



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 3, 2026
6:08 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

Alan Mitchell, *Council District 23*
Dan Tripp, *Council District 28*

Council Members Remote Participation

Steve Shaw, *Council District 21*

Staff Present

Joe Kernell, *County Administrator*
Ted Lambrecht, *Deputy County Administrator*
Chris Antley, *County Attorney*
Regina McCaskill, *Clerk to Council*
Jessica Stone, *Deputy Clerk to Council*

Julie Wallace, *Administrative Assistant*
Bob Mihalic, *Governmental Affairs Officer*
Terrence Galloway, *Information Systems*
Hesha Gamble, *Assistant County Administrator*
Ronald Hollister, *Assistant County Administrator*

Others Present

None

Call to Order

Chairman Blount

Invocation

Chairman Blount

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (4) **Approval of Minutes**

a. February 17, 2026 – Regular County Council Meeting

Action: Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman moved to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2026, Regular County Council Meeting.

Motion carried.

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

There were no speakers.

Item (6) **Consent Agenda**

- a.** FY2025 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG)
- b.** FY2026 Trauma DUI Funds
- c.** Community Project Application / Gvl Co. Parks, Recreation & Tourism – Soccer Fields \$17,715.00
- d.** Community Project Application / Herdklotz Park Native Pollinator Garden \$825.00
- e.** Community Project Application / Paris Mountain State Park Native Plant Garden \$650.00

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

Item (7) **Resolutions**

a. Land Development Concurrency Requirement Study

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved for adoption a resolution directing Greenville County staff and the Planning Commission to investigate and study the implementation of a land development concurrency requirement.

Motion carried.

Item (8) **Ordinances – Third Reading**

a. Zoning Ordinances

- ii. CZ-2026-001,** Property of Etowah LLC, located at 506 & 508 South Buncombe Road and 1710 Hood Road, requesting rezoning from S-1 to I-1.

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

Motion carried.

- ii. CZ-2026-004.** Property of 2706 White Horse, LLC, located at 2706 White Horse Road, requesting rezoning from C-2 to C-1.

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

Motion carried.

Item (9) **Ordinance – Second Reading**

a. Zoning Ordinances

- i. CZ-2026-003, Property of Hounds Brae, LLC, located at 333 Gibson Drive, requesting rezoning from R-S to R-15. 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.

Action: Vice-Chairman Bradley moved to hold the item.

Chairman Blount stated there had been quite a bit of back-and-forth discussions with Greenville Technical College regarding the potential easement. He stated it was a timing issue with the college, as they had to put the item on their agenda for discussion. The motion to hold was to give them time to work things out.

Motion to hold carried.

Item (10) **Ordinance – First Reading**

a. **Laurens – Greenville Multi-County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment / Hydrite Chemical Company**

Councilor Collins presented for first reading an ordinance to authorize and approve an agreement for the development of a joint industrial and business park (Hunter Industrial Park) by and between Laurens County and Greenville County, such industrial and business park to be geographically located in Laurens County and Greenville County and established pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Blount stated the item would remain on the floor.

b. **United Composite Materials LLC and Hankuk Composites US Inc. (formerly Project Pioneer) / 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, United Composite Materials LLC, and Hankuk Composites US Inc., including any related or affiliated legal entities (previously identified by the County as Project Pioneer) 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; authorizing the assignment and amendment of an existing fee in lieu of tax agreement applicable to a portion of the project, whereby such portion of the project would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; and other matters related thereto.

Councilor Long stated the company was located in her district. The company already had a FILOT in place and would assume the new one. It was an industrial area, and the company planned to use the existing buildings. She stated there were currently 12 employees; that number would increase to 50, with 49 being local. Plans were underway for Godshall, a local recruiter, to hire the new employees.

Chairman Blount stated the item would remain on the floor.

Item (11) **Committee Reports**

a. Committee of the Whole

i. Board and Commission Policy Revisions

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Bradley moved to approve the Board and Commission Policy revisions as recommended by the Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried.

b. Committee on Finance

There was no report.

c. Committee on Communications and Governmental Affairs

Councilor Farmer stated the next meeting of the Communications and Governmental Affairs Committee was on March 10. Both SCDOT and GADC were scheduled to make presentations to the committee.

d. Committee on Planning and Development

Vice-Chairman Bradley stated the members of the Planning and Development Committee were working very well together. Each member came prepared and ready to discuss the agenda items.

e. Roads, Infrastructure and Public Works Committee

Councilor McGahhey stated there were ongoing issues regarding which entity owned certain roads. He stated there had been complaints about the County widening roads being repaved. It was written in the paving contracts to reclaim roads overgrown by grass and other things. The County would never take any right-of-way without going through the proper legal process. Mr. McGahhey encouraged anyone with a problem or question about the County's work on a road to contact him by email or phone. He stated the previous policy of "worst first" no longer applied. They would use some of the road money to resurface the County's other roads, primarily for maintenance purposes.

f. Committee on Public Safety and Human Services

Councilor Collins gave a "shout-out" to EMS. He stated he had ridden in an ambulance for six hours earlier in the day with EMS employees, Kurt and Christian, on Med 9. Mr. Collins stated the electronics used to move ambulances around to minimize response time were state-of-the-art.

g. Oversight Ad Hoc Committee

i. Operational Assessment / Request for Proposal (RFP)

Councilor Long stated the committee had been working on the RFP since October. The plan was to conduct operational assessments of the Sheriff's Office and EMS to identify efficiencies that would save money. She stated any savings would be used to fund other items. The assessments would more than likely have to be done by two different auditors.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Long moved to approve the RFP, as created by the Oversight Ad Hoc Committee, for the purpose of obtaining proposals to perform the operational assessment of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office and the Greenville County EMS Department.

Motion carried.

h. Short Term Rentals Ad Hoc Committee

Chairwoman Seman stated she had no report but would be making one at the next meeting.

Item (12) Public Comments

- **Dianne Vreeland** - appeared regarding sanctions on citizens
- **Jeff Lawson** - appeared regarding performance audit
- **Joe Clary** - appeared regarding Greenlink
- **Ed Paxton** - appeared regarding Greater Greenville Sanitation
- **Malinda Dukes** - appeared regarding eviction notices
- **Ryan Sarakauskas** - appeared regarding a road issue

Item (13) Administrator's Report

Mr. Kernell stated during the previous weekend, Greenville County Animal Care partnered with the Greenville Humane Society to host a two-day "trap-neuter-return" event with a goal of sterilizing 500 outdoor community cats. Volunteers from *Speak for Animals*, Clemson University School of Veterinary Medicine, and Spartanburg County *Pet Resource Center* assisted. A total of 494 cats were spayed and neutered, 256 by Greenville County Animal Care and 236 by the Greenville Humane Society, significantly reducing future litters in the community.

Item (14) Requests and Motions by Council Members

There were no Requests or Motions.

Item (15) **Adjournment**

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

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council