GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes
Regular Meeting
September 1, 2026
6:16 p.m.

Council Chambers
301 University Ridge
Greenville, South Carolina

Council Members
Benton Blount, *Chairman, District 19*
Rick Bradley, *Vice-Chairman, District 26*
Liz Seman, *Chairwoman Pro Tem, District 24*
Joey Russo, *District 17*
Kelly Long, *District 18*
Stephen Shaw, *District 20*
Curt McGahhey, *District 21*
Frank Farmer, *District 22*
Alan Mitchell, *District 23*
Ennis Fant, Sr., *District 25*
Garey Collins, *District 27*
Dan Tripp, *District 28*

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place, and agenda was posted online, at 301 University Ridge, Greenville, and made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations, and concerned citizens.

Council Members Absent

None

Council Members Remote Participation

None

Staff Present

Ted Lambrecht, *Deputy County Administrator*
Chris Antley, *County Attorney*
Regina McCaskill, *Clerk to Council*
Julie Wallace, *Deputy Clerk to Council*
Jessica Stone, *Special Projects Coordinator*
Julie Confer, *Administrative Assistant, Council Office*
Jason Martin, *Assistant County Administrator*
Bob Mihalic, *Governmental Affairs Officer*
Terrence Galloway, *Information Systems*
Ronald Hollister, *Assistant County Administrator*

Others Present

None

Call to Order — Chairman Blount

Invocation — Councilor Fant

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (4) ***Approval of Minutes***

a. August 18, 2026 – Regular County Council Meeting

Action: Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2026, Regular County Council Meeting.

Motion carried.

Item (5) ***Appearances – Current Agenda Items***

The following individuals appeared before Council to speak on the noted topics:

- **Dianne Vreeland -** *appeared regarding Item 8.c. Audit Resolution*
- **Michael Fox -** *appeared regarding Item 9.d. Greenville County Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment / Open Space Residential Development (CZ-2026-040) and Item 9.e. Land Development Regulations Amendment / Open Space Residential Development*
- **William Johnson -** *appeared regarding Item 9.d. Greenville County Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment / Open Space Residential Development (CZ-2026-040) and Item 9.e. Land Development Regulations Amendment / Open Space Residential Development*
- **Jeffrey Randolph -** *appeared regarding Item 9.d. Greenville County Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment / Open Space Residential Development (CZ-2026-040) and Item 9.e. Land Development Regulations Amendment / Open Space Residential Development*
- **Brenda Buchik -** *appeared regarding Item 9.b. Greenville County Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment / Mountain Creek Community District (CZ-2026-031)*
- **Paul Harrison -** *appeared regarding Item 9.d. Greenville County Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment / Open Space Residential Development (CZ-2026-040) and Item 9.e. Land Development Regulations Amendment / Open Space Residential Development*

Item (6) ***Public Hearings***

a. Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to provide regulations of wireless communications facilities, including cell towers, in the unincorporated areas of Greenville County.

- **Frank Tamburello -** *appeared in favor of the proposed*
- **Angela Fisher -** *appeared in favor of the proposed*
- **Elisa Chaney -** *appeared in favor of the proposed*
- **Irene Heiliger -** *appeared in favor of the proposed*
- **David Kopp -** *appeared in favor of the proposed*
- **Susana Saravia -** *appeared in favor of the proposed*
- **Douglas Allen -** *appeared in favor of the proposed*

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

Item (7) ***Consent Agenda***

- **a. Commission Animal Control Officer – Sam Duncan**
- **b. FY2027 Paving List**
- **c. FY2026 COPS Micrograants Program**
- **d. Community Project Application / City of Travelers Rest - Christmas Parade $2,000**

Action: Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman moved approval of the Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried.

Item (8) ***Resolutions***

a. Greater Greenville Sanitation District Annexation / 106 Phillips Avenue – Request for Public Hearing

Action: Councilor McGahhey moved for adoption a resolution to hold a public hearing to consider enlarging the Greater Greenville Sanitation District to include the 106 Phillips Avenue parcel.

Motion

b. Equipment Master Lease – Vehicle Replacement

Action: Councilor Collins 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.

Councilor McGahhey stated two of the vehicles to be purchased were Tahoes, while the others were Explorers. He asked whether it was because Tahoes carried more equipment or were they a status symbol.

Mr. Lambrecht stated the difference could be for a variety of reasons. The Fleet Management Director had a list of the mileage and condition of each vehicle needing replacement; he met with the departments and reviewed each request. The replacements were needed to maintain a rolling stock of available vehicles.

Councilor McGahhey stated the Tahoes were for EMS; he asked Mr. Lambrecht to determine why the Tahoes were being purchased instead of Explorers and report back. He planned to vote in favor of the item but wanted to know why, as the Tahoes were significantly more expensive than the Explorers.

Mr. Lambrecht stated Tahoes were sometimes less expensive than Explorers on a state contract.

Councilor McGahhey stated under the current proposed lease agreement, that was not the case. The Tahoes were each $10,000 more than the Explorers.

Mr. Lambrecht stated he would look into the issue and report back.

Councilor Collins stated vehicle lease prices “bumped up” approximately four years ago. The vehicle lease replacements were county-wide, with the majority for law enforcement. He stated they would not want a deputy running 90-100 miles an hour in a vehicle with 200,000 miles on it. Mr. Collins stated they were almost breaking even, as it was a constant lease for different vehicles. He stated he agreed with Mr. McGahhey’s question.

Motion as presented carried.

c. Audit Resolution

Action: Councilor Long moved for adoption a resolution authorizing and directing an independent forensic audit of the financial operations and budgetary functions of Greenville County, including the General Fund, for the six consecutive fiscal years commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2025; establishing the scope, procurement method, and oversight structure; and providing for other matters related thereto.

Councilor Tripp asked whether the proposed item was intended to be in addition to the current audit being conducted.

Councilor Long stated the audit that was currently underway was not a forensic audit; it was an operational audit. The proposed item was a “financial audit” that would “dig a little deeper” than the operational audit. She stated she actually planned to suggest a “budget compliance audit,” which was conducted by a forensic auditor and detailed how an entity used its funds. Ms. Long stated the forensic auditor would establish a baseline, which would be important for the new county administrator as they reviewed budgets, examined grants, and matched line items to determine which were authorized for funding and which were not. The audit would also include data extraction, pulling the full ledger of transactions, purchase orders, receipts, invoices, bank statements, etc. It would also include line-item testing, reconciling expenditures against the assigned GL (general ledger) codes and ensuring they were charged to the correct GL codes. She stated the audit would also ensure funds were utilized as authorized and followed County policies. It was a test to ensure the County handled money according to its policies while remaining transparent.

Councilor Tripp stated the General Assembly required the County to have an independent audit completed on a yearly basis. He asked whether or not that audit addressed those concerns.

Councilor Long stated the required annual audit did not address those concerns. It was a “financial snapshot” of where the County started, what money and assets it had, where the County ended, and whether the audit met federal guidelines. She stated it was a “true snapshot” and provided no details. It was like a financial statement.

Councilor Tripp asked how much the proposed item would cost.

Councilor Long stated RFPs would have to be sent out and bids taken. The operational audit that was currently underway cost approximately $320,000, leaving $180,000 in the current budget for the proposed item. She stated after the bids were submitted, they would have to review the cost and consider the feasibility of having the audit done.

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman asked whether there was a sense of how long it would take to hire an audit company and how long it would take to complete the audit. Given the length of the proposed "look back," she asked whether anyone had considered shortening the time frame. Ms. Seman stated if it took some time to get a company on board to complete the audit, they might not have the answers they wanted for the new County Administrator. She asked Ms. Long if she would be amenable to the proposed item going through the Committee of the Whole, as she felt it was important for all twelve County Members to hear the results.

Councilor Long stated Councilor Collins had initiated the item in question and had done quite a bit of research on the issue. She asked Mr. Collins to weigh in.

Councilor Collins stated there was no punitive implication; the goal was to obtain an in-depth look at the County's finances in addition to the annual audit. He stated the annual audit was basically a blueprint laying out allocations, expenditures, and balances, and determining whether they matched. Mr. Collins stated his intent with the proposed item was to review policies, procedures, and regulations. For example, the County received a grant in the amount of $100,000, and only $87,000 was used. The proposed audit would determine where the remaining funds were.

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman asked Mr. Collins approximately how long the audit would take to complete.

Councilor Collins stated he left the time frame open. The Oversight Ad Hoc Committee was advised not to make any amendments and pass the item on to full Council. If Council amended the item, it could then be sent back to the committee. Mr. Collins stated he was looking at a minimum of two separate years in the General Fund budget cycle. He said the County website provided no information on General Fund allocations for the past 10 years. He found a way to look back further than two years for County expenditures on the website; however, it showed "zero expenditures" for the General Fund, even though all the other departments had expenditures listed. It appeared to be prudent that the General Fund was the "County's checkbook." He stressed it was not a "witch hunt," but rather a way to ensure a good transition from the current County Administrator to a new one.

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman asked if six months was a reasonable amount of time to anticipate the audit being completed.

Councilor Collins stated, depending on what the body recommended, an RFP could be sent out and the cost adjusted according to the bids.

Councilor Tripp asked Mr. Collins if he had any idea how much time it would take to complete a one-year audit as opposed to a six-year audit, given that he appeared to be in favor of possibly narrowing the lookback time frame.

Councilor Collins stated he had spoken with three out-of-state companies and was advised that reviewing two years of the General Fund could cost between $50,000 and $200,000. He stated the average time to complete the audit was four months.

Councilor Tripp asked which two fiscal years he was concerned with.

Councilor Collins stated any two of the past six years. He was not implying any problems would be found; however, he was concerned no expenditures from the General Fund were listed on the website for the past ten years. While he understood the issues COVID had presented, along with a lack of personnel, the information should be included on the County's website.

Chairman Blount passed the gavel to Vice-Chairman Bradley.

Councilor Blount stated he understood the intent of the proposed resolution. He had watched at the Oversight Committee Ad Hoc Committee meeting, and the discussion was very thorough; it did not appear the intent was a "gotcha moment. The definition of a forensic audit alludes to the fact there was "something nefarious" occurring. He stated they were in the process of finding a new administrator and were searching the entire country, not just Greenville County. If someone from out of state applied and learned the County was in the middle of a forensic audit, they may be reluctant to continue the process. Mr. Blount stated he was open to calling the proposed audit anything Council agreed upon, but it should not give the impression improper activity was occurring. He stated he was open to suggestions.

Councilor Long suggested using the term "budget compliance audit." It would show what the County was doing with its budgeted funds. She stated that term would take "personality out of it." A forensic-type audit would still be conducted, but the name would be changed to indicate the audit's purpose, rather than calling it a forensic audit.

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman asked if it would be appropriate to send the item back to the Oversight Ad Hoc Committee for final touches, based on the feedback from the full Council. She said doing so would help the committee move forward by revising the title and allowing time to determine the audit parameters.

Councilor Long stated the item in question was a resolution; when the committee brought it back to full Council, it would be an ordinance.

Councilor Collins stated the item was set up to get the most out of the resolution. He stated the only reason they used the term "forensic audit" was because the second part of the definition was the scope of what they were trying to accomplish. Mr. Collins stated he agreed with the item coming back out of committee as an ordinance.

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman stated the "teeth" would be in an ordinance. The body appeared to favor the audit; she was concerned about passing the resolution as written. Ms. Seman stated she was in favor of changing the title but was not in favor of the long time frame. She was worried about how long the audit would take to complete. Ms. Seman stated she appreciated the idea of a two-year look back but asked which two years should be considered.

Action: Councilor Seman moved to send the resolution back to the Oversight Ad Hoc Committee and requested the committee come back with an ordinance Council could begin moving through the process.

Councilor Fant stated he had no idea how much the proposed audit would cost. From what he had heard, it would probably exceed the $180,000. He asked his colleagues if they were willing to approve a supplemental appropriation for additional funds, noting they would have to go into the reserve fund to cover the cost.

Councilor Collins said he would support requesting a supplemental appropriation, if needed.

Action: Councilor Blount moved to change the name of the audit to "budget compliance audit" but keep the scope unchanged.

Friendly Amendment: Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman offered a friendly amendment to the resolution to read as follows:

"A resolution authorizing and directing ~~an independent forensic~~ a budget compliance audit of the financial operations and budgetary functions of Greenville County, including the General Fund~~, for the six consecutive fiscal years commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2025~~; establishing the scope, procurement method, and oversight structure; and providing for other matters related thereto.

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman stated amending the resolution, as she had suggested, would allow Council to approve it and give the committee the opportunity to return with an ordinance containing established dates.

Councilor Blount stated he accepted Ms. Seman's friendly amendment, changing the name of the forensic audit to the budget compliance audit.

Councilor McGahhey stated he wanted to reiterate the fact that they were searching for a new County Administrator. Some candidates may disqualify themselves if they knew the County was undergoing a forensic audit. He stated they should not be "fearful of an audit," and he planned to support it; however, it was important how the proposed audit was presented to the public. The County was at a "very critical apex" in its search for a new administrator, which would set the future for potentially the next 20 years. He encouraged his colleagues to vote in favor of the amendment.

Councilor Tripp stated he had "absolutely zero problem" with an audit; however, perfection could be the enemy of the good. If one of the stated purposes of the audit was to provide a baseline for the new administrator, that could be done with a two-year budget cycle. He stated if Council approved a two-year look-back and discovered malfeasance or "stupidity in budgeting", they could always look at additional years. Mr. Tripp suggested they audit a specific time period, review the results, and then decide whether they needed to look at additional years. He stated the new Administrator may want to look at additional years.

Councilor Blount's amendment to change the name of the audit from a forensic audit to a budget compliance audit and remove the stated time frame carried.

Action: Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman moved to approve the resolution as amended.

Motion carried by a roll call vote of ten (Russo, Long, Blount, Shaw, McGahhey, Farmer, Seman, Bradley, Collins, Tripp) in favor and two (Mitchell, Fant) in opposition.

Vice-Chairman Bradley returned the gavel to Chairman Blount.

Item (9) ***Ordinances – Third Reading***

a. Zoning Ordinances

i. CZ-2026-024, Property of Edward Cunningham, located at 3316 and 3314 Wade Hampton Boulevard, requesting rezoning from C-2 to S-1.

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried.

Councilor Tripp left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

ii. CZ-2026-032, Property of April Allen of Ansley Daniel Properties #1, LLC, located at 15 Renfrew Avenue, requesting rezoning from C-1 to I-1.

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried.

iv. CZ-2026-036, Property of Rick Cauthen of International Properties, LLC, located on Grove Reserve Parkway and Interstate 185, requesting rezoning from C-3 to I-1.

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried.

v. CZ-2026-037, Property of Augusta Grove Passco II, LLC, located on Grove Reserve Parkway and Interstate 185, requesting rezoning from I-1 to C-2.

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried.

vi. CZ-2026-038, Property of Rick Cauthen of International Properties, LLC, located on Grove Reserve Parkway and Interstate 185, requesting rezoning from C-3 to C-2.

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried.

b. Greenville County Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment / Mountain Creek Community District *(CZ-2026-031)*

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to amend Article 8, Special Purpose and Review District Regulations, of the Greenville County Zoning Ordinance, to add Section 8:13, MCC, Mountain Creek Community District.

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley stated he had recently been made aware of some standard ordinance language that needed to be added to the document. He moved to hold the item until the next meeting in order that he may give proper notice of those amendments.

Councilor Shaw asked what language needed to be added.

Vice-Chairman Bradley stated a few scrivener's errors needed to be corrected and some standard ordinance language was omitted.

Councilor McGahhey moved to recess the meeting for five minutes in order to give Council time to review the additional information.

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman stated the motion was to hold. If passed, the item would not be taken up.

Councilor McGahhey stated giving Council the opportunity to review the additional documentation could affect whether the item was held.

Motion to recess carried. The meeting recessed at 7:24 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:38 p.m.

Action: Councilor Shaw moved to suspend Council Rule III.B.1, requiring written notification of requests for Council action, in order to take up an amendment to add ministerial boilerplate language that was typically included in every ordinance.

Councilor Fant stated Council had been working with Ms. Buchik and others regarding the item in question for more than two years. He stated the severability clause was missing from the proposed ordinance; that omission could be corrected immediately. However, per Mr. Antley, there were legal issues that needed to be addressed and could not be corrected immediately. Mr. Fant stated he would like to send the item back to the Planning and Development Committee to fix any issues. He stated the committee would be meeting the following week and suggested inviting all interested parties to participate in the meeting and assist in the cleanup of any errors.

Councilor Shaw stated Ms. Buchik was nodding her head in agreement; that was all he cared about. Mr. Shaw withdrew his motion to suspend Council Rule III.B.1 requiring written notification of requests for Council action.

Vice-Chairman Bradley withdrew his motion to hold the item.

Action: Councilor Shaw moved to send the item back to Planning and Development Committee.

Motion to return the item to the Planning and Development Committee carried.

c. **Greenville County Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment / Home Occupation** *(CZ-2026-039)*

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to amend Article 6, Section 6:2 (13) Home Occupation, of the Greenville County Zoning Ordinance.

Motion carried.

d. **Greenville County Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment / Open Space Residential Development** *(CZ-2026-040)*

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to amend Article 6, Section 6:2 (10) Dwelling, Single-Family Attached and Dwelling, Two-Family (Duplex), Article 7, Table 7.1 Minimum Lot Area / Permitted Densities for Single-Family Residential, Article 7, Section 7:2 Open Space Residential Development, Section 7:2.5 Open Space Residential Development, Option #2, and Article 7, Table 7.2 Open Space Residential Development Options, of the Greenville County Zoning Ordinance.

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved to hold the ordinance, stating there were some late amendments that were not included in the packet. Delaying the ordinance would allow time to properly notice those amendments.

Councilor McGahhey stated he had submitted additional LRD amendments that would be included on the agenda for the next Council meeting. He stated they were not giving the Planning Commission the power and discretion they wanted it to have. Some of the legal issues the County was facing stemmed from the LDRs being nebulous. Mr. McGahhey stated he had provided a redline copy to his colleagues to review prior to the next meeting. He stated the Planning Commission had no recourse to deny a request; the added language would allow it to control growth in a way that was functional for Greenville County.

Chairman Blount stated he wanted to address concerns about density. With the ordinances in question, increasing the number of units did not mean exceeding the allowance for a particular zoned parcel. He stated, per the current format of the ordinance, there was no way to achieve more density than the zoning already allowed. Mr. Blount stated that was the reason he was in favor of the proposed item.

Councilor Fant asked whether there had been any discussion about a developer or builder submitting a site plan based on the original zoning and then submitting another site plan that included the open space to ensure there was no increased density.

Vice-Chairman Bradley stated the zoning dictated density and the Open Space ordinance did not change it; it reduced it.

Councilor Fant stated he had received a number of calls regarding the item in question. He stated the complaints he was hearing were about the 30% Open Space and asked if a parcel was zoned for 90 units, could the builder or developer increase the unit size to 120.

Vice-Chairman Bradley stated, under the Open Space zoning, the allowance of 90 units would be reduced by 9, for a total of 81.

Chairman Blount stated he felt the problem was confusion between traditional zoning and cluster. Cluster did not provide for as many units as traditional.

Councilor Fant stated the complaints he had received were due to there being no minimum lot sizes.

Councilor McGahhey stated the ordinance required adherence to the underlying density table. He stated if 90 houses were allowed for a 10-acre plot, the Open Space would only allow for seven acres to be developed; however, the developer could still put the 90 units on those seven acres, but not 120. Mr. McGahhey stated preserving the three acres was a compromise, but not an exact thing. The underlying zoning density remained in effect for Open Space development.

Motion to hold the ordinance carried.

e. Land Development Regulations Amendment / Open Space Residential Development

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to amend Article 11 of the Greenville County Land Development Regulations related to the design and construction of Open Space Residential Developments.

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved to hold the item until the next meeting in order to have Mr. McGahhey's proposed amendments included.

Motion to hold carried by a roll call vote of ten (Russo, Long, Blount, Shaw, McGahhey, Mitchell, Seman, Fant, Bradley, Collins) in favor, one (Farmer) in opposition, one absent (Tripp).

f. Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance

Action: Councilor McGahhey moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to provide regulations of wireless communications facilities, including cell towers, in the unincorporated areas of Greenville County.

Chairman Blount passed the gavel to Vice-Chairman Bradley.

Councilor Blount commended Councilor Long on the amount of time she spent working on the item. While reviewing it, he realized some sections did not comply with the Wireless Communications Act for South Carolina. He stated there were several areas that could have been in violation; the ordinance had to withstand scrutiny. He stated he was prepared to make an amendment that would ensure the ordinance complied with the South Carolina Communications Deployment Act and would be legally sound if approved.

Action: Councilor Blount moved to amend the ordinance to reflect the redlined version provided in the Council agenda packet.

Councilor Shaw asked Mr. Blount to provide a brief synopsis of his amendment.

Councilor Blount stated there were areas in the rural parts of the County where lines had not yet been connected. He stated the original height requirement exceeded state and federal requirements. Mr. Blount stated the proposed ordinance removed certain types of administrative review required by state law. He stated some of the sections were not legally sound, and the County could be easily challenged if the ordinance was passed in its original form.

Councilor Fant asked Mr. Antley whether passage of Mr. Blount's amendment would alleviate his concerns about compliance with state and federal law. He asked if the County would still be open to legal litigation.

Mr. Antley stated his overall concern had been that no one in his office was an FCC expert and it was a very complex area of law. He stated he would be more comfortable with an attorney specializing in FCC law to review the ordinance.

Councilor Fant asked Mr. Antley if any outside counsel had reviewed the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Antley stated there had not been, as that expense would require approval.

Councilor Long stated she had worked on the proposed ordinance for approximately two years. She had reached out to several municipalities and counties that had passed ordinances without resulting lawsuits or other issues. Ms. Long stated all the entities she spoke with had paid attorneys to draft their ordinances. She stated staff from both Encinitas, California, and Shelburne, Massachusetts, had been very helpful. She had also conferred with Environmental Health Trust, a professional company that handled litigation against cell towers. She stated multiple attorneys had worked on the ordinances she used to assist in drafting the proposed document.

Councilor Shaw asked Ms. Long if she had contacted any municipalities or local governments in South Carolina.

Councilor Long stated only two states on the East Coast had a similar ordinance; several on the West Coast as well as in northern states. She stated there were two or three municipalities she planned to call once the ordinance was passed, so that they could start their own process of adopting regulations.

Councilor Shaw asked Ms. Long if she was comfortable with Mr. Blount's amendment.

Councilor Long answered in the affirmative.

Motion to amend carried by a roll call vote of eleven (Russo, Long, Blount, Shaw, McGahhey, Farmer, Mitchell, Seman, Fant, Bradley, Collins) in favor, one (Tripp) absent.

Councilor Farmer stated he had planned to present an amendment but realized he did not have his colleagues' support for its passage. Some people said his amendment would undo the ordinance; which he thought was a bit of a stretch. Less than 2% of the parcels in Greenville County were publicly owned; private property owners were abusing the system. Mr. Farmer stated he was trying to find a mechanism to bring money to the County without it coming from taxpayers. His amendment aimed to place cell towers on landfills, commercial corridors, and areas away from residences, parks, schools, etc., to avoid affecting health or residential property values.

Councilor Farmer rescinded his proposed amendments.

Action: Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman moved adoption of the ordinance as amended.

Motion carried by a roll call vote of ten (Russo, Long, Blount, Shaw, McGahhey, Farmer, Mitchell, Seman, Bradley, Collins) in favor, one (Fant) in opposition, one (Tripp) absent.

Vice-Chairman Bradley returned the gavel to Chairman Blount.

g. South Greenville Area Fire District / General Obligation Bond

Action: Councilor Collins moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance finding that South Greenville Area Fire District, South Carolina, may issue not exceeding $1,000,000 of General Obligation Bonds in one or more series; to authorize the Board of Fire Control of the South Greenville Area Fire District, South Carolina, to issue such bonds and to provide for the publication of notice of the said finding and authorization.

Motion carried by a roll call vote of ten (Russo, Blount, Shaw, McGahhey, Farmer, Mitchell, Seman, Fant, Bradley, Collins) in favor, one (Long) in opposition, one (Tripp) absent.

h. Anderson - Greenville County / Multi-County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment - Signature Foods

Action: Councilor Collins 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 Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.

Motion carried.

<u>Item (10)</u> ***<u>Ordinances - Second Reading</u>***

a. Clear Spring Fire & Rescue / Millage Request

Action: Councilor Collins 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.

b. Special Lighting Tax Districts - Fee / Millage Adjustment

Action: Councilor Collins moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to provide for the millage or fee rate to be levied by certain special tax districts established for street lighting purposes and to adjust the fee or millage rate in thirteen such districts.

Motion carried.

c. Non-Consent Towing Ordinance Amendment

Action: Councilor Collins moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to amend the non-consent towing ordinance (Ordinance No. 4278, as amended by Ordinance No. 4692) to adjust the maximum towing rates.

Action: Councilor Collins moved to amend the ordinance to reflect the changes outlined in the red-lined version provided in the Council agenda packet.

Motion to amend carried.

Action: Councilor Collins moved approval of the ordinance as amended.

Motion carried by a roll call vote of seven (Blount, Farmer, Mitchell, Seman, Fant, Bradley, Collins) in favor, four (Russo, Long, Shaw, McGahhey) in opposition, one (Tripp) absent.

<u>Item (11)</u> ***<u>Ordinances - First Reading</u>***

a. Foothills Fire Service Area / Millage Request

Councilor Collins presented for first reading an ordinance to provide for the millage rate to be levied by the Foothills Fire Service Area.

Chairman Blount stated the item would remain on the floor.

b. Canebrake Fire Service Area / Millage Request

Councilor Collins presented for first reading an ordinance to provide for the millage rate to be levied by the Canebrake Fire Service Area.

Chairman Blount stated the item would remain on the floor.

c. Anderson / Greenville Multi-County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment - Adeptus USA Holdings, Inc. (formerly Project Palmetto)

Councilor Collins presented for first 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.

Chairman Blount stated the item would remain on the floor.

d. Laurens / Greenville Multi-County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment – Project Hunter

Councilor Collins presented for first reading an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park of Laurens and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.

Chairman Blount stated the item would remain on the floor.

<u>Item (12)</u> ***<u>Committee Reports</u>***

a. Committee of the Whole

i. CA 2025-CP-23-08251

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Bradley moved to authorize the County Attorney to file all the motions and appeals necessary in the interest of Greenville County as they pertain to CA 2025-CP-23-08251.

Motion carried.

ii. County Council Employee Evaluation Process

No action was taken on this item.

b. Committee on Finance

No report.

c. Committee on Communications and Governmental Affairs

Councilor Farmer stated the Public Comment Forum would meet the following week. The Salvation Army was scheduled to make a presentation, as well as an engineer from York County, to discuss the success of that county's 1% sales tax.

d. Committee on Planning and Development

No report.

e. Roads, Infrastructure and Public Works Committee

Councilor McGahhey stated the Greenville Airport Commission from the Downtown Airport gave a brief on airport operations, showing how the County and the City of Greenville could collaborate with the airport a bit more in the future. The tax money, revenues, and business the airport brought to the area were critical.

Mr. McGahhey stated Upstate Trails Alliance built a trail in the Five Forks area, running from the Enoree Landfill to the Mesa Soccer Fields. He stated part of his long-term project was envisioning something similar to Mount Trashmore in Virginia. The Five Forks area lacked any type of park. One was planned for the former YMCA property. He stated he hoped there would be an opportunity to develop one within the next five to six years.

f. Committee on Public Safety and Human Services

Councilor Collins stated a Five Forks Overlay Meeting was scheduled for September 8 at Clear Spring Fire Department. On September 17, the Scuffletown Rural Conservation District planned to meet at the fire department.

g. Oversight Ad Hoc Committee

Councilor Long stated the company hired to complete the Performance Audit would be onsite the week of September 14 - 18. She stated things were progressing as expected and she would keep them up to date.

h. Short-Term Rentals Ad Hoc Committee

No report.

Item (13) ***Public Comments***

- **David Leveille -** appeared regarding County Issues
- **Edward Bishop -** appeared regarding 4410 Old Spartanburg Road
- **Layden Caige -** appeared regarding the Unreliability of Council members

Item (14) ***Administrator's Report***

Mr. Lambrecht stated the Citizens Academy would start its fifth session on Tuesday, September 8. The participants would tour the Vehicle Service Center on Keith Drive before heading to Twin Chimneys Landfill. He stated staff planned to share information about the state-of-the-art facilities and innovative methods for handling solid waste, prior to leading the group on a tour of the landfill. Mr. Lambrecht stated current and past participants continued to give overwhelmingly positive feedback about the academy and how much they had learned. He stated there would be one more session in October before a graduation luncheon in November.

Item (15) ***Requests and Motions by Council Members***

There were no requests or motions.

Item (16) ***Adjournment***

Action: There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Bradley moved to adjourn.

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council