

**MINUTES  
CITY OF MAULDIN  
COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 20 , 2026  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5 E. BUTLER ROAD**

Members present were Mayor Terry Merritt, Council members Taft Matney, Carol King, Jason Kraeling, Michael Reynolds, Frank Allgood and Mark Steenback.

City Attorney Daniel Hughes, City Administrator Seth Duncan, and Assistant City Administrator Greg Saxton were also present.

**1. Call to Order-** Mayor Merritt

- a. Welcome- Mayor Merritt
- b. Invocation- Councilman Reynolds
- c. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Reynolds

**2. Proclamations and Presentations**

- a. HRTHUDL Foundation AED Presentation- Connor Shaw was present and told the story of how he collapsed into cardiac arrest while coaching his son's flag football game at Gracely Park in Simpsonville.

A Simpsonville firefighter was coaching at the park as well and performed CPR on Mr. Shaw until an AED arrived. Mr. Shaw is now doing well and has started a foundation called HRTHUDL to place AEDs in parks and encourage people to learn CPR, as intervention with CPR or an AED can double or triple the odds of a person being able to survive a cardiac event. Mr. Shaw asked Council to allow his foundation to work with the City to place AEDs in City parks.

- b. Opioid Use Prevention Presentation- Sam Garrison presented the City's opioid prevention program and plans for the future. Mr. Garrison is collaborating with other drug prevention programs such as Rize Prevention and the Phoenix Center to help combat drug use.
- c. Rize Prevention Presentation- Martine Helou-Allen, Founder and Executive Director of Rize Prevention spoke on their mission to help stop drug use and addiction among young teens and their families across the Upstate. The foundation helps by going to schools and providing early intervention.

Ms. Allen mentioned the Mauldin Fire Department and Mauldin Police Department are hosting National Drug Take Back Day on April 25 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Unwanted medications can be disposed of at Rize Prevention, 218 New Neely Ferry Road in Mauldin.

d. National Day of Prayer Proclamation- The Mayor read the National Day of Prayer proclamation.

### **3. Reading and Approval of Minutes**

a. City Council Meeting – March 16, 2026

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

### **4. Public Comment (Agenda Items)- None**

### **5. Report from City Administrator**

Mr. Duncan reported that the Mauldin Theatre Company has been invited to participate in this year's Artisphere in Greenville on two separate days.

The City will have the opportunity to distribute and display marketing materials during both performances. This will be great opportunity to highlight the scope of our programs and will be useful in recruiting the amazing talent MTC has become known for.

The Greenville Pickens Area Transportation Study (GPATS) is starting work on the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). This plan will identify transportation needs and priorities across the region over the next 20+ years.

As part of this effort, GPATS is requesting input that may be considered for inclusion in the 2050 LRTP.

#### **Grand Openings & Updates**

- Pinnacle Financial Partners – E. Butler
- Metro Connects New Campus – W. Butler
- Dutch Brothers Coffee – Now open

#### **Coming soon:**

- GE Vernova Park – coming soon – June 3rd. Substantial completion of Phase 1 on
- Swig Drinks at 1534 Woodruff Road. Swig will serve dirty soda, refreshers, energy drinks, and cookies.

Chamber President Kim Guthrie was present to thank Mauldin for the partnership between the City and the Chamber.

## **6. Report from Standing Committees**

- a. Economic Planning & Development- No report
- b. Public Safety- Chairwoman King thanked the departments and staff for the participation at the One Mauldin event. She was proud of the staff turnout for that special evening.
- c. Public Works- Chairman Kraeling thanked Public Works for their help during the Mauldin Blues and Jazz Festival
- d. Finance and Policy- No report
- e. Recreation- No report
- f. Business and Development Services- No report

## **7. Unfinished Business**

### **Ordinances 2nd Reading**

None

## **8. New Business**

### **Ordinances 1st Reading**

None

### **Standing Committee Items**

None

### **Committee of the Whole**

**Motion:** Councilman Reynolds made a motion to consider this item as Committee of the Whole. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- a. Adams Glen Pump Station Modification

**Motion:** Councilman Kraeling made a motion to approve the allocation of funds to purchase the power conditioning voltage regulator for the Adams Glen pump station. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (7-0).

## **9. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)**

- a. Victor Marcon of 504 Old Mill Road thanked Council for protecting 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights and allowing protests on the Mauldin Gateway Bridge with requirements of keeping the bridge clear for pedestrians and no allowance of signs or other items attached to the bridge.

- b. Joe Sentelle of 226 Edgewood Drive asked for clarification regarding a property on Muirwood Drive tapping into sewer on Locke Lane. He also inquired about property being sold for construction of eight new houses in Knollwood. Mayor Merritt asked Mr. Sentelle to contact Mr. Duncan for help with his questions.

## **10. Council Concerns**

Mayor Merritt mentioned that Mauldin City Singers will have performances on Saturday and Sunday of this week. Director Pam Mayfield, former choir director at Mauldin High School, dreamed of putting together a city-wide chorus and chose to do that here in Mauldin. When she was putting the chorus together, the City was just getting started with community development and needed a draw.

Mayor Merritt said the chorus is very talented and the shows they put on are great. He encouraged Mauldin to continue investing in the Mauldin City Singers, to make facilities available to them and continue allowing them to operate in the City.

## **11. Call for Executive Session**

Executive Session to consider the following items as allowed by State Statute 30-4-70(a)(2):

**Motion:** Councilman Matney made a motion at 8:02 p.m. to adjourn into executive session to consider the following items with Councilman Steenback seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (7-0).

- a. Project Partial
- b. Project Crow's Nest
- c. Project Peak
- d. Project Oak
- e. Receipt of legal advice on matters covered by attorney-client privilege regarding potential Amendments to Ordinances 1065 and 1066

Mayor Merritt called the meeting back to order at 10:10 p.m. Councilman Matney reported out no decisions were made and no action was taken in executive session.

## **Immediately following Executive Session**

### **Possible action on items discussed in Executive Session-**

**Motion:** Councilman Matney made a motion to adopt on first reading an amendment to ordinance 1065, rezoning of 25.8 acre tract at Fork Shoals Road and Ashmore Bridge Road, to adjust the closing date to July 31, 2026. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

Councilman Steenback stated he had one question and could not get an answer to it. He has been concerned about transparency in this process.

**Vote:** The vote was 4-3 with Councilmembers Kraeling, Steenback and Allgood dissenting.

**Motion:** Councilman Matney made a motion to adopt on first reading an amendment to ordinance 1066, annexation and zoning of 7.2 acre tract at 1330 Fork Shoals Road, to adjust the closing date to July 31, 2026. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The vote was 5-2 with Councilmembers Kraeling and Steenback dissenting.

**12. Adjournment-** Mayor Merritt adjourned the meeting at 10:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk