GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes
Regular Meeting
November 17, 2026
6:01 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

Joey Russo, *District 17*
Liz Seman, *District 24*

Staff Present

Joe Kernell, *County Administrator*
Ted Lambrecht, *Deputy County Administrator*
Chris Antley, *County Attorney*
Regina McCaskill, *Clerk to Council*
Julie Wallace, *Deputy Clerk to Council*
Julie Confer, *Administrative Assistant, Council Office*
Ronald Hollister, *Assistant County Administrator*
Jason Martin, *Assistant County Administrator*
Hesha Gamble, *Assistant County Administrator*
Bob Mihalic, *Governmental Affairs Officer*
Terrence Galloway, *Information Systems*

Others Present

None

Call to Order Chairman Blount

Invocation Councilor Collins

Pledge of Allegiance

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

a. November 3, 2026 – Regular County Council Meeting

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2026, Regular County Council meeting.

Motion carried.

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

- ***Michael Cain*** *- appeared regarding Item 10.a.iv. CZ-2026-054*
- ***Frank Thomas*** *- appeared regarding Item 10.a.iv. CZ-2026-054*
- ***Lynn Ramirez*** *- appeared regarding Item 10.a.iv. CZ-2026-055*
- ***Steve Ramirez*** *- appeared regarding Item 10.a.iv. CZ-2026-055*
- ***Lori Douglas*** *- appeared regarding Item 10.a.iv. CZ-2026-055*
- ***Verdell Evans*** *- appeared regarding Item 10.a.iv. CZ-2026-055*
- ***Joe Dill*** *- appeared regarding Item 10.a.iv. CZ-2026-055*
- ***Beyonca Banton*** *- appeared regarding Item 10.a.iv. CZ-2026-055*
- ***Tyrone Foster*** *- appeared regarding Item 10.a.iv. CZ-2026-055*
- ***Rachel Fox*** *- appeared regarding Item 10.a.iv. CZ-2026-055*
- ***David Duerling*** *- appeared regarding Item 10.a.iv. CZ-2026-055*
- ***Amber Stone*** *- appeared regarding Item 10.a.iv. CZ-2026-055*

Chairman Blount stated as the allotted 30-minute time frame had been exhausted, he would allow the remaining speakers to address Council at the end of the meeting *(Item 13 - Public Comments)*. He stated most of the speakers appeared to be in attendance regarding Item 10.a.iv. CZ-2026-055; therefore, he would have Council hear that item next if his colleagues had no objections.

Item (10) ***Second Reading***

a. Zoning Ordinances

i. CZ-2026-055, Property of Robert Moser of Prime Storage Taylors, LLC, located at 3150 Wade Hampton Blvd., requesting rezoning from C-2 to S-1. The Planning Commission and the Committee recommended approval.

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

Action: Councilor Shaw moved to hold the item.

Councilor Farmer asked Mr. Shaw to explain why he wanted to hold the item.

Councilor Shaw stated he wanted to give the public the opportunity to ask the applicant questions about the request. He stated the applicant needed to explain the request and had agreed to do so. Mr. Shaw stated he would like to hear from a hospital representative about the need for robotic surgery and related issues. If the item was held, it would provide time for additional discussions.

Councilor McGahhey stated he fully supported holding the item; however, it was important to remember data centers could be located anywhere in the County's unzoned areas. He stated he knew many Greenville County residents opposed zoning. Mr. McGahhey stated those living in the southern and northern parts of the County could "wake up tomorrow and someone could be breaking ground to put a data center next to your house," and there was nothing Council could do about it. He stated people living in unzoned areas should be concerned.

Councilor Long stated it was prudent to hold the item. She suggested everyone work together to restrict data centers and place them in the right locations. That was the message she was hearing, and she was certain her colleagues agreed.

Chairman Blount asked Mr. Shaw about a timeframe for the hold.

Councilor Shaw stated 30 days would allow time for a preliminary review and could be extended if necessary. He stated his motion would hold the application for 30 days but would not guarantee the development of a policy regarding data centers. Mr. Shaw stated the County could require conditions, and he had written down all the speakers' suggestions.

Chairman Blount clarified Mr. Shaw's request to hold the item for 30 days was actually longer than a simple motion to hold, which would have held the item until the next Council meeting.

Councilor McGahhey inquired whether any provision of state law prohibited holding the item for a specified period.

Mr. Antley stated the item could be held indefinitely or sent back to the Planning and Development Committee. He added Council could make a number of other recommendations.

Councilor Shaw stated the County could provide additional information about the item and citizens could speak directly with the applicant. He stated holding the item would address the applicant's needs as well as the public's concerns.

Councilor Tripp stated holding the item for 30 days would place it at the end of 2026, by which time the current Council would no longer be able to take action. He suggested holding the item until the new Council Members took office.

Councilor McGahhey suggested holding the item for 90 days.

Chairman Blount stated Councilor Shaw made the original motion to hold and stated they should consult with him about the time period.

Councilor Shaw stated the immediate discussion should focus on identifying who would be responsible for filing an ordinance to regulate data centers. He stated he was uncertain whether the hold was as important as establishing regulations. Regarding the item in question, Councilor Shaw stated they could speak with the applicant in order to regulate the project in a manner that met everyone's needs. He asked whether a 90-day hold was permitted.

Mr. Antley stated a 90-day hold was not typical; it had been the Council's custom and practice to refer items back to a committee when questions or concerns arose. He was not aware of anything that would prevent them from holding the item for that length of time. However, he could not advise against a 90-day hold, although he had concerns.

Councilor Shaw stated he agreed with Mr. Antley and withdrew his motion to hold.

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

Councilor Mitchell stated data centers were not bad entities; however, things had to be put in perspective, given that computers had been in use for many years. During the 1950s and 1960s, large mainframe computers occupied entire rooms in the 1950s–1980s, often in facilities called data centers or data processing centers. He urged his colleagues to research the topic before drafting ordinances, ensuring accurate definitions and terminology.

He said public concern about AI data centers was growing nationwide. Computing had evolved from large systems and rooms of data-entry staff to smaller computers connected to servers; that older technology no longer existed. AI data centers required substantial resources, including clean electricity, raising costs. For Greenville County, he recommended an appropriate zoning designation for AI data centers and support from residents in affected areas. He also urged considering these distinctions when differentiating AI data centers from data processing centers.

Councilor Farmer stated he was working with Mr. Antley on an ordinance that would address many of the concerns voiced by the evening's speakers. He asked Ms. Stone, as well as any of the other speakers, to email any suggestions they may have.

Councilor Fant proposed establishing a task force comprised of individuals with a strong interest in the issue and relevant expertise to work with Council and County staff to develop a mutually acceptable solution.

Chairman Blount stated if the motion to send the item back to the Planning and Development Committee was approved, all time frames would be removed and the item would remain in committee until it was ready to be sent to full Council.

Councilor McGahhey requested a roll call vote.

Motion to send the item back to Planning and Development Committee carried by a roll call vote of twelve (*Russo, Long, Blount, Shaw, McGahhey, Farmer, Mitchell, *Seman, Fant, Bradley, Collins, Tripp) in favor.

*Councilor Russo and Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman texted their votes in favor to Ms. McCaskill.

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

a. Greenville Technical College / Issuance of General Obligation Bond

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding $100,000,000 Greenville County, South Carolina, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2027; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

The following individuals appeared in favor of the proposed:

- ***Dr. Larry Miller***
- ***Dr. Rob Safrit***
- ***Dr. Happy Holiday***
- ***Tim Brookshire***
- ***Chris Ballani***
- ***Hannah Carmical***
- **Wayne *Smith***
- ***Paul Sinanian***
- ***Mike McCormick***

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

Chairman Blount stated that, due to the large number of people in attendance for *Item 10.b. Greenville Technical College / Issuance of General Obligation Bond*, he would have Council hear that item next if his colleagues had no objections.

Item (10) ***Ordinances - Second Reading***

b. Greenville Technical College / Issuance of General Obligation Bond

Action: Councilor Collins moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding $100,000,000 Greenville County, South Carolina, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2027; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

Councilor McGahhey requested a roll call vote.

Motion to approve carried by a roll call vote of twelve (*Russo, Long, Blount, Shaw, McGahhey, Farmer, Mitchell, *Seman, Fant, Bradley, Collins, Tripp) in favor.

*Councilor Russo and Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman texted their votes in favor to Ms. McCaskill.

Councilor Tripp left the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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

b. Anderson – Greenville Multi County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment / Gray Industrial *(formerly Project Big Brother)*

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, Councilor Collins declared the public hearing closed.

c. Vested Rights Ordinance Amendment

This public hearing was cancelled.

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

a. 2027 EMS GIA Grant
b. FY2026 DNA CEBR Grant Program
c. Community Project Application / Slater-Marietta Christmas Parade $1,500.00

Action: Councilor Fant moved to approve the Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried.

Item (8) ***Resolutions***

a. Landrum Abandoned Building Certification - 990 E. Lakeshore Drive

Action: Councilor Collins moved for adoption a resolution to certify 990 E. Lakeshore Drive, Landrum, South Carolina 29356, as an abandoned building site pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act.

Councilor McGahhey stated it was his understanding that state law provided two benefits for abandoned building certifications: a state benefit and a county-wide benefit. He asked whether they were seeking state tax relief or county tax relief for the improvements made.

Mr. Antley stated it was the County's role to approve, or not, whether the statutory requirement of an abandoned building was met. It was not a county tax relief.

Councilor McGahhey asked whether the developer would receive any county tax relief if Council approved the request.

Mr. Antley answered in the affirmative.

Councilor McGahhey stated he had some inherent problems with that because he would not receive tax relief if he purchased an abandoned property. He questioned why any company purchasing abandoned properties was given special treatment and why that relief was not extended to all taxpayers.

Chairman Blount stated it was his understanding the relief was given to address the issue of blighted areas.

Mr. Antley stated Mr. Blount was correct. The statute existed because abandoned buildings generated little to no tax revenue; providing the relief would put it “back into service.”

Councilor McGahhey stated the resolution indicated the developer would be eligible for a 75% tax relief for eight years. Though he supported helping blighted areas, he was concerned about the significant loss of revenue for the County.

Vice-Chairman Bradley stated the County was currently receiving no tax revenue for the property; approving the request would generate future revenue.

Councilor Farmer stated abandoned buildings negatively affected surrounding property values.

Councilor McGahhey asked whether the relief was appropriate for the amount to be invested.

Mr. Kernell stated, based on the language in the resolution, it was a state income tax credit, not a property tax credit.

Councilor McGahhey thanked Mr. Kernell for that clarification.

Motion as presented carried.

b. Project Beam / Inducement Resolution and Agreement

Action: Councilor Collins moved for adoption a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an inducement agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Project Beam, whereby, under certain conditions, Greenville County would execute a fee in lieu of tax and special source credit 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 whereby project/company would be provided certain credits against fee payments in reimbursement of investment in related qualified infrastructure; and providing for related matters.

Councilor McGahhey stated 85 new jobs were attached to the proposed project. He requested a roll call vote.

Motion carried by a roll call vote of ten (*Russo, Long, Blount, Shaw, McGahhey, Farmer, Mitchell, Fant, Bradley, Collins) in favor, no one opposed, two (Seman, Tripp) absent.

*Councilor Russo texted his vote in favor to Ms. McCaskill.

c. AG1 / Inducement Resolution and Agreement

Action: Councilor Collins moved for adoption a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an inducement agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Project Augusta Grove 1, 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.

Councilor Long requested a roll call vote.

Motion was denied by a roll call vote of six (*Russo, Blount, Farmer, Mitchell, Fant, Bradley) in favor, four (Long, Shaw, McGahhey, Collins) in opposition, two (Seman, Tripp) absent.

*Councilor Russo texted his vote in favor to Ms. McCaskill.

d. Southchase C / Inducement Resolution and Agreement

Action: Councilor Collins moved for adoption a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an inducement agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Project Southchase C, 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 was denied by a roll call vote of six (*Russo, Blount, Farmer, Mitchell, Fant, Bradley) in favor, four (Long, Shaw, McGahhey, Collins) in opposition, two (Seman, Tripp) absent.

*Councilor Russo texted his vote in favor to Ms. McCaskill.

e. Project Ivan / Inducement Resolution and Agreement

Action: Councilor Collins moved for adoption a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an inducement agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Project Ivan, whereby, under certain conditions, Greenville County would execute a fee in lieu of tax and Special Source Credit 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 whereby Project Ivan would be provided certain credits against fee payments in reimbursement of investment in related qualified infrastructure; and providing for related matters.

Motion carried.

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

a. Encroachment Ordinance Amendment

Action: Councilor McGahhey moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 5779, regarding Chapter 18, Article 6, Permits for Encroachment, of the Greenville County Code to expand the definition of Essential Utilities.

Motion carried.

b. Anderson - Greenville Multi-County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment - Red Bullet 25, LLC *(formerly Project Flat Rock)*

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 Greenville and Anderson Counties so as to enlarge the park to include certain property owned by Red Bullet 25, LLC *(previously identified by Anderson County as Project Flat Rock)*.

He stated the property was located in Anderson County.

Motion carried.

Item (10) ***Ordinances - Second Reading***

a. Zoning Ordinances

i. CZ-2026-051, Property of Mark Ells of AJC-101 Holdings, LLC, located at 500 Highway 418, requesting rezoning from C-3 to S-1. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried.

ii. CZ-2026-052, Property of Dominic Williams of MM Playground, LLC, located on Diversified Way, requesting rezoning from I-1 to R-20. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended denial.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Bradley moved to deny of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion to deny carried.

iii. CZ-2026-054, Property of William Walker Harling Revocable Trust, Mary B. Harling Revocable Trust, Peggy Nibert and Gregg Nibert, located at 429 and 537 Harrison Bridge Road, requesting rezoning from PD to PD-MC. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval with conditions.

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

Action: Councilor Bradley moved to amend the ordinance to include the following conditions:

1. *Under Section 12.0 of the Statement of Intent, please provide a 20' undisturbed boundary buffer in accordance with Greenville County Land Development Regulations, Section 8.21.*
2. *Install a 5' wide sidewalk along Harrison Bridge Road with commencement of development of the commercial parcels.*
3. *Should any changes from what the TIS recommends or anything less stringent, the plan will be brought back to Planning Commission for review.*
4. *In the second paragraph of Section 11.0 of the Statement of Intent, exclude exterior buffers from the open space statement.*
5. *Extend the shown emergency access so that it connects in to Road B at the intersection of Roads B and C, as of plan submitted for review and approval as of 10/28/26, of the residential development.*
6. *Widen the shown ingress and egress roads at Harrison Bridge Road to have 26' of pavement.*

Motion to amend carried.

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

Motion carried.

iv. CZ-2026-055, Property of Robert Moser of Prime Storage of Taylors, LLC, located at 3150 Wade Hampton Blvd., requesting rezoning from C-2 to S-1. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

This item was heard earlier in the evening.

v. CZ-2026-057, Property of Wayne Keist of Keist Family Trust, located at 370 Sullivan Road, requesting rezoning from R-S and R-7.5 to AG. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended denial.

Action: On behalf of the committee, Councilor Bradley moved to deny the ordinance at second reading.

Motion to deny carried.

b. Greenville Technical College / Issuance of General Obligation Bond

This item was heard earlier in the evening.

c. Project Ivan / Fee-in-Lieu-of-Tax Agreement

Action: Councilor Collins moved for approval at second 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(s) known to the County at this time as Project Ivan with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property could be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried.

d. Anderson – Greenville Multi County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment / Gray Industrial *(formerly Project Big Brother)*

Action: Councilor Collins 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.

Item (11) ***Ordinances - First Reading***

a. Zoning Ordinances

Councilor Bradley presented for first reading Zoning Dockets **CZ-2026-059 through CZ-2026-063.**

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

b. Anderson / Greenville Multi County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment – *Project Elrod*

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.

c. Project Born *(Ordinance No. 5610)* **/ Replacing Special Source Credit Agreement – Exhibit A**

Councilor Collins presented for first reading an ordinance to approve the replacement of Exhibit A to the special source credit agreement approved by Ordinance No. 5610.

Chairman Blount stated the item would remain on the floor.

d. AG1 *(Project Augusta Grove 1)* **/ Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement**

Councilor Collins 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 known to the county at this time as Project Augusta Grove 1, 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 Blount stated the item would remain on the floor.

Councilor Russo left the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

e. Project Southchase C / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

Councilor Collins 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 known to the County at this time as Project Southchase C, 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 Blount stated the item would remain on the floor.

f. Project Beam / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

Councilor Collins 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 known to the County at this time as Project Beam with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Blount stated the item would remain on the floor.

g. Anderson / Greenville Multi County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment – *Project Beam*

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.

Item (12) ***Committee Reports***

a. Committee of the Whole

i. County Administrator Candidate Interviews

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Bradley moved to authorize the recruiters at *Finding Great People* to proceed with arranging interviews with County Administrator candidates #1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

Motion carried.

ii. Board of Tax Assessment and Appeals Appointments

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Bradley moved to appoint *Eric Carnell* and *Terri Jo Wicker* to fill two of three vacancies on the *Board of Tax Assessment and Appeals*.

Motion carried.

iii. Committee of the Whole Workshop

No action required for this item.

b. Committee on Finance

No report.

c. Committee on Communications and Governmental Affairs

No report.

d. Committee on Planning and Development

No report.

e. Roads, Infrastructure and Public Works Committee

Councilor McGahhey congratulated the opposition on winning the policy battle over the roads. He stated their opposition was formidable and noted. While it was easy to oppose many policies, the hard part was presenting ideas and policies to move forward successfully after defeating the one that had been proposed. Mr. McGahhey requested Ms. McCaskill schedule a Roads, Infrastructure and Public Works meeting for December 1. He invited Councilor Collins and Councilor Shaw to present their ideas on how the County could move forward on the roads. Councilor McGahhey also invited anyone in the public arena who would like to speak at that meeting to contact him, and he would make sure they were on the docket. He would like to hear ideas on how to find $120,000,000 in the budget. He thanked them for their knowledge, guidance, and leadership and stated they were required at this critical moment.

f. Committee on Public Safety and Human Services

Councilor Collins stated he attended the Greenville County Fire Chiefs Memorial Service the previous evening to honor fallen firefighters in the County. He thanked Chairman Blount for his heartwarming presentation and said it was a rewarding experience.

g. Oversight Ad Hoc Committee

Councilor Long stated she expected an update on the audit next week. She had been advised the company would complete its review of the information by the end of January and submit its report on February 1. Councilor Long stated she spoke with the company every other week, and nothing had changed regarding the proposed timeline. The Ad Hoc Committee was working on the RFP for the Budget Compliance Audit. It would be sent at the end of the week, after committee approval.

h. Short-Term Rentals Ad Hoc Committee

Councilor Farmer stated no action was taken at the last meeting. Staff was working with the State Department of Revenue and the County Treasurer's office regarding the collection of accommodations tax.

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

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

- ***Ed Paxton*** *– appeared regarding Noise.*
- ***Emily Poole*** *- appeared regarding opposition to data centers and willingness to assist on a task force.*

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

Mr. Kernell stated earlier in the day, Greenville County Roads and Bridges crews completed paving a 0.7-mile Greenline extension of the Prisma Health Swamp Rabbit Trail, from the new Verdae Bridge to Millennium Boulevard at CUICAR. The work includes a restored Laurel Creek bridge crossing and was completed in-house, providing a long-awaited connection in an efficient, cost-effective manner and representing continued partnership between the County's Parks and Recreation Department and Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Kernell stated Councilor Long had requested an update on the fire study. He expected it to be delivered the first week of December. The company had limited success obtaining information from some fire departments. Several fire chiefs, namely Adam Brown (Lake Cunningham), Anthony Segars (Belmont), Randy Edwards (Wade Hampton), Larry Kardos (Clear Spring), Steve Graham (Boiling Springs), and Nick Ragsdale with EMS, provided recommendations.

Councilor Shaw requested information regarding the arrangement between the Swamp Rabbit Trail and Prisma, as well as any naming rights.

Mr. Kernell stated Greenville County owned the trail, except for a portion located within the City of Greenville. The County had contracted with Prisma Health for the naming rights. He stated he was unsure of the price; however, it was a significant amount over several years. Mr. Kernell stated the County began developing the trail around 2006. Several business owners in Travelers Rest opposed the trail until they realized they did not own much of their parking lots, the County did. Mr. Kernell stated the trail had served as an economic development tool. The naming-rights contract was negotiable.

Councilor Shaw asked if the naming rights contract could be a revenue source for the County.

Mr. Kernell stated every contract was negotiable.

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

- Councilor Collins stated the Elections Department had been overwhelmed recently, and he wanted to personally congratulate them on a job well done.

Item (16) ***Adjournment***

Action: There being no further business, Councilor Farmer moved to adjourn.

The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council