7-0.

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1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1761 regarding Adopting a School Development Impact Fee

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance Of The County Council Of Lancaster County, South Carolina ("Council") Establishing And Adopting A School Development Impact Fee ("Impact Fee") To Be Imposed On All New Residential Development In The Lancaster County School Panhandle Service Area; To Ensure That School Facility System Improvements Will Be Available And Adequate To Accommodate The Need Expected To Be Generated From The School Children In New Residential Developments In The Panhandle Of Lancaster County School Service Area Based On The School District's Level Of Service Standards And Capital Improvements Plan, And To Assign The Costs Of Such Public School Facilities On A Proportionate Share Basis To New Residential Development In The Service Area; And Establishment Of An Intergovernmental Agreement Between Lancaster County And The Lancaster County School District, To Ensure Proper Implementation And Administration Of The School Development Impact Fee Ordinance

Terry Graham moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1761. Seconded by Allen Blackmon.

Brian Carnes moved to amend the motion to substitute the current rates in the Ordinance to the maximum rate proposed by the School District. John DuBose explained, as a point of order, that the current version of the Ordinance did include the full fee amount.

Council and staff discussed the Intergovernmental Agreement that would be needed between the School District and Lancaster County, which would include an administration fee, and they discussed the reasons behind the Planning Commission recommendation to approve the fee at a reduced rate. Brian Carnes withdrew his motion to amend.

Jonathan Phipps, Superintendent of the Lancaster County School District, introduced the speakers that would follow and thanked the citizens who spoke in support of the School Impact Fees.

Carson Bise of TischlerBise provided and reviewed a power point presentation entitled, "Impact Fee Study Overview, Lancaster County School District, SC, August 9th, 2021," and that presentation is attached as Schedule K to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

Jennifer White, Chief Financial Officer at the Lancaster County School District, provided and reviewed a power point presentation entitled, "Lancaster County School District Impact Fee, Proposal to Address Indian Land Area Student Needs," and that presentation is attached as Schedule L to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

After discussion, the motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1761 Passed 7-0.

Council and staff discussed a possible implementation date for the fee and Council asked that the implementation date be discussed during the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance.

1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1762 regarding Provision of Guidance in Response to South Carolina's Enactment of the Open Carry With Training Act

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Provide Guidance To The Citizens Of Lancaster County In Response To South Carolina's Enactment Of The Open Carry With Training Act, Relating Specifically To The County's Authority To Regulate The Open Carrying Of A Firearm On Public Property During Certain Events

Terry Graham moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1762. Seconded by Larry Honeycutt.

Council and staff discussed which staff would be determining who gets the permit, at what events the act would apply, the Sheriff's stance on the Ordinance, what would be the required notice for the permit, the permit process and the costs that would be associated with the permit. Council requested that the actual permit application be provided to them at the next Council meeting.

The motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1762 Passed 7-0.

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2nd Reading of Ordinance 2021-1720 regarding Amending the Lancaster County Code of Ordinances Entitled, "Motor Vehicles And Traffic"

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 21 Of The Lancaster County Code Of Ordinances Entitled, "Motor Vehicles And Traffic," To Provide Necessary Updates To The Chapter Governing The Disposition Of Derelict Or Abandoned Vehicles On Public Or Private Property.

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2021-1720. Seconded by Terry Graham.
Motion Passed 6-1.Ayes: Blackmon, Carnes, Graham, Harper, Honeycutt, McGriff; Nays: Mosteller

Public Hearing and 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2021-1757 regarding Approval of a Sewer Easement Grant to Lancaster County Water and Sewer District

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Approve An Easement Grant To Lancaster County Water And Sewer District Upon Real Property Owned By Lancaster County Bearing Tax Parcel Number 0003-00-041.00 And To Authorize County Officials To Take Such Actions As Are Necessary To Effectuate The Grant Of The Easement And To Effectuate The Purposes Of This Ordinance.

Steve Willis noted, for the record, that no one signed up for the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-1757.
Steve Harper opened the Public Hearing for the Ordinance at approximately 8:03 p.m.
There were approximately 16 citizens in attendance during the Public Hearing for this Ordinance.
The following speakers came forward to make comments or sent in written comments regarding the Public Hearing for the Ordinance: None.
Steve Harper closed the Public Hearing at approximately 8:03 p.m.

Larry Honeycutt moved to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2021-1757. Seconded by Allen Blackmon.

Motion Passed 7-0.

Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1753 regarding Rezoning Property from NB to GB (Applicant Melinda Hoopaugh)

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone A .8 Acre Tract Of Property (TMS# 0006N-08-005.01) Located At Fort Mill Highway And Kohut Drive, Lancaster, South Carolina, From NB, Neighborhood Business District, To GB, General Business District - ***Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2021-0961.***

Steve Harper opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-1753 at approximately 8:06 p.m.
Steve Willis noted that one person signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance.
There were approximately 15 citizens in attendance during the Public Hearing for this Ordinance.
The following speaker(s) signed up to make comments or sent in written comments regarding the Public Hearing for this Ordinance:

- Melinda Hoopaugh signed up to speak; however, when the Chairman called her name and asked if she wanted to speak, she declined, as long as she would be allowed to address Council with any questions that they may have regarding the project.

Steve Harper closed the Public Hearing at approximately 8:07 p.m.

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1753. Seconded by Billy Mosteller.
Motion Passed 7-0.

Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1754 regarding Rezoning Property Located at 9839 Kohut Drive from MDR to GB (Applicant Melinda Hoopaugh)

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone A 1.0 Acre Tract Of Property (TMS# 0006N-08-009.00) Located At 9839 Kohut Drive, Lancaster, South Carolina, From MDR, Medium Density Residential District, To GB, General Business District - ***Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2021-0962.***

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Steve Harper opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-1754 at approximately 8:09 p.m.
Steve Willis noted that one person signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance.
There were approximately 15 citizens in attendance during the Public Hearing for this Ordinance.
The following speaker(s) signed up to make comments or sent in written comments regarding the Public Hearing for this Ordinance:

- Melinda Hoopaugh signed up to speak; however, when the Chairman called her name, she did not speak but reserved the right to address Council regarding any questions that they may have about the project.

Steve Harper closed the Public Hearing at approximately 8:09 p.m.

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1754. Seconded by Larry Honeycutt.
Motion Passed 7-0.

Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1755 regarding Rezoning Property Located at 2329 and 2347 Charlotte Highway from LDR and PB to GB (Applicant S & KB Properties)

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone 13.25 Acres Of Property (TMS# 0049-00-096.00 & 0049-00-97.00), Located At 2329 & 2347 Charlotte Highway, Lancaster, South Carolina, From LDR, Low Density Residential District, And PB, Professional Business District, To GB, General Business District. - ***Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2021-1687.***

Allen Blackmon recused himself from the discussion and vote on the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1755. His Statement of Recusal is on file with the minutes in the Clerk to Council's office and is attached to those minutes as Schedule M. He left chambers at approximately 8:13 p.m.

Steve Harper opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-1755 at approximately 8:15 p.m.
He noted that no one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance.
There were approximately 13 citizens in attendance during the Public Hearing for this Ordinance.
The following speakers came forward to make comments or sent in written comments regarding the Public Hearing for the Ordinance: None.
Steve Harper closed the Public Hearing at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1755. Seconded by Brian Carnes. Motion Passed 6-0.; Abstain: Blackmon

Allen Blackmon returned to Chambers at approximately 8:18 p.m. and rejoined the Council meeting.

Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1756 regarding Rezoning Four Parcels of Property Totaling Approximately 32.5 Acres from LDR and PB to GB (Applicant Fred and Nancy Brackett)

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone 32.5 Acres Of Property (TMS # 0049-00-102.00 & 0049-00-103.00 & 0049-00-082.01 & 0049-00-104.02), Located At 2400, 2420, 2440 & Unaddressed Charlotte Highway, Lancaster, South Carolina, From LDR, Low Density Residential District, And PB, Professional Business District, To GB, General Business District. - ***Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2021-0942.***

This rezoning request was withdrawn by the applicant and the item was removed from the agenda by unanimous vote during the **Approval of the Agenda**.

Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1758 regarding Adoption of a Small Area Master Plan Extension to the Southern Panhandle Small Area Plan

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance Adopting Amendments To Elements Of The Comprehensive Plan For Lancaster County, South Carolina, By Adoption Of An Extension Of The Southern Panhandle Small Area Plan

Steve Harper opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-1758 at approximately 8:34 p.m.
He noted that no one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance.
There were approximately 13 citizens in attendance during the Public Hearing for this Ordinance.
The following speakers came forward to make comments or sent in written comments regarding the Public Hearing for the Ordinance: None.
Steve Harper closed the Public Hearing at approximately 8:34 p.m.

Terry Graham moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1758. Seconded by Brian Carnes. Motion Passed 7-0.

Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1760 regarding Amending the Future Land Use Map and Change the Future Land Use Designation for Two Parcels of Property From Rural Living to Special District - Industrial (Applicant Shaun Williams)

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Approve The Request Of Williams Fabrication And Industrial To Amend The Future Land Use Map Contained In The Lancaster County, South Carolina Comprehensive Plan 2014-2024 To Change The Future Land Use Designation On The Future Land Use Map For Two Parcels Totaling Approximately 7.06 Acres In Size Located At 8921 & Unaddressed Kershaw Camden Highway From Rural Living To Special District-Industrial (TMS # 0159-00-127.00 & 0159-00-121.01). - ***Planning Department Case Number: CP-2021-1233.***

Steve Harper opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-1760 at approximately 8:44 p.m.
He noted that no one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance.
There were approximately 13 citizens in attendance during the Public Hearing for this Ordinance.
The following speakers came forward to make comments or sent in written comments regarding the Public

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Hearing for the Ordinance: None.
Steve Harper closed the Public Hearing at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Allen Blackmon moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1760. Seconded by Billy Mosteller. Motion Passed 7-0.

Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1759 regarding Rezoning Two Parcels of Property from AR to LI (Applicant Shaun Williams)

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Lancaster County To Rezone Two Parcel Of Property Totaling 7.06 Acres (TMS# 0159-00-127.00 And 0159-00-121.01), Located At 8921 & Unaddressed Kershaw Camden Highway, Kershaw, South Carolina From AR, Agricultural Residential District, To LI, Light Industrial District. ***- Planning Department Case Number: RZ-2021-1233.***

Steve Harper opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-1759 at approximately 8:46 p.m.
He noted that no one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing for the Ordinance.
There were approximately 13 citizens in attendance during the Public Hearing for this Ordinance.
The following speakers came forward to make comments or sent in written comments regarding the Public Hearing for the Ordinance: None.
Steve Harper closed the Public Hearing at approximately 8:46 p.m.

Brian Carnes moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-1759. Seconded by Allen Blackmon. Motion Passed 7-0.

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Discussion and Action Items

Approval of Appointments to various Boards or Commissions

- Gregory Scott Edwards to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee as the representative from the Food and Beverage Industry
- Dr. Stephen Criswell to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee as the representative from a Cultural Organization
- Fred Witherspoon to the Historical Commission as the District 3 representative to fill an unexpired term that would end on 06/30/2025 (1st Term on Commission)
- Ronald Patton to the Historical Commission as an Advisor to fill an unexpired term that would end on 06/30/2024
- Leocadia Francis to the Library Board as the District 5 representative to fill a four year term ending on 06/30/2025 (1st Term)
- Christopher Amodeo to the Recreation Advisory Board as the District 1 representative to fill a four year term ending on 06/30/2025 (1st Term)
- Melissa Belk to the Health and Wellness Commission as the District 3 representative to fill an unexpired term that would end on 06/30/2023

Larry Honeycutt moved to approve all those that have been picked for appointments. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. Motion Passed 7-0.

Request to proceed with Glass Barriers - Steve Willis

Steve Willis explained that he would like to move forward with the glass barriers in the remainder of the County building and that the estimated costs would be approximately seventy-five thousand dollars ($75,000.00); however, he also noted that the project would be eligible for reimbursement from federal funds. He explained that he would be asking for cost estimates on the glass barriers, air purifiers for EMS and the Coroner's office and for HVAC units.

Suspension of Annual Leave Time Cap - Steve Willis

Steve Willis explained that the County was looking to suspend the annual leave time cap due to COVID.

Charlene McGriff moved that the annual leave cap be amended from two hundred forty (240) hours to three hundred twenty (320) hours for the calendar year 2022. Furthermore, she moved that all employees be notified that the cap will revert to two hundred forty (240) hours on January 1, 2023. Seconded by Larry Honeycutt. Motion Passed 7-0.

Discussion of Constituent Concerns regarding New Indy Paper Mill - Chairman Steve Harper

Chairman Steve Harper explained that Council members were hearing concerns from constituents regarding the odor at the New Indy Paper Mill. He explained that the issue was really a legal question and asked County Attorney John DuBose to explain and review the issue.

John DuBose explained that there was a Consent Motion in place in the federal Courts between New Indy, the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He also noted, for the record, that in that Consent Motion, New Indy has made no admission of issues or violation of its permit. He further noted that DHEC and the EPA were the agencies tasked with monitoring any complaints regarding New Indy. He also explained that DHEC has a complaint form on its website that citizens should use because it helps them gather data for their investigation and that all citizens should be encouraged to use the DHEC website and forms regarding any complaints. He also noted that DHEC and the EPA were the permitting authorities over the facility and were tasked with environmental enforcement.

Status of items tabled, recommitted, deferred or held

a. DEFERRED - 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2021-1728 regarding Amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Outdoor Shooting Ranges/Turkey Shoots

Ordinance Title: An Ordinance To Amend The Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO") Section 2.5.3, Use Table; Section 5.5.12, Shooting Range, Outdoor; Section 5.12.3, Temporary Uses Limited To Specific Districts; And Section 5.12.4, Temporary Uses With Specific Requirements; To Modify Those Zoning Districts In Which An Outdoor Shooting Range Is A Permissible Use And To Modify Those Regulations Concerning How An Outdoor Shooting Range May Be Permitted, As Well As Providing For Turkey Shoots As A Temporary Use In Certain Zoning Districts And The Standards By Which Turkey Shoots May Be Approved. - ***Planning Department Case Number: UDO-TA-2020-2957. Planning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 5-2. Passed 6-0 at the April 12, 2021 County Council Meeting (Terry Graham Abstained).***

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This item was not discussed during the Council meeting and was for information only for Council and citizens.

Miscellaneous Reports and Correspondence

a. Grant Approval from Commerce

Steve Willis noted that the Department of Economic Development had received a three hundred thousand dollar ($300,000.00) grant from Commerce and another twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00) from Duke Energy to use for the local match.

b. Government Finance Officer's Association Distinguished Budget Award

Steve Willis recognized Veronica Thompson, Kim Belk and Graham Shuford for winning the Government Finance Officer's Association Distinguished Budget Award.

Steve Harper noted, for the record, that the Council Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for August 11, 2021 has been canceled.

Citizens Comments

All citizens were heard during the Citizens Comments held at the beginning of the Council meeting.

Executive Session

Five Items (AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION, COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY MAKE MOTIONS IN OPEN SESSION):

1. ***Two Economic Development Discussions: Project Dream Gold and Project Robin. SC Code 30-4-70(a)(5).***

2. ***Two Legal Briefings on two Separate Pending or Threatened Litigation Matters. SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2).***

3. ***Discussion of a Contractual Matter. SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2).***

Charlene McGriff moved to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Brian Carnes. Motion Passed 7-0. At approximately 9:08 p.m., Council went into Executive Session to discuss the following items: (1) two economic development discussions: Project Dream Gold and Project Robin, pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(5); (2) two legal briefings on two separate pending or threatened litigation matters, pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2) and (3) discussion of a contractual matter, pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70(a)(2). Senior Planner Katie See was asked to join Council in Executive Session.

Council came out of Executive Session and Steve Harper called the Council meeting back to order at approximately 10:30 p.m. Charlene McGriff moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Billy Mosteller. Motion Passed 7-0.

Upon returning to open session, John DuBose noted, for the record, that during Executive Session, Council had two economic development discussions, Project Dream Gold and Project Robin, had two legal briefings on two separate threatened or pending litigation matters and discussed a contractual matter. He explained that, during Executive Session, no votes were taken and no decisions were made.

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Adjournment

Larry Honeycutt moved to adjourn the regular meeting of Council. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The motion to adjourn passed 7-0. There being no further business, the regular meeting of Council adjourned at approximately 10:31 p.m.