



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
August 16, 2022
6:01 p.m.

County Square - Council Chambers

Council Members

Mr. Willis Meadows, *Chairman, District 19*
Mr. Dan Tripp, *Vice-Chairman, District 28*
Mrs. Xanthene Norris, *Chairman Pro Tem, District 23*
Mr. Joe Dill, *District 17*
Mr. Mike Barnes, *District 18*
Mr. Stephen Shaw, *District 20*
Mr. Chris Harrison, *District 21*
Mr. Stan Tzouvelekas, *District 22*
Mrs. Liz Seman, *District 24*
Mr. Ennis Fant, Sr., *District 25*
Mr. Lynn Ballard, *District 26*
Mr. Butch Kirven, *District 27*

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted online and on the bulletin board at County Square and made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Council Members Absent

Councilor Norris, *District 23*

Staff Present

Joe Kernell, *County Administrator*
Mark Tollison, *County Attorney*
Kim Wunder, *Assistant County Attorney*
John Hansley, *Deputy County Administrator*
Regina McCaskill, *Clerk to Council*
Jessica Stone, *Deputy Clerk to Council*

Pam Gilliam, *Administrative Assistant*
Terrence Galloway, *Information Systems*
Tee Coker, *Assistant County Administrator*
Hesha Gamble, *Assistant County Administrator*
Bob Mihalic, *Governmental Affairs Officer*
John Vandermosten, *Assistant County Administrator, Public Safety*

Others Present

Sheriff Hobart Lewis

Call to Order

Chairman Willis Meadows

Invocation

Dr. Reverend Mike Hoyt
Fourth Presbyterian Church, Greenville

Pledge of Allegiance

Soteria Community Development

Councilor Fant recognized Jerry Blassingame, Founder and CEO of Soteria Community Development Corporation (CDC), who was in attendance along with several staff members, volunteers and participants. Soteria CDC advocated for economic and social justice for individuals and their families impacted by the criminal justice system by creating opportunities to re-enter society through transitional housing, life skills and job training.

Item (4) Approval of Minutes

Action: Councilor Tzouvelekas moved to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2022, Regular County Council meeting and the July 26, 2022, Special Called Council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (5) Appearances – Current Agenda Items

- **Ed Paxton** – appeared regarding Item 8.d. Master Lease Resolution

Item (6) Public Hearings

a. Prohibit Trespassing or Loitering at the Greenville County Detention Center

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to prohibit trespassing, loitering or refusing to leave Greenville County Detention Center.

- **Jack Logan** – appeared in favor of the proposed
- **Bruce Wilson** – appeared in opposition to the proposed

There being no other speakers, Councilor Barnes declared the public hearing closed.

b. Boiling Springs Fire District / Millage Request

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding a resolution to provide for the millage rate to be levied by the Boiling Springs Fire District.

There being no speakers, Vice-Chairman Tripp declared the public hearing closed.

c. Boiling Springs Fire District / Issuance of General Obligation Bonds

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance authorizing the Boiling Springs Fire District, South Carolina, to issue not exceeding \$11,250,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds; providing for the publication of notice of the said finding and authorization; and providing for other matters related thereto.

- **Birl Wiggins** – appeared in favor of the proposed

There being no other speakers, Vice-Chairman Tripp declared the public hearing closed.

d. Clear Spring Fire and Rescue District / Millage Request

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to provide for an increase to the millage rate levied by the Clear Spring Fire and Rescue District.

There being no speakers, Vice-Chairman Tripp declared the public hearing closed.

e. Canebrake Fire Service Area / Millage Request

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to provide for an increase to the millage rate levied by the Canebrake Fire Service Area.

There being no speakers, Vice-Chairman Tripp declared the public hearing closed.

f. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment – Addition of Multiple Properties

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.

There being no speakers, Vice-Chairman Tripp declared the public hearing closed.

g. Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment / Microtex Composites Inc. (formerly Project Care)

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park (2010 Park) of Greenville and Anderson Counties so as to enlarge the park.

There being no speakers, Vice-Chairman Tripp declared the public hearing closed.

Item (7) Consent Agenda

- a. **Commissioning of Code Enforcement Officers** *(PWI)*
- b. **Initiate Zoning Text Amendment / Amend Section 3:2.11 - Stay of Proceedings** *(P&D)*
- c. **Community Project Application / Signage for Hampton Pinckney Historic District \$13,750.00** *(Finance)*
- d. **FY2023 Proposed Paving List** *(PWI)*

Action: Councilor Seman moved approval of the Consent Agenda Items.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (8) Resolutions

a. Boiling Springs Fire District / Millage Request

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution to provide for the millage rate to be levied by the Boiling Springs Fire District

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

b. Project Iron / Inducement Resolution

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an inducement agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Project Iron, whereby, under certain conditions, Greenville County would execute a fee in lieu of tax with respect to a project in the county whereby the project would be subject to payment of certain fees in lieu of taxes; and providing for related matters.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

c. **Project Shank / Inducement Resolution**

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an inducement agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Project Shank, whereby, under certain conditions, Greenville County would execute a fee in lieu of tax agreement with respect to a project in the county whereby the project would be subject to payment of certain fees in lieu of taxes, and providing for related matters.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

d. **Master Lease Resolution**

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution authorizing a master lease agreement in the principal amount of not exceeding \$7,000,000 relating to the financing of equipment for public purposes; authorizing the execution and delivery of various documents; and other matters relating thereto.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (9) Ordinances – Third Reading

a. **Zoning Ordinances**

i. **CZ-2022-046:** Property of Mountain Creek Real Estate, LLC, located at 4101 Old Buncombe Road, Greenville, requesting rezoning from S-1 to C-1.

Action: Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

ii. **CZ-2022-052:** Property of Classic Joint Ventures LLC and TCB Corporation, located on Old Spartanburg Road, Hudson Road and Brushy Creek Road, requesting rezoning from PD, R-15 and POD to PC-MC as amended.

Action: Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

b. **Anderson - Greenville Multi County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment / Microtex Composites Inc. (formerly Project Care)**

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park (2010 Park) of Greenville and Anderson Counties so as to enlarge the park.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

b. **Caesar's Head Fire Service Area / Millage Request**

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to provide for an increase to the millage rate levied by the Caesar's Head Fire Service Area, and to authorize the Chairman of County Council and the County Administrator to renew the contract for fire protection and first responder services with Cedar Mountain Fire Rescue, Inc.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (10) Ordinances – Second Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

- i. CZ-2022-013:** Property of Elaine Means Haugabook & Erin Means Mellen, located on Old Bramlett Road and Frady Road, requesting rezoning from S-1 to R-15. The Planning Commission recommended approval and the Committee recommended denial.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion was denied unanimously by Council Members present.

- ii. CZ-2022-023:** Property of Riddle Family Number 9, LLC, located on Log Shoals Road, Piedmont, requesting rezoning from R-S to C-2. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended denial.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Vice-Chairman Tripp stated Log Shoals Road was too narrow and overcrowded; in his opinion, development should be discontinued until adequate infrastructure was in place. Those issues also pertained to CZ-2022-060 and CZ-2022-62. Mr. Tripp stated parts of the road were located in Mr. Fant’s district as well as Mr. Ballard’s. He requested his colleagues vote in opposition to the proposed.

Motion was denied unanimously by Council Members present.

- iii. CZ-2022-054:** Property of Craig F. Galloway located at 1201 N. Franklin Road, Greenville, requesting rezoning from R-M20 to C-3. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- iv. CZ-2022-055:** Property of William R. Williams III of WRW Associates, LLC, located on Rutledge Lake Road, Greenville, requesting rezoning from R-S to I-1. The Planning Commission recommended denial and the Committee recommended approval.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Action: Councilor Dill moved to hold the item at the request of the owner.

Motion to hold carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- v. CZ-2022-056:** Property of Debbie A. Kimmel, located at 113 Watson Road, Fountain Inn, requesting rezoning from R-R1 to AG. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- vi. **CZ-2022-057:** Property of Ramiro Rodriguez Cruz, located at 311 Donaldson Road, Greenville, requesting rezoning from R-10 to S-1. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended denial.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion was denied unanimously by Council Members present.

- vii. **CZ-2022-058:** Property of Charles D. Thompson Jr. & CEJ Properties, LLC, located on Augusta Road, Greenville, requesting rezoning from S-1 to R-MA. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended denial.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion was denied unanimously by Council Members present.

- viii. **CZ-2022-059:** Property of Joey M. Bishop, locate at 619 Fowler Road, Simpsonville, requesting rezoning from R-S to C-1. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended denial.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion was denied unanimously by Council Members present.

- ix. **CZ-2022-060:** Property of Riddle Family Number 9, LLC, located on Log Shoals Road, Piedmont, requesting rezoning from R-S to PD. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval with conditions.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Action: Councilor Dill moved to amend the request to add the condition requiring the applicant to submit a Final Development Plan for review and approval prior to the issuance of any land development or building permits.

Motion to amend carried by Council Members present.

Vice-Chairman Tripp requested his colleagues vote in opposition to the proposed, citing the reasons previously discussed.

Motion as amended was denied unanimously by Council Members present.

- x. **CZ-2022-061:** Withdrawn

- xi. **CZ-2022-062:** Property of Dyrone D. Moss & J. David Monaco as Successor Trustee of the D. P. Kropp Family Trust, located on Griffin Mill Rd, Piedmont, requesting rezoning from R-S to FRD. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval with conditions.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Action: Councilor Dill moved to amend the request to add the following conditions:

1. *The applicant must provide a revised a capacity request form or will-serve letter with sewer capacity for all 158 proposed units.*
2. *The applicant must receive approval from South Carolina Department of Transportation regarding the Traffic Impact Study.*
3. *The applicant must submit a Final Development Plan for review and approval prior to the issuance of any land development or building permits.*

Motion to amend carried by Council Members present.

Vice-Chairman Tripp requested his colleagues vote in opposition to the proposed, citing the reasons previously discussed.

Councilor Harrison stated there appeared to be a lack of communication in regards to the item in question, as well as the two related requests. Staff had done quite a bit of work on the items. Mr. Harrison stated it was important to communicate with all involved parties.

Motion as amended was denied unanimously by Council Members present.

b. Prohibit Trespassing or Loitering at the Greenville County Detention Center

Action: Councilor Barnes moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to prohibit trespassing, loitering, or refusing to leave Greenville County Detention Center.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

c. Boiling Springs Fire District / Issuance of \$11,250,000 General Obligation Bonds

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing the Boiling Springs Fire District, South Carolina, to issue not exceeding \$11,250,000 aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds; providing for the publication of notice of the said finding and authorization; and providing for other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

d. Clear Spring Fire District Millage Request

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to provide for an increase to the millage rate levied by the Clear Spring Fire and Rescue District.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

e. Canebrake Fire Service Area Millage Request

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to provide for an increase to the millage rate levied by the Canebrake Fire Service Area.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

- f. **Greenville / Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment – Addition of Multiple Properties**

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present.

Item (11) Ordinances – First Reading

- a. **Zoning Ordinances**

Councilor Dill presented for first reading **Zoning Dockets CZ-2022-069 through CZ-2022-075**.

Chairman Meadows referred the items to the Planning and Development Committee.

- b. **Flood Control Ordinance Amendment**

Councilor Seman presented for first reading an ordinance to amend Section 24 of Chapter 8, Article II of the Code of Ordinances of Greenville County, South Carolina entitled “Flood Control, Drainage, Stormwater Management - Floods and Flood Control” so as to remove the ordinance’s application to areas adjacent to areas of special flood hazard.

Chairman Meadows stated the item would remain on the floor for public hearing and second reading.

- c. **Project Iron / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement**

Vice-Chairman Tripp presented for first reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Project Iron with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Meadows stated the item would remain on the floor for public hearing and second reading.

- d. **Project Shank / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement**

Vice-Chairman Tripp presented for first reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and a company or companies known to the county at this time as Project Shank with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Meadows stated the item would remain on the floor for public hearing and second reading.

- e. **Foothills Fire Service Area / Millage Request**

Vice-Chairman Tripp presented for first reading an ordinance to provide the millage rate to be levied by the Foothills Fire Service Area.

Chairman Meadows stated the item would remain on the floor for public hearing and second reading.

Item (12) Committee Reports

There were no reports.

Item (13) Administrator's Report

Mr. Kernell provided information regarding Money Smart Teens, a collaborative effort with Workforce Development, the Human Relations Financial Empowerment Center, the Department of Social Services and Greenville County. The goal of the program was to generate great saving habits for a financially secure future by developing job skills, providing invaluable work experience and pay, offering a flexible schedule and providing opportunities to learn about credit, debit, mobile banking and savings. Participants would earn a tablet upon successful completion of the program. The program, open to 16-18 year old high school students, would begin with 10 slots available and was scheduled to start September 6, 2022, at the One Stop Workforce Development Center located in McAlister Square. Mr. Kernell thanked Greenville County staff members Mattie Moon, Bob Mihalic and Shannon Herman for all their hard work on the project.

Councilor Seman requested an update regarding the Slater-Marietta Fire Service Area.

Mr. Kernell stated Slater-Marietta Fire Service Area had given notice that they would not be renewing the contract to provide fire service to River Falls Fire District. Greenville County Council dissolved the River Falls Fire District several years ago and contracted with Slater-Marietta to provide services. Over 50% of the property in that district was tax exempt. Mr. Kernell stated he was confident that the County would have a solution prior to the contract expiring.

Councilor Tzouvelekas requested an update on the purchase of the TD Center.

Mr. Kernell stated the City of Greenville had pulled back on negotiations and was currently exploring other options.

Councilor Shaw asked if Greenville County participated with Greenlink.

Mr. Kernell stated Greenville County provided a significant amount of funding to Greenlink on an ongoing basis.

Item (14) Requests and Motions

a. Motion to Open a Special Application Period for the Planning Commission Vacancy

Action: Per notice provided in the Council agenda packet, Councilor Dill moved to suspend the County's Board and Commission Policy, Section 12, in order to make a motion to reopen a special application period for a vacancy on the Planning Commission.

Chairman Meadows asked if the purpose of the request was related to a quorum issue on the Planning Commission.

Councilor Dill stated the Planning Commission was created by the State of South Carolina. Council had the same discussion on November 2, 2021, in order to confirm the appointment of JeVarus Howard to board.

Councilor Kirven agreed that the Planning Commission was established by state statute, unlike some of the County's boards and commissions. Mr. Kirven asked Mr. Tollison to comment on the requirements to fill vacancies on that board within a certain time period.

Councilor Dill stated that state statute indicated Planning Commission vacancies must be filled in the same manner as originally filled and had nothing to do with quorum issues.

Councilor Fant asked if filling the vacancy was a requirement, given the fact that no quorum issue currently existed.

Mr. Tollison stated that state statute allowed for the County to create a Planning Commission. In the event of a vacancy, the seat must be filled in the same manner it was originally appointed. In his opinion, the County's Board and Commission policy governed the current situation. With the recent resignation of a Planning Commission member, it appeared as if Mr. Dill was asking Council to allow the opening of a special application period to fill the vacancy.

Councilor Kirven asked if a precedent was set in November with the filling of a vacant seat.

Mr. Tollison stated he felt that the appointment of Mr. Howard was not the first time Council had filled a vacancy on a board when quorum was not an issue.

Councilor Kirven asked Mr. Dill how long would the application period be open.

Councilor Dill stated normally it would be for two (2) weeks; however, it could be for any length of time Council chose. He added that the board member who resigned was from his district; however, there was already another board member from District 17 on the board. Mr. Dill read the minutes from the November 2, 2021 Council meeting as follows:

"Mr. Tollison stated the Planning Commission was a county-wide board. The County's Board and Commission Policy should better reflect the need to fully staff certain boards. Based on the current situation, it would be more advantageous if the board consisted of nine members as opposed to only eight."

Councilor Fant stated Council approved the opening of a special application period for the Planning Commission in November of 2021 as there was no minority representation on that board. Currently, there were eight (8) members on the Planning Commission. He suggested giving the board the opportunity to function; if problems should arise, Council could address them as needed.

Councilor Harrison stated the recent resignation of the board member was unexpected. Given all the issues with the Planning Commission, a new appointment was very important. Mr. Harrison stated the seat would need to be filled at some point, but, there should be no rush to do so.

Councilor Ballard requested clarification from Mr. Tollison in regards to what constituted a precedent; whether it was a one-time occurrence or an event that had occurred on more than one occasion.

Mr. Tollison stated County Council's Board and Commission Policy stipulated that an emergency application process may be opened up in the event a vacancy resulted in a board or commission not being able to meet. From time to time, as Council saw fit, that rule was suspended in order to fill a vacancy. The decision to approve that process for the Mr. Dill's request was up to Council. Mr. Tollison read the policy as follows:

Section 12: Emergency Application Process

"In the event that a vacancy results in a board or commission not being able to meet due to lack of quorum, or if the County loses representation on a jointly represented board, the County Council, by majority vote, shall open an Emergency Application Period to receive applications for that board or commission for ten (10) days."

Mr. Tollison stated there was no quorum issue in regards to the Planning Commission, now or in November of 2021. He added that the vote in November was not the only time Council had voted to open an emergency application process in order to fill a vacancy, it was just the most recent example. The decision to open up an emergency application process was Council's decision.

Councilor Kirven asked how long the seat would remain vacant if Council chose not to open up an emergency application process.

Ms. McCaskill stated the application process for the vacancy would be in January of 2023. The Committee of the Whole was responsible for interviewing candidates for the Planning Commission. If the vacancy was for an unexpired term, the chosen candidate would immediately fill that seat for the remainder of the term.

Vice-Chairman Tripp asked if there were any possible consequences if Council chose not to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Tollison read the State of South Carolina Code of Laws Section 6-29-350 - Membership; terms of office; compensation; qualification as follows:

“No member of a planning commission may hold an elected public office in the municipality or county from which appointed. Members of the commission first to serve must be appointed for staggered terms as described in the agreement of organization and shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. The compensation of the members, if any, must be determined by the governing authority or authorities creating the commission. A vacancy in the membership of a planning commission must be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.”

Mr. Tollison stated it was his opinion that the statute spoke to the method of filling a vacancy, not the timing.

Motion as presented was denied by a roll call vote of one in favor (Dill), ten in opposition (Barnes, Meadows, Shaw, Harrison, Tzouvelekas, Seman, Fant, Ballard and Kirven) and one (Norris) absent.

b. Request to Allocate \$250,000.00 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to Safe Harbor

Action: As noticed on the County Council agenda, Councilor Tzouvelekas requested \$250,000.00 to be given to Safe Harbor out of the American Recuse Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Chairman Meadows referred the item to the Finance Committee.

Councilor Harrison suggested a process be put in place to allocate the remainder of the ARPA funds.

Vice-Chairman Tripp stated that prior to the next Finance Committee meeting scheduled for August 22, a workshop would be held in order to discuss disbursement of the remaining ARPA funds. Several entities would be making presentations, outlining their specific needs and requests.

Requests and Motions continued

- Councilor Ballard stated construction on South Greenville Fire Department’s training tower started earlier in the day. He stated it would be a first class training tower and possibly the only one in the southern part of Greenville County.
- Councilor Kirven stated he recently attended the South Carolina Association of Counties Annual Conference held on the Isle of Palms. Mr. Kirven stated he especially enjoyed the classes offered at the Institute of Government; he was able to network and build relationships with Council Members and staff from different counties throughout the state. The instructors and facilitators were “first class.”

Mr. Kirven congratulated Councilor Fant on his graduation from the Advanced Level at the Institute.

- Councilor Dill congratulated Mr. Kirven on his election to the SCAC Board of Directors.

- Councilor Barnes stated he attended a class taught by County Attorney, Mark Tollison, during the conference; it was very informative.
- Councilor Shaw echoed Mr. Barnes’ sentiments regarding the class taught by Mr. Tollison at the conference.

Mr. Shaw asked Councilor Seman to comment on the signage for the Hampton Pinckney Historic District.

Councilor Seman stated the signs would be installed in several locations throughout the Hampton Pinckney Historic District to recognize that community’s history. She and Councilor Norris shared the cost of the signage through the use of their districts’ Community Project funds.

- Councilor Harrison recognized the members of the area’s fire districts who were in attendance. He thanked his colleagues for supporting the general obligation bonds for the Boiling Springs Fire District; he was very excited about the project.
- Councilor Tzouvelekas echoed Mr. Harrison’s comment regarding Boiling Springs Fire District.

Mr. Tzouvelekas thanked the staff and volunteers at Safe Harbor; they provided a great service to the community.

- Councilor Seman thanked the members of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. They had a meeting earlier in the day with a good discussion about interaction with staff.

Ms. Seman stated it was important to educate the citizens of Greenville County about how government worked. As she had suggested previously, Ms. Seman reiterated the need for the development of a Citizens Academy to help with that cause.

- Councilor Fant stated he recently attended the SCTAC Annual Board Retreat, highlighting an outstanding year with all the new businesses at SCTAC.

Mr. Fant reminded his colleagues about the Argo AI event to be held on Tuesday, August 23. It was an honor for Argo AI to choose Greenville; they had looked a multiple facilities throughout the country.

Councilor Fant stated climate change was very “real” to him. He requested the County explore possible additives to asphalt in an effort to prolong its lifespan and reduce carbon footprint.

Mr. Fant suggested employing a marketing firm, along with area stakeholders, to discuss a possible .01 sales tax to fix the County’s roads; doing so would raise \$90 million.

Item (15) Adjournment

Action: Councilor Fant moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by Council Members present and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina G. McCaskill
Clerk to Council