



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 15, 2025
6:05 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

Curt McGahhey, *District 21*
Dan Tripp, *District 28*

Council Members Remote Participation

Staff Present

Joe Kernell, *County Administrator*
Chris Antley, *County Attorney*
Regina McCaskill, *Clerk to Council*
Jessica Stone, *Deputy Clerk to Council*
Pam Gilliam, *Administrative Assistant*
Terrence Galloway, *Information Systems*

Ted Lambrecht, *Assistant County Administrator*
Nicole Wood, *Assistant County Administrator*
Tee Coker, *Assistant County Administrator*
Hesha Gamble, *Assistant County Administrator*
Ronald Hollister, *Assistant County Administrator*
Bob Mihalic, *Governmental Affairs Officer*

Others Present

None

Call to Order

Chairman Blount

Invocation

Vice-Chairman Bradley

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (4) **Approval of Minutes**

a. April 1, 2025 – Regular County Council Meeting

Action: Councilor Farmer moved to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2025 – Regular Council meeting.

Motion carried.

Item (5) **Proclamations and Special Recognitions**

a. Soil and Water Stewardship Week

Chairman Blount presented a proclamation to the Greenville Soil and Water Conservation District, in recognition by the South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts as the 2024 Conservation District of the Year for exemplary leadership in locally-led conservation.

b. National Therapy Animal Day

Councilor Long presented a proclamation to Pet Partners, recognizing April 30, 2025, as National Therapy Animal Day in Greenville County

Item (6) **Appearances – Current Agenda Items**

- **Ed Paxton** appeared regarding Items 9.a. Greater Greenville Sanitation Resolution, 11a.iii. CZ-2025-024 and 11.b. Greenville County Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment
- **Mary McGowan** appeared regarding Item 15.a. 2025 TAP Grant
- **Joshua Blankenship** appeared regarding Item 15.a. 2025 TAP Grant
- **Lauren Kohnle** appeared regarding Item 11.c. Greenville County Library Budget / Millage Request
- **Arlie Cecil** appeared regarding Item 10.a.ii CZ-2025-015
- **Cathy Carpenter** appeared regarding Item 10.a.ii CZ-2025-015
- **Barbara Wally** appeared regarding Item 10.d. Animal Control Ordinance Amendment
- **Heather Shockey** appeared regarding Item 11.c. Greenville County Library Budget / Millage Request
- **Shanna Raines** appeared regarding Item 11.c. Greenville County Library Budget / Millage Request
- **Nathan Galbreath** appeared regarding Item 15.a. 2025 TAP Grant
- **Sara Erb** appeared regarding Item 11.c. Greenville County Library Budget / Millage Request
- **Shane Leonard** appeared regarding Item 11.c. Greenville County Library Budget / Millage Request
- **Audrey Pasin** appeared regarding Item 11.d. Greenville County Land Development Regulations Amendment / Cluster Housing

- **Sherry Sutton** appeared regarding Item 11.b. Greenville County Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment
- **Katie Skoloff** appeared regarding Item 15.a. 2025 TAP Grant
- **Monique Hackett** appeared regarding Item 11.c. Greenville County Library Budget / Millage Request

Item (7)

Public Hearings

a. Establish a Firearms Sign Policy for Greenville County Properties or Facilities

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance establishing a Greenville County policy directing all Greenville County administrators and staff regarding signs, posters, bulletin boards, memorandum, and/or administrative policies or directives regarding firearms on Greenville County properties or facilities.

- **Andrew Talkish** appeared in opposition to the proposed

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

b. Stormwater Ordinance Revisions

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding a ordinance to amend the Greenville County Storm Water Management Ordinance to implement requirements and procedures in compliance with Federal and State Regulations pursuant to the County's NPDES Permit.

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

Item (8)

Consent Agenda

- a. **BlueCross BlueShield Foundation of SC Grant**
- b. **VOCA (Victims of Crime Assistance) Grant**
- c. **FY2026 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Grant**
- d. **Outdoor Recreation Roundtable Rural Recovery Grant**
- e. **PalmettoPride Grant – Litter Prevention**
- f. **SC JAG Grant – 360° Camera System**
- g. **SC JAG – FTIR (Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy)**
- h. **FY2026 SCDES Waste Oil Grant**
- i. **FY2026 SCDES Waste Tire Grant**
- j. **FY2026 SCDES Solid Waste Grant**
- k. **Carton Council Community Education Grant**

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

Motion carried.

Item (9)

Resolutions

a. Resolution Supporting the Greater Greenville Sanitation District

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved for adoption a resolution of Greenville County, South Carolina expressing support for the Greater Greenville Sanitation District and concern over legislation proposed in the South Carolina General Assembly which would, if enacted, modify its powers in a manner that would have a negative impact on the district's finances and ability to operate efficiently, and which would have a disproportionate negative impact on the most financially distressed areas of the district and the residents and businesses therein, and which would result in the termination of existing waste collection services to residents and businesses in areas outside the district, and which may result in termination of existing waste collection services to thousands of residents and businesses inside the district; and other matters related thereto.

Councilor Fant stated he had spoken with Representative Burns earlier in the day about the item in question. Mr. Burns reassured him that things were going well with negotiations. The Senate was dealing with the budget and the House was on furlough. Mr. Burns asked that Council give them an additional two weeks to finalize things. Mr. Fant stated that after speaking with Mr. Burns, he was confident Greater Greenville Sanitation would continue to exist with no flat fee rate. He would suggest Council pass the resolution if they were unable to reach an agreement within the two weeks.

Action: Councilor Fant moved to hold the item for two weeks.

Motion to hold carried.

b. Abandoned Textile Mill Site Certification – 1533 Buncombe Road

Action: Councilor Collins moved for adoption a resolution to provide certification as provided by Section 12-65-60 of the South Carolina Textiles Communities Revitalization Act (S.C. Code Section 12-65-10) for that certain property known as the Old Cotton Warehouse located at 1533 Buncombe Road, Greenville, South Carolina.

Motion carried.

Item (10)

Ordinances – Second Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

i. CZ-2025-014, Property of Las Cruces Investments, LLC, located on Agnew Road and Richards Avenue, requesting rezoning from R-MHP to R-M8. The Planning Commission recommended approval and the Committee recommended denial.

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

Action: At the request of the applicant, Vice-Chairman Bradley moved to hold the item to allow the applicant time to work with the County and the community to satisfy their concerns.

Motion to hold carried.

- ii. **CZ-2025-015,** Property of Arlie J. Cecil, located at 279 Hillside Church Road, requesting rezoning from R-R3 to R-R1. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended denial.

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

Motion to deny carried.

- iii. **CZ-2025-016,** Property of Rocky Creek, LLC, located at 847 Fairview Road and Wilson Bridge Road, requesting rezoning from R-S to R-10. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried.

- iv. **CZ-2025-017,** Property of VanRock Holdings, LLC, located at 4607 and 4615 Old Spartanburg Road, requesting rezoning from POD to R-MA. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried.

- v. **CZ-2025-018,** Property of CJN, LLC, located on Old Pelzer Road, requesting rezoning from I-1 to R-S. The Planning Commission recommended approval and the Committee recommended denial.

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

Motion to deny carried.

- vi. **CZ-2025-019,** Property of Brian Dillard, located at 101 Stallings Road, requesting rezoning from R-S to R-12. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried.

- vii. **CZ-2025-020**, Property of Keith Delesline, located at 358 S. Harrison Bridge Road and New Harrison Bridge Road, requesting rezoning from R-S to AG. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried.

b. Establishment of a Firearms Sign Policy for Greenville County Properties or Facilities

Action: Councilor Collins moved for approval at second reading an ordinance establishing a Greenville County policy directing all Greenville County administrators and staff regarding signs, posters, bulletin boards, memorandum, and/or administrative policies or directives regarding firearms on Greenville County properties or facilities.

Action: Councilor Shaw moved to amend the ordinance as follows:

Section 1: Policy

(A) It is the policy and directive of Greenville County Council that, with the exception of the statutory sign (S.C. Code of Laws Section 21-31-235(B)), placed at the entry door of government buildings, no sign, poster, bulletin board or memorandum related to firearms shall be placed or allowed to remain upon any Greenville County property or premises.

(B) It is the policy and directive of Greenville County Council that, with the exception of the statutory sign (S.C. Code of Laws Section 21-31-235(B)), placed at the entry door of government buildings, no employee policy, administrative policy, command, or directive related to firearms shall be pronounced, promulgated, or published, or allowed to remain pronounced, promulgated, or published, regarding any Greenville County property or premises.

(C) Greenville County may temporarily restrict the otherwise lawful open carrying of a firearm on public property when the County issues a permit to allow a public protest, rally, fair, parade, festival, or other organized event. However, if a permit is not applied for and issued prior to an event as described in this subsection, Greenville County may not temporarily restrict the otherwise lawful open carrying of a firearm on public property. A person or entity hosting a public protest, rally, fair, parade, festival, or other organized event must post signs at the event when open carrying is allowed or not allowed at the event.

Greenville County must be specific in the area, duration, and manner in which the restriction is imposed and must provide prior notice of the restriction when feasible. In no event may the restriction extend beyond the beginning and conclusion of the event or beyond the location of the event.

Delete Section 3 in its entirety.

~~Section 3. Violation. Violation of this Greenville County Policy shall be deemed cause for termination of employment, contract, or agency.~~

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman asked if the proposed red-lined version addressed all of Council's concerns.

Attorney Antley stated it did address the concerns.

Councilor Fant stated he was opposed to the item. Staff working at the Convenience Centers had expressed concerns about citizens being allowed to bear arms at the centers. There had been instances of citizens becoming hostile with county employees trying to mitigate certain situations. He asked should the County be more concerned about allowing citizens to bear arms or protecting the safety of its employees.

Councilor Farmer stated it was his understanding that a specific sign would be displayed at the convenience centers indicating no concealable weapons were allowed.

Councilor Shaw stated Mr. Farmer was "partially correct." He stated it was the law in South Carolina and employees had "no claim to not follow the law." Mr. Shaw stated Attorney General Alan Wilson had specifically addressed the issue. Employees had options if they were assaulted or felt threatened; they could run into the building or call the police. Aggravated assault was punishable by jail or prison. Mr. Shaw stated 99.9% of citizens were law abiding and they were allowed to carry in public spaces, with the exception of public buildings. There was nothing special about convenience centers as far as public safety was concerned. If a citizen threatened an employee, they should get their tag number and call the police. Mr. Shaw stated he was just asking Greenville County to follow the law.

Councilor Farmer stated the employees' concerns would be addressed if a sign indicating "No Concealable Weapons Allowed" was placed at the gate entrance to the convenience centers.

Councilor Shaw stated the law was very specific. Public bodies, like Greenville County, could put one specified sign at the entrance of buildings; however, they could not be put anywhere else such as the gate entrance. Mr. Shaw stated according to the law, signs could not be placed in open fields, at gates, parking lots, or parking garages.

Councilor Seman asked Mr. Kernell to describe the signs that were currently in place at the convenience centers.

Mr. Kernell stated there were courtesy signs posted at the convenience centers stating "Please leave all weapons in your vehicle while on the property." If Council approved the proposed ordinance, he would suggest Council outlaw all guns on county property. There were concerns about employees' safety. It was intimidating for a convenience center employee to reject a citizen's waste, especially if that citizen was carrying a weapon. He stated no citizen was denied services from the County because they were carrying; they were just being asked to do it in a safe manner.

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman stated the addition of Item C (Section 1. Policy) appeared to contradict itself. The proposed indicated that in the event a permit was issued for a specific type of function to be held on public property, the County may restrict open carry; however, the County could not restrict open carry if a permit was not applied for. Ms. Seman stated the County did not currently issue permits for the types of functions listed in the proposed addition.

Councilor Shaw stated he would rather not include Section C and added it in the event the County started permitting those types of events. Mr. Shaw stated he wanted to go back to Mr. Kernell's point. It was not an "employees versus the public" situation; he stated that he appreciated employees as much as he appreciated the public. His intent was to follow the law. There was only one type of sign regarding firearms permitted on government property and those signs could only be put up at the entrance to buildings. Mr. Shaw stated he had been out to the convenience center a number of times, but had never entered the building. He stated the Second Amendment and State law could never be subject to the feelings of how a certain employee felt. Deputies needed to be assigned to the convenience centers if there was a safety concern; he suggested increasing the "deputy budget." Mr. Shaw stated people carried because they were allowed to and felt safer.

Chairman Blount stated he was concerned about the signs. The gun depicted on the signs had a circle around it and was misleading. The sign indicated "weapons" and there were other weapons, in addition to guns, that could be considered dangerous.

Councilor Shaw stated he understood but weapon was defined by State law, and a firearm was a weapon. He inquired if asking people politely to keep their weapons in the car would really stop someone from hurting another person. He stated the "illegal sign" had been taken down but the remaining sign needed to be taken down as well.

Chairman Pro Tem Seman asked Mr. Antley to clarify State law in regard to the issue.

Attorney Antley stated Mr. Shaw was correct with regard to State law and signage that commanded a prohibition. When the signs posted at the County's convenience centers were reviewed, it was determined they were not a command or prohibition; they were a request. Mr. Antley stated it was the County's intent for the wording on the signs to be a request; therefore, in the County's view, they were not in violation of State law.

Councilor Shaw stated State law indicated no governing body of any County, municipality, or other political subdivision may enact, or promulgate, or attempt to regulate, the legal possession of a firearm. He stated the sign was an attempt to regulate firearms at the convenience centers.

Councilor Fant stated it appeared that the signs currently posted were a suggestion or recommendation, and were not in violation of State law. Council should put the safety and welfare of employees first. Mr. Fant asked Mr. Shaw if he would consider erring on the side of safety and potentially avoiding a problem by keeping the signs in place.

Councilor Shaw stated he appreciated Mr. Fant's argument, but it was the fundamental difference between pro-Second Amendment and anti-Second Amendment. He stated the individuals legally carrying were not doing so to harm people.

Chairman Blount suggested seeking an opinion from outside counsel to determine if the current signage was subjective or violated State law, prior to passing the proposed ordinance.

Councilor Shaw stated the only opinion that could be obtained would be from the Attorney General. He added the Attorney General had already issued an opinion regarding Second Amendment rights. He stated there were other cases in the U.S. Supreme Court that stated every law abiding citizen had the right to carry in public for self-defense. Mr. Shaw requested Council vote on the proposed amendment and requested a roll call vote.

Councilor Mitchell asked Mr. Shaw if there was something in particular that prompted him to submit the proposed ordinance.

Councilor Shaw stated "progressive counties" across the State were putting up obnoxious signs regarding guns. They were "thumbing their nose" at the law and the Legislature; the Attorney General had sued those counties. Mr. Shaw stated he had received complaints from some of his constituents. The signs were confusing because most of the people he knew that carried guns knew the law. They wanted to follow the law but the County was putting an undue burden on them that was illegal. Mr. Shaw stated the current United States Supreme Court and the South Carolina Supreme Court said that every individual law abiding had the right to carry a firearm for self-defense.

Chairman Pro Tem Seman stated there appeared to be some confusion about the convenience centers not having doors. She stated Section 23-31-235 of the South Carolina Code of Laws stated, if the premises where concealable weapons were prohibited did not have doors, then the signs must be thirty-six inches wide by forty-eight inches tall in size. Ms. Seman stated given that information, there appeared to be some room in the statute that would allow for signs at the convenience centers.

Action:

Chairman Pro Tem Seman moved to refer the item to the Roads, Infrastructure and Public Works Committee.

Councilor Fant inquired about the suggestion to seek an opinion from the Attorney General.

Chairman Pro Tem Seman stated the RIPW Committee could explore that option.

Attorney Antley stated he would be responsible for obtaining the Attorney General's option regarding the issue; a motion was not required for him to do so.

Motion to refer the item to the Roads, Infrastructure and Public Works Committee was denied by a roll call vote of five (Blount, Mitchell, Seman, Fant and Bradley) in favor, five (Russo, Long, Shaw, Farmer and Collins) in opposition, two (McGahhey and Tripp) absent.

Action: Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman moved to remove Section 1.C., with the exception of the first sentence, of Mr. Shaw's original amendment.

Councilor Shaw stated he would rather remove the entire section or leave it in.

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman stated Mr. Shaw's amendment was actually fine the way it was written.

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman withdrew her motion to remove Section 1.C. of Mr. Shaw's original amendment.

Councilor Shaw restated his motion to amend.

Motion to amend as presented carried.

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

Motion motion to approve the ordinance as amended was denied by a roll call vote of five (Russo, Long, Shaw, Farmer and Collins) in favor, five (Blount, Mitchell, Seman, Fant and Bradley) in opposition, two (McGahhey and Tripp) absent.

c. Storm Water Ordinance Revisions

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to amend the Greenville County Storm Water Management Ordinance to implement requirements and procedures in compliance with Federal and State Regulations pursuant to the County's NPDES Permit.

Councilor Collins stated he had reviewed the proposed ordinance and there were a number of changes indicated that he did not understand. One of the issues was a "fee in lieu of storm water runoff". He requested Mr. Antley explain.

Attorney Antley stated he was unable to clarify that information.

Councilor Collins stated three residents in his district were having issues with stormwater runoff as a result of development. During the most recent rain, he visited those individuals and noted flooding in their yards. He stated County staff had suggested they build a 5' berm, which did not solve the problem. Councilor Collins stated he advised them to sue Greenville County due to the fact that the inspector who advised them to build the berm told them that the developer had followed all the rules of the development. He stated they were elderly; their home was ruined and their property valued had decreased.

Action: Councilor Collins moved to send the item back to the Roads, Infrastructure and Public Works Committee for additional review.

Motion carried.

d. Animal Control Ordinance Amendment

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to amend Chapter 4 of the Greenville County Code of Ordinances regulating animal care in Greenville County.

Action: Councilor Bradley moved to amend the ordinance to reflect the changes outlined in the red-lined version included in the agenda packet.

Motion carried.

Action: Councilor Bradley moved to hold the item until its public hearing, scheduled for May 6.

Councilor Shaw inquired as to why the item would need to be held for public hearing.

Chairman Blount stated holding the item at second reading would give the citizens the opportunity to speak about the issue before third reading; typically, most Council Members had already decided how they planned to vote for an item by third reading.

Councilor Shaw stated Council had heard the public's comments regarding the item numerous times; he inquired if they needed to hear anything else about the issue. Mr. Shaw suggested Council approve the item and have the public hearing the same night as third reading.

Chairman Blount stated he was basing his opinion on the fact that several constituents had contacted him, wanting additional opportunities to speak about the item.

Councilor Farmer asked if those constituents were in favor or opposition.

Chairman Blount stated they were in favor of the item.

Councilor Shaw stated many times in the past, public hearings for items had occurred the same night as third reading.

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman agreed that had happened in the past and there had been "a lot of pushback" as there was no opportunity for amendments at third reading. She stated that according to Council Rules, amendments at third reading required a written notice in the Council packet. She stated she was in favor of the item but felt Council needed to follow its rules.

Councilor Fant stated he agreed with Ms. Seman; however, he suggested passing the item at second reading and having third reading the same night as the public hearing. The item had been around for quite some time and everyone had been very patient about it.

Action: Councilor Bradley withdrew the motion to hold for public hearing.

Action: Councilor Bradley moved to allow for amendments at third reading.

Motion to allow for amendments at third reading carried.

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

Motion carried.

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

a. Zoning Ordinances

Vice-Chairman Bradley presented for first reading Zoning Ordinances **CZ-2025-022 through CZ-2025-027**.

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

b. Greenville County Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment / Article 8, Section 8:5.8, ESD-PM, Environmentally Sensitive District – Paris Mountain (CZ-2025-028)

Vice-Chairman Bradley presented for first reading an ordinance to amend Article 8, Section 8:5.8, (ESD-PM, Environmentally Sensitive District – Paris Mountain; Special Provisions), of the Greenville County Zoning Ordinance.

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

c. Greenville County Library Budget / Millage Request

Councilor Collins presented for first reading an ordinance to approve the appropriation of funds for the Greenville County Library System for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; and to authorize the annual Ad Valorem property tax millage for library purposes.

Chairman Blount stated the item would remain on the floor.

d. Greenville County Land Development Regulations Amendment / Cluster Housing

Vice-Chairman Bradley presented for first reading an ordinance to delete Article 11 of the Greenville County Land Development Regulations and to prohibit new cluster developments in Greenville County.

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

Item (12) **Committee Reports**

a. Committee of the Whole

i. South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund (SCORF) Grant

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman moved to approve the funding for the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund Grant.

Motion carried.

ii. **Board and Commission Appointments**

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman moved to appoint the following:

- **Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission**
Patricia Edwards
Christopher Griffin
Ernie Hamilton
Beth Messick
John Redman
Herman Roberts, Jr.
- **Arena District**
Clifton Dyer
Barry Formanack
Dante Russo
- **Boiling Springs Fire District**
Cedric Brown
Steven Knapp
- **Construction Board of Appeals**
Stephen Jones
- **Greenville Area Development Authority**
John Long III
Timothy Morgan
Charles Piszczor
- **Greenville County Historic and Natural Resources Trust**
Molly Kaminski
William McCauley III
James O'Connor
Stephen Parks
David Snodgrass
Catherine Taylor
- **Greenville Technical College Area Commission**
Meghan Barp
- **Human Relations Commission**
Lawson Wetli
- **Parks, Recreation and Tourism Advisory Board**
Debbra Alvarado
Emily Dymski
- **Planning Commission**
Deborah Manning
Kenneth Matesevac
William Parham
- **Greenville County Redevelopment Authority**
DeAndra Wilson
- **South Carolina Technology and Aviation Center Board**
Henry McCullough
- **Board of Zoning Appeals**
Lisa Bracewell

- **Buxton Special Tax District Commission** Ken MacIntyre
Savannah Porter
- **Chanticleer Community Commission** Alexander Roy
- **Devenger Pointe Special Tax District** Jessica Saravia
- **Linkside Special Tax District** Shannon Spurrier

Motion carried.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman moved to open a one-month, special application period for the Construction Board of Appeals.

Motion carried.

Greenville Area Development Commission

Councilor Blount announced the appointment of Dan Rundle and Steven Piper to fill two chair-appointed seats on the Greenville Area Development Commission.

Item (13)

Public Comments

- **Inez Morris** – appeared regarding Greenlink
- **Margaret McGinty** – appeared regarding Greenlink
- **Audrey Pasin** – appeared regarding Poinsett Park Agreement
- **James Sheets** – appeared regarding wildfire management

Item (14)

Administrator's Report

Mr. Kernell provided an update on two projects currently in progress.

- Construction was underway for six additional handicapped parking spaces and a drop area near the walkway. That project was expected to be finished in 30-45 days.
- The crane was being used to lift materials to complete construction on the PTFE between the two buildings. It was not done properly when the buildings were originally constructed.

After completion of those two projects, only private development would continue.

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman requested Beverly James submit a copy of the original budget for the Library System.

a. 2025 Tap Grant – West Greenville Shared Use Path / Committee Referral

Action: Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman moved that Council refer consideration of the pending grant application for the 2025 Tap Grant for West Greenville Shared Use Path to the Committee of the Whole pursuant to Council Rule 5.B.

Motion carried.

- Councilor Fant inquired about providing some type of assistance for handicapped visitors to help get them to the buildings. He stated he had received numerous complaints about the issue.
 - Mr. Kernell stated it would cost money to hire people to provide that type of assistance. He stated that the County provided wheelchairs and some of the security personnel had been very accommodating to visitors requiring assistance. Mr. Kernell stated the distance from the parking garage to the buildings had been measured and it was no further than at the old facility. There was a golf cart available to help with transport if needed; he suggested anyone needing assistance to call from the parking garage and someone would assist.
- Councilor Fant stated he was frustrated about the proposed budget for the Library System. Its employees should not have to live in poverty; he planned to ask that the budget be amended.
- Councilor Shaw echoed Mr. Fant's sentiments regarding the Library budget as well as the employees at Animal Care. He stated it was a constant issue with his constituents reporting that "people at the top" were making too much and the "people at the bottom" were not making a living wage. Mr. Shaw suggested some type of adjustment in those salaries. He inquired about the proposed budget for FY2026.
 - Mr. Kernell stated in the past, the proposed budget was presented the end of May. He stated staff was working on it and planned to get it to them earlier than usual.
- Councilor Collins stated he had no problem with employees wanting a living wage. He suggested a "bottom up, recalculation reshuffle" to "shake the top down", distribute the wealth and let "everybody catch what they can on the way down."

Item (16)

Adjournment

Action:

There being no further business, Vice-Chairwoman Seman moved to adjourn.

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council