



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 7, 2026
6:00 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

Curt McGahhey, *Council District 22*
Alan Mitchell, *Council District 23*
Dan Tripp, *Council District 28*

Staff Present

Joe Kernell, *County Administrator*
Ted Lambrecht, *Deputy County Administrator*
Chris Antley, *County Attorney*
Regina McCaskill, *Clerk to Council*
Julie Wallace, *Administrative Assistant*

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

Others Present

None

Call to Order

Chairman Blount

Invocation

Councilor Long

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (4) **Approval of Minutes**

a. March 17, 2026 – Regular County Council Meeting

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

Motion carried.

Item (5) **Proclamation**

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman presented a proclamation to the Greenville Theatre in honor of its 100th anniversary.

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

- **Audrey Pasin** - appeared regarding Item 9.b. Project Magnolia / Inducement Resolution

Item (7) **Public Hearings**

a. Donaldson Center Fire Service Area / General Obligation Bond Request

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 \$2,000,000 Greenville County, South Carolina, General Obligation Bonds (Donaldson Fire Service Area Project), Series 2026b; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters related thereto.

As there were no speakers, Councilor Collins declared the public hearing closed.

Item (8) **Consent Agenda**

- a.** Code Enforcement Officer Commissioning
- b.** FY2027 VOCA Grant
- c.** SC Jag Grant – FTIR Replacement
- d.** SC Jag Grant – Laboratory Information Management System
- e.** SC DES Solid Waste Grant
- f.** SC DES Waste Oil Grant
- g.** SC Des Waste Tire Grant
- h.** SC Des Solid Waste Hurricane Helene Grant
- i.** Citizens’ Academy Appointments

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

Motion carried.

Item (9) **Resolutions**

- a. **Resolution to Approve Reassignment of the Amended and Restated Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement and the Infrastructure Financing Agreement / Honeywell International, Inc.** *(formerly known as Project Edison/Conan)*

Action: Councilor Collins moved for adoption a resolution authorizing and approving (1) the assignment and assumption of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Honeywell International, Inc.; (2) the assignment and assumption of an infrastructure financing agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and Honeywell International, Inc.; and (3) the County's execution and delivery of an assignment and assumption of FILOT agreement and an assignment and assumption of infrastructure financing agreement in connection with such assignments and assumptions; and (4) other matter related thereto.

Motion carried by a roll call vote of eight (Russo, Long, Blount, Farmer, Seman, Fant, Bradley, Tripp *[via text]*) in favor, three (Shaw, McGahhey *[via voice vote]*, Collins) in opposition, one (Mitchell) did not vote.

- b. **Project Magnolia / Inducement Resolution**

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 Magnolia, whereby, under certain conditions, Greenville County will 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 the related matters.

Motion carried by a roll call vote of eight (Russo, Blount, Farmer, Mitchell *[via voice vote]*, Seman, Fant, Bradley, Tripp *[via voice vote]*) in favor, four (Long, Shaw, McGahhey *[via voice vote]*, Collins) in opposition.

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

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

Action: Councilor Collins moved for adoption at third 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.

Councilor Collins stated the property was located in Laurens County.

Motion carried.

b. United Composite Materials LLC and Hankuk Composites US Inc. (formerly Project Pioneer) / Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement

Action: Councilor Collins moved for adoption at third 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.

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

Item (11) Ordinances – Second Reading

a. Donaldson Center Fire Service Area / General Obligation Bond Request

Action: Councilor Collins moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$2,000,000 Greenville County, South Carolina, General Obligation Bonds (Donaldson Fire Service Area Project), Series 2026b; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto.

Councilor Fant stated, at first glance, the requested millage appeared quite substantial, and many of his colleagues may feel they could not support the request. He stated the Board of Commissioners was composed of the companies located at Donaldson, and the millage was paid by those companies, not the general public.

Councilor Long stated the companies also contributed \$1 million dollars of their own money.

Motion as presented carried.

Item (12) Ordinances – First Reading

a. Encroachment Ordinance Amendments

Vice-Chairman Bradley presented for first reading an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 3673, the Greenville County Encroachment Permit Ordinance; and Chapter 18, Article VI. Permits, of the 1976 Greenville County Code, as amended, so as to provide clarification.

Chairman Blount stated the item would remain on the floor.

b. Anderson – Greenville Duke Project Multi-County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment / Duke Project

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.

Councilor Collins stated the property was located in Anderson County.

Chairman Blount stated the item would remain on the floor.

c. Project Magnolia / 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 Magnolia with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Blount stated the item would remain on the floor.

Item (13) Committee Reports

a. Committee of the Whole

i. Council Priorities

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman moved to approve the following list of County Council Strategic Priorities as discussed and approved in the Committee of the Whole:

- ***Transparent & Responsive Government***
To strengthen public trust through accessible, timely, and transparent communication.
- ***Strategic Growth & Land Use Planning***
To guide responsible growth while preserving Greenville County’s character and natural resources.
- ***Targeted Economic Development***
To attract high-quality jobs and investment while supporting existing businesses.
- ***Fiscal Stewardship & Core Services including Public Safety***
To maintain strong financial health while prioritizing essential government services.
- ***Infrastructure & Capital Planning***
To address current infrastructure needs while preparing for future growth.

Motion carried.

ii. Civil Action: 2023-CP-223-04287

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Bradley moved to

- Approve the settlement of Civil Action: 2023-CP-23-04287 based on the terms presented to the Committee;
- To authorize the Council Chairman, the County Administrator, and the County Attorney to execute any and all documents necessary to the County's participation in the proposed settlement; AND
- To instruct the County Attorney to authorize the County's litigation counsel to sign any documents and take any action necessary to obtain court approvals or court orders necessary to complete the settlement.

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

iii. Civil Action: 2018-CP-23-01294

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Vice-Chairman Bradley moved to adopt a Resolution:

- Approving Greenville County's participation in the proposed settlements of Opioid-Related Claims against Associated Pharmacies, Inc.; American Associated Pharmacies; J.M. Smith Company; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson; North Carolina Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; United National Foods, Inc. / SuperValu; and their related corporate entities;
- Authorizing the County Attorney and the County Administrator to execute any and all documents necessary to the County's participation in the proposed settlements; and
- Instructing the County Attorney to authorize the County's litigation counsel to sign any documents and take any action necessary to obtain court approvals or court orders necessary to complete these settlements.

Motion carried.

b. Committee on Finance

Chairman Blount stated a number of grants were approved earlier in the meeting for Solid Waste and Forensics, providing additional assets for those departments to continue their work.

c. Committee on Communications and Governmental Affairs

Councilor Farmer stated in the following week, the Communications and Governmental Affairs Committee would be hosting Thrive Upstate. Thrive's mission was to provide meaningful services, opportunities and support to all people with disabilities and special needs, in order for them to thrive in life, work and play.

d. Committee on Planning and Development

Vice-Chairman Bradley stated the Planning and Development Committee was continually seeking ways to improve planning and meet citizens' needs.

e. Roads, Infrastructure and Public Works Committee

Councilor McGahhey stated the RIPW Committee approved a new car wash ordinance earlier in the day. The ordinance would be included on the next Council agenda. He stated the committee was working on a rewrite of the current noise ordinance. That item was held in committee and would be taken up at its next meeting.

f. Committee on Public Safety and Human Services

Councilor Collins stated several items would be discussed at the next Public Safety meeting. Those items included a review of the software the County used for ambulatory control and management, as well as the CAD Radio System. He stated they planned to discuss possible solutions to the problem of EMTs and Paramedics waiting to unload at hospitals, which tied up half of EMS's workforce.

g. Oversight Ad Hoc Committee

Councilor Long stated bids for the performance evaluation RFP would be accepted through April 14. After the closing date, the committee would review the bids and select a vendor.

h. Short-Term Rentals Ad Hoc Committee

Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman stated the next meeting of the Short-Term Rentals Ad Hoc Committee was scheduled for Monday, April 13.

Item (14) Public Comments

- **Dianne Vreeland** - appeared regarding the Jurisdiction of the Planning Commission
- **Ed Paxton** - appeared regarding Mismanagement
- **Jeffrey Lawson** - appeared regarding the Planning and Development Committee
- **Audrey Pasin** - appeared regarding Magistrate Court
- **Derrick Quarrels** - appeared regarding Magistrate Court

Item (15) Administrator's Report

Mr. Kernell stated he hoped to present the County's FY2027 budget within the next 10 days. Staff had been working diligently to finish it up. There were some challenges, but he felt Council would be very happy with the end result.

In response to the speaker's comments regarding the Magistrate Court, Mr. Kernell stated the County executed a plan in 2010 to replace 13 Magistrate offices scattered across substandard buildings, such as the one in Gantt, which was unsuitable for a courthouse or its employees. They were consolidated, making operations more efficient and the facilities nicer. Offices were built in Travelers Rest, on Wade Hampton, in Simpsonville, and one in the new Administration Building; Bond Court was at the Detention Center. County Council had been very gracious over the years, providing substantial funding to replace the offices. Currently, they were working with the Chief Magistrate Judge to decide what to do with the Gantt office, which was essentially an unsalvageable mobile home. Mr. Kernell stated the County had incurred substantial funding over the years for those offices.

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

- Chairman Blount stated he had the honor of opening the Special Olympics Greenville Games earlier in the day at Furman University. He stated everyone was very excited, and he was impressed with the staff's ability to control traffic; the County may want their assistance with traffic calming. He was grateful to live in a County that supported Special Olympics as much as Greenville County did.

Item (17) **Adjournment**

Action: There being no further business, Chairwoman Pro Tem Seman moved to adjourn.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council