

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026, 7PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

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

2. Proclamations and Presentations

- a. American Legion Presentation of 2025 Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year

The Second Vice Commander of the Mauldin American Legion Post presented Justin Keller with an award for 2025 Firefighter of the Year and Sgt. Riley Embree with an award for 2025 Police Officer of the Year.

- b. Bianca Connell Proclamation- Mayor Merritt presented Ms. Connell with a plaque and a proclamation for her achievements at Mauldin High School.
- c. MHS Cadet Color Guard Proclamation- Mayor Merritt presented the MHS Cadet Color Guard with a proclamation and team member certificates.
- d. Lupus Proclamation- Mayor Merritt read the proclamation

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- a. April 20, 2026- The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

4. Public Comment (Agenda Items)- None

- a. FY27 Budget Public Hearing
Mayor Merritt opened the public hearing for the FY 27 budget at 7:25 p.m. There were no comments. The public hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m.

5. Report from City Administrator

Amp'd Up Fridays will be held every Friday night starting May 29th until July 31st at the Mauldin Amphitheater. All concerts are free to attend.

Memphis will have its final weekend at the Mauldin Cultural Center this week.

The Memorial Day ceremony will be held Monday, May 25th at 11am at the Cultural Center.

The Mauldin Mayos are a collegiate summer wood bat baseball team competing in the Palmetto State League. Their home opener is scheduled for June 4th and will be held at Mauldin High School stadium.

Edifice Construction is nearing completion of Phase I at GE Vernova Park, the City's multi-use entertainment venue and stadium at Bridgeway Station. Phase I will include the stadium's core elements including the field, stands, seats, scoreboard, lights, fencing and east concessions building. Substantial completion of those elements is expected by the end of the month.

Phase II is underway with the pouring of foundations of the west building. The west building will feature team facilities and locker rooms, a team store, concessions, restrooms, suites, and press box. Substantial completion of Phase II is expected later this year or early next year.

Opening night is 16 days away. In addition to Edifice's work to get the stadium ready, the City along with our partners at Greenville Pro Soccer and Bridgeway Station are placing the final touches on the opening night's traffic and parking plan. In addition to Bridgeway Station's recent parking lot expansion which saw the creation of more than 400 new spots, Greenville Pro Soccer has secured an additional 1,800 parking spots along Holland Road and East Butler Road. GPS will manage game day visitor traffic and parking through the use of their long-time parking vendor and security vendor, EPI, and with the aid of Mauldin Police Department. GPS will be releasing more information about parking and traffic management later this week along with maps and graphics prior to June 3rd.

On opening night, EPI will staff parking lots and pedestrian access areas while MPD will manage the flow of traffic along Bridges Road at I-385, Bridgeway Blvd, and Holland Road. MPD will be deploying a sizable number of officers to support opening night's pre-game festivities, during the game, and at dismissal. Officers will direct traffic at all major intersections near the stadium and at designated pedestrian crossings. Those attending are encouraged to review the traffic and parking information that will be provided with the advance purchase of tickets or by visiting GEVernovaPark.com. The City will also be sharing information for those attending, visiting Bridgeway Station, or just trying to get home on our social media accounts.

Kickoff is expected at 7:36pm with pre-game festivities starting at 5pm and fireworks display after the game.

6. Report from Standing Committees

- a. Economic Planning and Development- None
- b. Public Safety- Chairwoman King mentioned the 23 firefighters who were honored at the recent cardiac save program. The fundraising gala held for the Special Olympics last week raised over \$60,000. The goal was to raise \$30,000.
- c. Public Works- None
- d. Finance and Policy- None
- e. Recreation-None
- f. Business and Development Services- None

7. Unfinished Business

Ordinances 2nd Reading

Business & Development Services (Steenback)

- a. An amendment to Ordinance #1065 (Rezoning of a 25.8-acre tract at Fork Shoals Road and Ashmore Bridge Road) to adjust the effective date therein.

Motion: Chairman Steenback made a motion to consider this item on second reading with Councilman Matney seconding.

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

- b. An amendment to Ordinance #1066 (Annexation of a 7.2-acre tract at 1330 Fork Shoals Road) to adjust the effective dates therein.

Motion: Chairman Steenback made a motion to consider this item on second reading with Councilman Matney seconding.

Vote: The vote was 5-2 with Councilman Kraeling and Chairman Steenback dissenting.

8. New Business

Ordinances 1st Reading

Finance & Policy (Reynolds)

- a. An Ordinance to amend appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Motion: Chairman Reynolds made a motion to accept this ordinance on first reading with Councilman Steenback seconding.

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

- b. An ordinance to provide appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.

Motion: Chairman Reynolds made a motion to accept this ordinance on first reading with Councilman Allgood seconding.

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

- c. Ordinance establishing a sewer pump station fee for parcels of the Hawk Haven subdivision, and for additional parcels of the Adams Glen and Amaris subdivisions, and reestablishing the pump station fee for Indigo Point, The Retreat, Deer Ridge and parts of the Pine Forest subdivision.

Motion: Chairman Reynolds made a motion to accept this ordinance on first reading with Councilman Kraeling seconding.

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

Economic Planning & Development (Matney)

- d. An amendment to Article IV (“fireworks”) of Chapter 20 (fire prevention and protection) of the Mauldin code of ordinances, so as to revise the permitting and oversight process for public fireworks displays.

Motion: Chairman Matney made a motion to accept this ordinance on first reading with Councilwoman King seconding.

Councilman Allgood asked about the inclusion of drone shows in the ordinance. Chairman Matney said this was discussed in committee but it was decided since the FAA provides the oversight and application process for drones, it did not need to be included in the City’s ordinance.

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

Standing Committee Items

Public Safety (King)

- e. Clemson University Mutual Aid Agreement & Contract.

Motion: Chairwoman King made a motion to accept this contract with Councilman Kraeling seconding.

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

f. MOU for Law Enforcement Services at Special Events.

Motion: Chairwoman King made a motion to accept this document with Councilman Kraeling seconding.

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

Committee of the Whole

Motion: Councilwoman King made a motion to consider these next two items via the informal method with Councilman Kraeling seconding.

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

Public Safety (King)

g. Administrative Judge Appointment

Motion: Chairwoman King made a motion to accept the appointment of Erika Stinson as Chief Administrative Judge. Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion.

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

Public Works (Kraeling)

h. GLDTC 619 – Miller Road Sidewalk Additional Funding

Motion: Chairman Kraeling made a motion to accept this agreement with Councilwoman King seconding.

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

9. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)- None

10. Council Concerns

Councilman Matney asked for thoughts for the families of Officers D.J. Keller and Ashley Munoz.

11. Call for Executive Session

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to adjourn into executive session for the items listed below. Councilman Steenback seconded the motion.

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

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

- a. Project Bunker
- b. Mauldin Stadium at Bridgeway Station
- c. City Center Village Redevelopment
- d. Receipt of legal advice on matters covered by attorney-client privilege related to regulations on public property.

Mayor Merritt called the meeting back to order at 9:31 p.m. Councilman Matney reported no decisions were made and no action taken in executive session.

Immediately Following Executive Session

Possible action on items discussed in Executive Session

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the incentive agreement with PAR Greenville LLC as presented during Executive Session and authorize the Mayor and or his designee to execute the agreement. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

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

12. Adjournment- Mayor Merritt adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk