



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes

Regular Meeting

August 18, 2026

6:02 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

Dan Tripp, *District 28*

Council Members Remote Participation

None

Staff Present

Joe Kernell, *County Administrator*

Ted Lambrecht, *Deputy County Administrator*

Jason Martin, *Assistant County Administrator*

Chris Antley, *County Attorney*

Regina McCaskill, *Clerk to Council*

Jessica Stone, *Deputy Clerk to Council*

Julie Wallace, *Administrative Assistant, Clerk to Council*

Bob Mihalic, *Governmental Affairs Officer*

Terrence Galloway, *Information Systems*

Hesha Gamble, *Assistant County Administrator*

Others Present

None

Call to Order

Chairman Blount

Invocation

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (4) **Approval of Minutes**

a. July 21, 2026 – Regular County Council Meeting

Action: Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman moved to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2026, Regular County Council Meeting.

Motion carried.

Item (5) **Proclamations and Recognitions**

a. National Non-Profit Day

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman recognized National Non-Profit Day and honored local non-profit leaders, staff, and volunteers for their vital community work. She thanked them for their dedication, passion, and sacrifices that make Greenville County a great place to live, work, and thrive.

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

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

- **David Leveille** - *appeared regarding Item 8.e. Community Project Application / Greenville County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (LEAD) Upstate 2026 \$5,000*
- **Angie Fisher** - *appeared regarding Item 11.f. Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance*
- **Marisa Plowman** - *appeared regarding Item 11.f. Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance*
- **Amanda Brett** - *appeared regarding Item 11.f. Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance*
- **Brenda Buchik** - *appeared regarding Item 11.b. Greenville County Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment / Mountain Creek Community District (CZ-2026-031)*
- **Irene Heiliger** - *appeared regarding Item 11.f. Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance*
- **Frank Tamburello** - *appeared regarding Item 11.f. Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance*
- **Susana Saravia** - *appeared regarding Item 11.f. Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance*
- **Ken Matesevac** - *appeared regarding Item 11.b. Greenville County Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment / Mountain Creek Community District (CZ-2026-031), 11.c. Greenville County Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment / Home Occupation (CZ-2026-039), 11.d. Greenville County Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment / Open Space Residential Development (CZ-2026-040)*

Item (7) **Public Hearings**

a. South Greenville Area Fire District / Millage Request

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding a resolution to provide for an increase of the current ad valorem property tax to be levied by the South Greenville Area Fire District.

- **Mike Stadler** - *appeared in favor of the proposed*

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

b. South Greenville Area Fire District / General Obligation Bond

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding 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.

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

c. Anderson - Greenville County / Multi-County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment - Signature Foods (Formerly Project Bento)

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.

d. Land Development Regulations Amendment / Open Space Residential Development

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance to amend Article 11 of the Greenville County Land Development Regulations related to the design and construction of Open Space Residential Developments.

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

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

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding 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, 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.

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

Item (8) **Consent Agenda**

- a. Commission Animal Control Officer – Kyle Davis**
- b. Commission Codes Enforcement Officer for Land Development Division - Wayne Burdette**
- c. Community Project Application / Upstate Circle of Friends - Kitchen Infrastructure \$8,000**
- d. Community Project Application / Slater-Marietta Fire District - Foothills Family Resources Food Pantry \$5000**
- e. Community Project Application / Greenville County Sheriff's Office - Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (LEAD) Upstate 2026 \$5,000**

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

Motion carried.

Item (9) **Resolutions**

a. South Greenville Area Fire District / Millage Request

Action: Councilor Collins moved for adoption a resolution to provide for an increase of the current *ad valorem* property tax to be levied by the South Greenville Area Fire District.

Councilor Long stated South Greenville Area Fire District was requesting a 5-mill increase, which at \$220,000 per mill would equate to more than a million dollars. She had reviewed the application, which indicated the district received \$9.1 million in taxes for 2025, along with \$812,000 in FILOTs, and \$838,000 in grants, interest income, and miscellaneous income. The district also had a 3.5 debt service millage increase. It appeared the fire district was doing well paying salaries, with a 19% increase over the past four years. She added two fire trucks had been added to its fleet. In reviewing the audit, she noted the district had \$12 million in its general fund, compared with \$1 million ten years ago, and more than \$7 million of the general fund was unrestricted. Ms. Long stated she had spoken to quite a few people in the district, and they had asked many questions. In her opinion, the increase was not necessary at the present time. It would help, and the general obligation bond would allow the district to do more things. She stated that, as a fiscal conservative, she believed in tax increases only when needed. Councilor Long stated she would not be able to vote in favor of the request, with all the other proposed “taxes rolling around right now.” She stated the millage increase was not a need; it was a want. She stated she had nothing against South Greenville; it had done everything right. However, it was not the time for a millage increase.

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

Item (10) **Ordinances – Third Reading**

a. Simpsonville Fire Service Area / Millage Request

Action: Councilor Collins moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to provide for an increase to the operating millage rate levied by the Simpsonville Fire Service Area.

Motion carried.

b. Simpsonville Fire Service Area / General Obligation Bond Issuance

Action: Councilor Collins moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$1,200,000 Greenville County, South Carolina, General Obligation Bonds (Simpsonville Fire Service Area Project), in one or more series; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried.

Item (11) **Ordinances - Second 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. The Planning Commission recommended denial and the Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried.

- 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. The Planning Commission and the Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried.

- iii. **CZ-2026-033,** Property of Carmen Vlad of Harnic Properties, LLC, located at 907 Highway 14, requesting rezoning from R-15 to C-1. The Planning Commission and the Committee recommended denial.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Bradley moved to deny the ordinance at second 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. The Planning Commission and the Committee recommended approval.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Bradley moved approval of the ordinance at second 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. The Planning Commission and the Committee recommended approval.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Bradley moved approval of the ordinance at second 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. The Planning Commission and the Committee recommended approval.

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

Motion carried.

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

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved for approval at second 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. The Planning Commission and the Committee recommended approval with conditions.

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved to amend the ordinance to reflect the conditions outlined in the red-lined version provided in the Council packet.

After an initial voice vote yielded a dissenting vote, Chairman Blount requested a roll call vote.

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

Councilor Seman stated the ordinance may contain conflicting language requiring some “clean up.” She stated she would like to reconsider the item in order to make a motion to allow for amendments at third reading.

Action: Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman moved to reconsider the item.

Motion to reconsider carried.

Action: Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman moved to allow for amendments at third reading.

Motion to allow for amendments at third reading carried.

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved approval of the ordinance as amended.

Motion carried.

Ms. McCaskill stated Ms. Seman’s reconsideration was on the amendment, not on the item as amended. She stated the item had not had its final approval when the motion to reconsider was made.

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman stated the item was reconsidered, and she subsequently moved to allow amendments at third reading. Council approved both motions, and Mr. Bradley moved to approve the ordinance as amended. She asked if an additional motion was needed.

Ms. McCaskill stated when the motion to reconsider was made, the motion that had just received a vote was Mr. Bradley's amendment, not the item to approve as amended. The reconsideration was on Mr. Bradley's amendment; therefore, his amendment was no longer a part of the ordinance that was finally approved.

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman stated they had voted on the item as amended.

Mr. Antley stated an amendment was then made to make the item amendable at third reading.

Ms. McCaskill stated the motion to reconsider "undid" the motion to amend.

Chairman Blount asked whether Mr. Bradley should restate his amendment.

Ms. McCaskill answered in the affirmative.

For clarification, Chairman Blount stated the reconsideration vote "erased Mr. Bradley's amendment," and his amendment was not restated after Council voted to allow for amendments at third reading.

Ms. McCaskill stated that was correct.

Chairman Blount asked Mr. Bradley to restate his motion to amend.

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved to amend the ordinance to reflect the conditions outlined in the red-lined version provided in the Council packet.

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

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved approval of the ordinance as amended.

Mr. Antley stated a motion to allow for amendments at third reading was in order. If approved, Council needed to approve the ordinance as amended.

Action: Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman moved to allow for amendments at third reading.

Motion to amend carried.

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

Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved for approval at second 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 amend the ordinance to reflect the changes to Section 7:2.4-4(A), as outlined in the red-lined version provided in the Council packet.

Motion to amend carried.

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved approval of the ordinance as amended.

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman asked Mr. Antley if a motion to allow for amendments at third reading was needed for the item in question as well as the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Antley stated he would recommend the motion for both items.

Action: Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman moved to allow for amendments at third reading.

Motion to allow for amendments at third reading carried.

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

Motion carried.

e. Land Development Regulations Amendment / Open Space Residential Development

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved for approval at second 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 amend the ordinance to reflect the conditions outlined in the red-lined version provided in the Council packet.

Motion to amend carried.

Action: Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman moved to allow for amendments at third reading.
Motion to allow for amendments at third reading carried.

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

Motion carried.

f. Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance

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

Action: Councilor Long moved to amend the ordinance to add the cover ordinance provided in the Council packet.

Motion to amend carried.

Action: Councilor Long moved to amend the regulations by correcting two typographical errors in Article 4: General Requirements, Items H and I, as follows:

- *H. All new facilities shall be at least a distance of ~~500~~1500 feet from any residential structure.*
- *I. All new facilities shall be at least a distance of ~~500~~3000 feet from the property line of any school.*

Councilor Long stated Environmental Health Trust and other agencies recommended the proposed corrections. She stated the original ordinance contained the correct information.

Motion to amend carried.

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

Chairman Blount stated he had been working on the ordinance with Councilor Long. He had some amendment suggestions but realized they were broader and more robust than he originally thought. Allowing amendments at third reading would provide time to review the ordinance prior to third reading.

Motion to amend to allow for amendments at third reading carried.

Councilor Fant stated he was not in favor of the ordinance. He had heard theories about the health risks associated with cell towers. Mr. Fant stated leaders should lead; he did not believe Council should “go down these rabbit holes of conspiracy theories.” He consulted numerous AI providers online and asked what health problems cell towers cause. The general consensus among Gemini, ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Claude was there were no health issues associated with cell towers. He read the following:

Based on the best available human evidence, there is no proven causal link showing that typical exposure from cell phone towers causes cancer or other illnesses. Cell towers emit non-ionizing radiofrequency energy, not the DNA-damaging ionizing radiation associated with X-rays or radioactive materials. Exposure accessible to the public is generally low. The World Health Organization says the accumulated evidence has not shown short- or long-term health effects from base station signals, including an increased cancer risk. Major public health reviews have not found a reliable, consistent increase in brain cancer, childhood cancer, or other cancers in people living near cellular base stations. A recent WHO review covering roughly 60 studies likewise found no link between RF exposure from phones or towers and brain or childhood cancer.

Councilor Long stated during the Council meeting held in July, a highly qualified doctor provided testimony that refuted everything Mr. Fant said.

Councilor Fant stated this was not “a hill” he was prepared to die on; however, he did not like leadership that peddled conspiracy theories. Mr. Fant stated he would not participate in what he considered a conspiracy theory.

Councilor McGahhey asked Mr. Fant whether he was a realtor.

Councilor Fant replied in the affirmative.

Councilor McGahhey asked Mr. Fant which house would sell first: a house with no cell tower or one with a cell tower in the backyard. He stated each house was worth \$500,000 and asked whether the selling price would be affected by the cell tower.

Councilor Fant stated his comments were about health risks, not real estate.

Councilor McGahhey stated, aside from the health risks, it was Council’s responsibility to “take care of the residents” of Greenville County. He stated he believed there were health risks associated with cell towers. He cited an example of ships at sea and restrictions on how close a person could go when the radars were on. Mr. McGahhey asked his colleagues how they would feel if a cell tower was placed in their backyard. Council’s job was to protect citizens, and approving the proposed ordinance was one way to do that.

Councilor Fant stated he had “said his piece” and had nothing to add. He reiterated he planned to vote in opposition to the proposed ordinance.

Councilor Shaw stated he planned to vote in favor of the proposed ordinance based on quality-of-life issues and aesthetics, disregarding other arguments. Council had every right to place reasonable restrictions on things people found offensive. He stated the cell tower industry had not been regulated at all in the County; they put them wherever they wanted.

Councilor Fant stated he agreed he would not want one in his backyard, if that was the argument and the ordinance was based on that argument, along with the possibility of losing \$50,000 in value on his house. He could not support the theory that cell phone towers gave people cancer; that was the part he did not like.

Action: Councilor Long moved to approve the ordinance as amended.

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

g. South Greenville Area Fire District / General Obligation Bond

Action: Councilor Collins moved for approval at second 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.

Councilor Long stated she would not revisit the information she presented earlier in the evening regarding the millage increase for South Greenville Fire Area District; however, for the same reason she voted in opposition to the millage increase, she planned to vote in opposition to the item in question.

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

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

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 (12) Ordinances - First Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

Vice-Chairman Bradley presented for first reading Zoning Dockets **CZ-2026-041** through **CZ-2026-048**.

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

b. Clear Spring Fire and Rescue / Millage Request

Councilor Collins presented for first reading an ordinance to provide for an increase to the millage rate levied by the Clear Spring Fire and Rescue District.

Chairman Blount stated the item would remain on the floor.

c. Special Lighting Tax Districts - Fee / Millage Adjustment

Councilor Collins presented for first 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.

Chairman Blount stated the item would remain on the floor.

d. Amendment to Ordinance No. 5577 To Remove the Sunset Provision / and / Repeal County Ordinance No. 5734

Vice-Chairman Bradley presented for first reading an ordinance to amend Greenville County Ordinance No. 5577, which updated the Land Development Regulations for Septic Development

Design Standards, to remove the Sunset Provision and to repeal Ordinance No. 5734, which extended the Sunset Provision an additional two years.

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

e. Non-Consent Towing Ordinance Amendment

Councilor Fant presented for first 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.

Chairman Blount referred the item to the Finance Committee.

Item (13) Committee Reports

a. Committee of the Whole

No report.

b. Committee on Finance

No report.

c. Committee on Communications and Governmental Affairs

No report.

d. Committee on Planning and Development

Vice-Chairman Bradley thanked the members of the Planning and Development committee for all their hard work.

e. Roads, Infrastructure and Public Works Committee

Councilor McGahhey stated, earlier in the evening, the Roads, Infrastructure and Public Works Committee approved the 2027 Road Paving List. The list included about 36 miles of roads, which may not seem like a lot. Mr. McGahhey there were quite a few cul-de-sacs and smaller roads going into neighborhoods included on the list. He stated there was quite a bit of paving going on in the County, by both Greenville County and the State. He stated they were, by no means, where they needed to be and admitted they could do better. Without passage of the “penny tax,” 36 miles per year was about the most the County was able to do.

f. Committee on Public Safety and Human Services

Councilor Collins stated the Public Safety Committee met earlier in the week. Sheriff Lewis provided an information-only presentation regarding the acquisition, use, and operation on FLOK cameras within the Sheriff’s Office.

Mr. Collins reported the CAD system was recently upgraded.

g. Oversight Ad Hoc Committee

Councilor Long stated PFM, the company hired to complete the performance evaluations, held Zoom meetings earlier in the month with EMS and the Sheriff's Office. They have been conducting interviews and have begun collecting information from both departments. She stated an on-site audit would be completed in September.

h. Short-Term Rentals Ad Hoc Committee

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman stated the Short-Term Rentals Ad Hoc Committee met the previous day. She stated the committee continued to work on the ordinance and a couple of issues with some related ordinances had been uncovered. Ms. Seman stated they hope to have something for the full body very soon.

Item (14) **Public Comments**

- **David Leveille** - appeared regarding County issues
- **Emerson Harper** - appeared regarding contacting Council
- **Douglas Schultz** - appeared regarding the credibility of ICE

Item (15) **Administrator's Report**

Mr. Kernell stated he was pleased to share that the County's Public Works Department had earned full accreditation from the American Public Works Association. Four of the department's practices were recognized as "model practices," which meant those standards would be used as an example for others. He stated the accreditation had been years in the making and represented a high level of excellence in the department's operations and management, its programs, and its employees. Mr. Kernell stated the team completed its accreditation visit in record time due to its outstanding preparation. The accreditation team was impressed with how well the department worked with other County departments to serve the citizens of Greenville County. He stated the milestone showed the Public Works Department's commitment to serving the community and was well-deserved recognition of its expertise, dedication, and passion for serving others. He stated Greenville County joined only 234 other accredited public works agencies in North America, and was one of only 10 in the state.

A brief video was shown highlighting the department's great achievement.

Item (16) **Requests and Motions by Council Members**

- Councilor Shaw thanked the Clerk's office for catching the small glitch in handling an item.
- Councilor Mitchell stated one of his first announcements as a Council member was the Gordon Street Affordable Housing Project, and the project opened last year. He stated the adjacent Safe Harbor project was having its ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, August 21, at 9 a.m. Mr. Mitchell invited everyone to attend, see the beautiful project, and be proud of what was happening in Greenville County.
- Chairman Blount stated Council had been very blessed to have Ms. Jessica Stone, Deputy Clerk to Council, on staff for a number of years. Ms. Stone was retiring as Deputy Clerk. She had

helped him not “butcher people's names” and he was glad she had made plans to return on a part-time basis.

Item (17) **Adjournment**

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

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council