**CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026, 7:00 P.M.**
**CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
**5 EAST BUTLER ROAD, MAULDIN, SC 29662**

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS**
**Mayor**
Terry Merritt

**Council Members**
Taft Matney, Carol King, Jason Kraeling, Michael Reynolds, Frank Allgood and Mark Steenback

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## AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
    a. Welcome
    b. Invocation
    c. Pledge of Allegiance

2. **Proclamations and Presentations**
    a. 10 U Boys' All-Star Flag Football Proclamation [Page 3]
    b. Chamber Presentation [Pages 4-5]

3. **Reading and Approval of Minutes**
    a. June 15, 2026 [Pages 6-9 ]
    b. City Council Workshop- July 6, 2026 [Page 10]

4. **Public Comment (Agenda Items)**

5. **Report from City Administrator**

6. **Report from Standing Committees**
    a. Economic Planning and Development	Chairman Matney
    b. Public Safety	Chairwoman King
    c. Public Works	Chairman Kraeling
    d. Finance and Policy	Chairman Reynolds
    e. Recreation	Chairman Allgood
    f. Business and Development Services	Chairman Steenback

7. **Unfinished Business**

**Ordinances 2nd Reading**

Business and Development Services (Steenback)

a. Comprehensive Plan adoption. [Pages 11-15]

8. **New Business**

**Ordinances 1st Reading**

Committee of the Whole

a. 1% Sales Tax Referendum Ordinance [Pages 16-30]

**Standing Committee Items**

Business and Development Services (Steenback)

b. Appointments of Boards and Commissions [Pages 31-32]
Planning Commission
Zoning Board of Appeals

**Committee of the Whole**

c. Resolution to Transfer K-9 to City of Laurens [Pages 33-36]

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

10. **Council Concerns**

11. **Call for Executive Session**

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

a. Mauldin Stadium at BridgeWay Station
b. City Center Village Redevelopment
c. Project Diamond

*Immediately Following Executive Session*

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

12. **Adjournment**

All meetings are streamed live at https://cityofmauldin.org/your-government/meeting-minutes-agendas/.
A quorum of Council will be present.

# Mauldin Rec 10 U Flag Football

WHEREAS, Mauldin Rec 10U Flag Football All Star Team won the 2026 SCAP State Flag Football Championship on Sunday, June 14th versus Fort Mill in Rock Hill, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, June 13th, opening day of the SCAP State Flag Football Tournament 10U Mauldin won 3 straight games in sweltering conditions versus Rockhill, Seneca, and Greenwood to advance to the State Championship Game versus Fort Mill on Sunday, June 14th; and

WHEREAS, After losing the first double elimination game 10U Mauldin bounced back and won in a 13-0 shutout versus Fort Mill; and

WHEREAS, We give special recognition to Coaches Joseph Gantt, Dominique Mosley and Stonewall Randolph for winning the SCAP State Flag Football Championship as Mauldin Rec All Star coaches for 3 years in a row;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Terry Merritt, Mayor of the City of Mauldin, along with my fellow Councilmembers, do hereby proclaim that we are proud of the Mauldin 10U Flag Football All Star Team and recognize them for winning the 2026 SCAP State Flag Football Championships.

Presented this 20th day of July, 2026

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Terry Merritt, Mayor

# Greater Mauldin Chamber of Commerce

City Council Meeting Report
Monday, July 20, 2026

### State of the Chamber

1. Growing Together
The Greater Mauldin Chamber of Commerce continues to focus on strengthening relationships with the city to promote mutual prosperity while connecting businesses and the community.

2. Chamber Engagement & Partnerships
We remain committed to creating opportunities for businesses to connect, grow, and thrive through networking events, educational programs, and community partnerships. These efforts continue to increase visibility for local businesses while fostering meaningful engagement across Mauldin.

### Upcoming Events – Opportunities to Attend

• August 5, 12 – 1:30p | Mauldin Chamber Leads Group

• August 6, 8:30a | Ribbon Cutting / Grand Opening – Vitality Direct Primary Care, 300 Regent Park Court

• August 6, 5:30p | Ribbon Cutting/ Business After Hours – Just Say Something, 850 S. Pleasantburg Drive Suite 202

• August 7, 8:30a – 10a | First Friday Coffee: Commerce & Community, Mauldin Chamber

• August 18, 5:45p | Chamber Night at the Greenville Drive

• August 19, 11:30a | Lunch & Learn – Museum of Revolutionary War History

• August 26, 8 – 9:30a | Quarterly Manufacturing Excellence Breakfast

• August 26, 11:30a | Lunch & Learn – Evergreen Chiropractic

• September 2, 12 – 1:30p | Mauldin Chamber Leads Group

• October 2, 8:30a – 10a | First Friday Coffee: Commerce & Community, Mauldin Chamber

• October 7, 12 – 1:30p | Mauldin Chamber Leads Group

• October 8, 5:30p | Annual Oyster Roast at BridgeWay Station

• October 21, 11:30a – 1p | Lunch & Learn – City of Mauldin

• October 22, 10a – 1p | Adult CPR/AED & Substance Abuse Emergency Training & Certification with Sam /Mauldin Fire Department (free for businesses & community – max 30)

• October 22, 6p – 8p | Business After Hours with the Mauldin Theatre Company

• November 4, 8 – 9:30a | Quarterly Manufacturing Excellence Breakfast

• November 4, 12 – 1:30p | Mauldin Chamber Leads Group

• November 6, 8:30a – 10a | First Friday Coffee: Commerce & Community, Mauldin Chamber

• November 12 | Mauldin Chamber Board Retreat

• December 2, 12 – 1:30p | Mauldin Chamber Leads Group

• December 4, 8:30a – 10a | First Friday Coffee: Commerce & Community, Mauldin Chamber

• December 5, 9a | Breakfast with Santa – Ray W. Hopkins Mauldin Senior Center

• December 5, 2p | Mauldin City and Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade – Career Center down Holland Road to BridgeWay Station

• December 10, 6p | Mauldin Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet – Grand Holland Estate

• December 16, 11:30a | Mauldin Chamber of Commerce Annual Ladies' Christmas Luncheon – Grand Holland Estate

### Ongoing Engagement

The Mauldin Chamber continues to host ribbon cuttings, networking events, and educational opportunities throughout the year to support business growth and community connection.

If you are not currently receiving our weekly newsletter, distributed each Thursday at 8a, please let us know so we can ensure you are added. The newsletter includes updates on ribbon cuttings, new events, networking opportunities, and more.

We would also like to formally invite you to attend our First Friday Coffee | Commerce and Community, held on the first Friday of each month at the Chamber office. This event provides an opportunity to connect with local businesses and community members in a welcoming environment.

The Chamber remains committed to fostering connections and creating meaningful opportunities for businesses and the community. Thank you so much for your support!

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Guthrie, President
Kent Johnson, Board Chair

**MINUTES**
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
**MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026, 7:00 P.M.**
**CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
**5 EAST BUTLER ROAD, MAULDIN, SC 29662**

Members present were Mayor Terry Merritt, Council members Taft Matney, Carol King, Jason Kraeling, Frank Allgood and Mark Steenback. Councilman Michael Reynolds was not present.

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 Steenback
   c. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Steenback

**2. Proclamations and Presentations**
   a. MTC Federal Credit Union Proclamation- This proclamation will be presented next month.

**3. Reading and Approval of Minutes**
   a. May 18, 2026
      The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**4. Public Comment (Agenda Items)**
   a. FY26 Budget Amendment Public Hearing- The budget amendment public hearing opened at 7:04 p.m. and closed at 7:05 p.m. with no public comment.
   b. Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing- The comprehensive plan public hearing opened at 7:05 p.m. and closed at 7:15 p.m. with no public comment.
   c. Sewer Pump Station Fee Public Hearing- The sewer pump station fee opened at 7:15 p.m. and closed at 7:19 p.m. with one public comment.

**5. Report from City Administrator**

Seth Duncan reported GE Vernova Park opened on June 3rd to more than 4,200 fans. Because of a well-executed plan by Sgt. Harley Sefcik and members of the MPD, there were no significant traffic issues or delays either prior to the game or after.

The Greenville Triumph will be back at home this Saturday starting at 7pm with a short fireworks display to follow.

Upcoming Events:

Amp'd Up Fridays will feature The Night Affair Band this Friday.

A Juneteenth celebration will be held this Saturday from 5pm-9pm at the Mauldin Amphitheater

On July 3rd, we will celebrate America's 250th birthday at Amp'd Up Friday which will feature Smokey Jones and The 3 Dollar Pistols. We are planning for some fun 250th themed activities along with our featured act.

BridgeWay Station will have live music, festivities, and a fireworks show just after dark on July 4th.

**6. Report from Standing Committees**

a. Economic Planning and Development- No report
b. Public Safety- Chairwoman King mentioned the fire department participated in the SC Fireman's Conference last week. Mauldin was designated a Fire Safe Community again this year.
c. Public Works- No report
d. Finance and Policy- No report
e. Recreation- Chairman Allgood reported that the 10U Flag Football team won the state championship.
f. Business and Development Services- No report

**7. Unfinished Business**
**Ordinances 2nd Reading**

**Finance & Policy (Reynolds)**

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

   **Motion:** Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the ordinance on final reading. Councilman Kraeling seconded the motion.

   **Vote:** The vote was unanimous (6-0).

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

   **Motion:** Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the ordinance on final reading. Councilman Kraeling seconded the motion.

   **Vote:** The vote was unanimous (6-0).

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:** Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the ordinance on final reading. Councilman Kraeling seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (6-0).

**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 approve the ordinance on final reading. Councilman Steenback seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (6-0).

**8. New Business**

**Ordinances 1st Reading**

**Business and Development Services (Steenback)**

a. Comprehensive Plan adoption.

**Motion:** Chairman Steenback made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading. Councilman Matney seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (6-0).

**Standing Committee Items**

**Public Safety (King)**

b. Fire MOU for Automatic Aid Agreement

**Motion:** Chairwoman King made a motion to approve this agreement. Councilman Kraeling seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (6-0).

**Committee of the Whole**

**Motion:** Councilman Matney made a motion to consider the following item as committee of the whole. Councilman Kraeling seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (6-0).

**Finance and Policy (Reynolds)**

c. GCRA Cooperative Agreement and Resolution

**Motion:** Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the agreement and resolution. Councilman Kraeling seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (6-0).

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

**10. Council Concerns**

Councilman Steenback thanked staff for all the hard work on GE Vernova stadium. He said the opening day went great and was handled very professionally.

Mayor Merritt spoke about the GPATS meeting held earlier in the day. GPATS is considering defunding some projects, including one in Mauldin, to be able to pay for the Woodruff Road congestion project. Mayor Merritt voted against the plan.

**11. Adjournment-** Mayor Merritt adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk

**MINUTES**
**SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**
**MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026, AFTER COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
**CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
**5 EAST BUTLER ROAD, MAULDIN, SC 29662**

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

**1. Call to Order-** Mayor Meritt called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**2. New Business**
a. Municipal Tax Relief Act

Council discussed the Municipal Tax Relief Act but took no action.

**3. Council Concerns-** None

**4. Adjournment-** Mayor Merritt adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk

CITY COUNCIL
# AGENDA ITEM

**MEETING DATE:** July 20, 2026

**AGENDA ITEM:** 7a

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Business & Development Services Director, David C. Dyrhaug

**SUBJECT:** Comprehensive Plan Adoption (2nd Reading)

## HISTORY/BACKGROUND

The State of South Carolina requires the City to develop a new comprehensive plan at least every ten years and to review that plan at least every five years. On December 21, 2023, the City Council approved Benchmark Planning to provide consultation services for the City's Strategic Plan and Comprehensive Plan. Benchmark Planning first began working with the City Council and City Administration on the development of the Strategic Plan. That plan was formally adopted by the City Council on February 17, 2025. Since that time, Benchmark Planning has shifted its focus to drafting a new Comprehensive Plan for the City of Mauldin.

In the most basic sense, a Comprehensive Plan is a document or series of documents for guiding the future development of a city or other jurisdiction and is based upon the stated long-term goals and objectives of the community. Once adopted, the Comprehensive Plan serves as a guide for making land use decisions, the preparation of ordinances such as the zoning ordinance and land development regulations that will be crucial to implementing the plan, and the preparation of capital improvement programs.

## PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

***Summary and Organization***

The comprehensive plan document prepared by Benchmark Planning is titled: "Plan Mauldin: Comprehensive Plan." This Plan summarily states that "moving forward, the City envisions a future as a vibrant and sustainable community with a thriving city center. Mauldin also envisions having dynamic cultural and recreational amenities, nestled amongst livable neighborhoods that connect people, culture, and opportunities." This Plan is laid out in three primary sections: (1) Introduction, (2) Vision & Framework, and (3) Plan Elements.

***Vision Statement***

The vision statement expressed in this Plan is as follows: "The City of Mauldin envisions a future as a vibrant and sustainable community, where a thriving city center, dynamic cultural and recreational amenities, and livable neighborhoods connect people, cultures, and opportunities." This statement is carried over from the Strategic Plan adopted in February 2025. Additionally, the Comprehensive Plan also references the vision adopted in 2026 in the City's Brand and Messaging Guidelines which is: "Mauldin's vision is to be a city where residents feel heard and truly at home, visitors feel welcomed and inspired to explore, and businesses feel supported and connected to the community." Both vision statements are related and work together to offer a fuller picture of the aspirations of the community. The objectives and strategies in the Plan support both vision statements.

### *Major Goal Areas*

The Plan focuses implementation of the City of Mauldin's vision through four major goal areas:

- Guide positive growth
- Create vibrant and thriving centers
- Expand cultural amenities
- Connect the community

For each of these goal areas, the Plan details how each relates to the City's vision and recommends actions that may be implemented in support of these goals.

### *Next Initiatives*

In order to achieve the City's vision and the associated goals in the Plan, the Plan recommends that the City pursue the following initiatives in the coming years:

1. ***Regulatory Alignment.*** In order to create vibrant, walkable, and connected centers, the City will need to modify its development and design regulations to encourage, and in some cases require, a new urban form.
2. ***Infrastructure Investment.*** Mauldin was developed as a suburban community and to become a more dense, walkable community, a number of infrastructure improvements will be needed to be made. The City will need to initiate significant improvements to its infrastructure.
3. ***Enact an Annexation Strategy.*** Given geographic constraints, development within the City's boundaries is limited. To grow in an effective manner, the City should adopt and implement a strategy which prioritizes annexation based on a combination of feasibility and economic impact.
4. ***Maintain a High Quality of Life.*** Historically, Mauldin has provided an excellent quality of life to residents through the provision of recreational and cultural resources. With new development and a greater population, the City will need to maintain and grow these unique amenities.

The Introduction of this Plan also incorporates a brief section on how to use the Plan. This brief section addresses City staff, elected and appointed officials, developers/property owners, and other stakeholders.

## PLAN ADOPTION PROCESS

The South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994 prescribes the adoption of the comprehensive plan as follows:

> *"The local planning commission may recommend to the [city council] and the [city council] may adopt the plan as a whole by a single ordinance or elements of the plan by successive ordinances. ... Before adoption of an element or a plan as a whole, the [city council] shall hold a public hearing on it after not less than thirty days' notice of the time and place of the hearings has been given in a newspaper having general circulation in the jurisdiction."*

At its meeting on May 26, the Planning Commission voted, 6-0, to approve a resolution recommending the adoption of the draft Comprehensive Plan presented to this Committee and City Council.

In accordance with State law, the public hearing for this Plan has been set for the City Council meeting on June 15. In order to meet the minimum 30-day notice, this hearing was advertised in the *Greenville News* on May 1, 2026.

Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan must be by ordinance and requires two readings by City Council.

## ATTACHMENT

Ordinance
Link to Comprehensive Plan

**ORDINANCE # __________**

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT
THE "PLAN MAULDIN" COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

**WHEREAS**, the Mauldin Planning Commission undertakes continuing planning efforts for the physical, social, and economic growth, development, and redevelopment within the City of Mauldin; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mauldin Planning Commission recommends the adoption of the "Plan Mauldin" Comprehensive Plan, hereinafter referred to as the "Comprehensive Plan", to provide a coordinated and comprehensive plan of the long-term objectives and strategies of the City of Mauldin; and

**WHEREAS,** the Comprehensive Plan includes all of the planning elements required by Chapter 29 of the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994 as follows:

1. A population element which considers historic trends and projections, household numbers and sizes, educational levels, and income characteristics;
2. An economic development element which considers labor force and labor force characteristics, employment by place of work and residence, and analysis of economic base;
3. A natural resources element which considers slope characteristics, prime agricultural and forest land, plant and animal habitats, parks and recreation areas, scenic views and sites, wetlands, and soil types;
4. A cultural resources element which considers historic buildings and structures, commercial districts, residential districts, unique, natural or scenic resources, archaeological, and other cultural resources;
5. A community facilities element which considers transportation network; water supply, treatment, and distribution; sewage system and waste water treatment; solid waste collection and disposal, fire protection, emergency medical services, and general government facilities; education facilities; and libraries and other cultural facilities;
6. A housing element which considers location, types, age and condition of housing, owner and renter occupancy, and affordability of housing;
7. A land use element which considers existing and future land use by categories, including residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, forestry, mining, public and quasi-public, recreation, parks, open space, and vacant or undeveloped; and includes maps of current and desired future land use;
8. A transportation element that considers transportation facilities, including major road improvements, new road construction, transit projects, pedestrian and bicycle projects, and other elements of a transportation network;
9. A priority investment element that analyzes the likely federal, state, and local funds available for public infrastructure and facilities during the next ten years, and recommends the projects for expenditure of those funds during the next ten years for needed public infrastructure and facilities such as water, sewer, roads, and schools;

10. A resiliency element that considers the impacts of flooding, high water, and natural hazards on individuals, communities, institutions, businesses, economic development, public infrastructure and facilities, and public health, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS,** the minimum public hearing requirements will be met and exceeded; and

**WHEREAS**, public participation efforts and public information meetings were conducted by Benchmark Planning; and

**WHEREAS**, the efforts of Benchmark Planning, City of Mauldin officials, and the citizens of Mauldin have resulted in an innovative and achievable Comprehensive Plan to guide future development and redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for the Comprehensive Plan to remain responsive and relevant to changing conditions, it may be amended and/or updated from time to time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mauldin City Council finds that the "Plan Mauldin" Comprehensive Plan and maps included therein are critical, necessary, and desirable to guide the development and redevelopment within the City of Mauldin.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Mauldin, South Carolina, in council assembled and by the authority thereof that the "Plan Mauldin" Comprehensive Plan is hereby **ADOPTED**. This Plan shall be utilized by the City Council, the Mauldin Planning Commission and all City of Mauldin departments, agencies and officials as the official guide in making decisions concerning development and redevelopment within the City of Mauldin.

This ordinance shall become effective upon and after its final passage.

Passed on First Reading: ________________________________

Passed on Second Reading ________________________________

CITY OF MAULDIN, SOUTH CAROLINA

BY: ________________________________
Terry Merritt, Mayor

ATTEST: APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Cindy Miller, Municipal Clerk Daniel Hughes, City Attorney

UPDATE

# CITY COUNCIL
# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**MEETING DATE:** July 20, 2026
**AGENDA ITEM:** 8a

**TO:** City Council
**FROM:** Seth Duncan, City Administrator
**SUBJECT:** Municipal Tax Relief Act – 1% Municipal Sales Tax Referendum

## SUMMARY

In May, South Carolina enacted the Municipal Tax Relief Act (S. 866), which allows for the imposition of a 1% sales tax within the municipality for property tax relief and infrastructure improvements. The Act is modeled after similar county-wide optional sales tax programs and must be approved by referendum. Staff is presenting this information to Council for their consideration.

**Municipal Tax Relief Act**
The Municipal Tax Relief Act (MTRA or Act), by referendum, imposes a 1% ($0.01) sales and use tax within the municipality for property tax relief and specified infrastructure improvements. No less than 20% of the funds generated must be used to provide a credit against a taxpayer's municipal ad valorem tax liability on owner occupied property. Remaining funds can be used for projects located within or without (or both) the municipal boundaries ton include the following types of projects:

- Highways, roads, streets, bridges, public parking lots, public parking garages, core local government services, and related facilities;
- Administration buildings, civic centers, police stations, and fire stations;
- Any combination of projects described above.

The maximum time, in two-year increments, may not exceed 8 years from the imposition date. The municipality may utilize bonds for projects listed and use tax proceeds to repay the bonds. The referendum must be put to the voters during a general election (2026, 2028, etc) after being approved by an ordinance by Council. If enacted, the 1% sales tax would begin being imposed on May 1st following the referendum and expire on April 30th of the year adopted in the ordinance.

**Ordinance Requirements**
To place the Municipal Tax Relief Act before the voters, the municipality must adopt an ordinance that meets the following criteria:

- Contains the ballot question
- The purpose for which the proceeds of the tax are to be used
- Duration of the tax (May 1, 2027 – April 30, 20XX)
- Expected revenues and expenses of funds received from the tax
- Adhere to bond requirements as outlined within the Act.

**Revenue Projections**
Staff received official estimates from the SC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) to generate official revenue projections for the duration of the penny tax. These projections are as follows:

| Fiscal Year | Estimated 1% Local Option Municipal Sales Tax Collections | DOR Collection Fee (1%) | Net to City | Property Tax Relief (20%) | Capital Projects Revenue (80%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2026-27 | $ 217,000.00 | $ 2,170.00 | $ 214,830.00 | $ 42,966.00 | $ 171,864.00 |
| 2027-28 | $ 2,695,000.00 | $ 26,950.00 | $ 2,668,050.00 | $ 533,610.00 | $ 2,134,440.00 |
| 2028-29 | $ 2,804,000.00 | $ 28,040.00 | $ 2,775,960.00 | $ 555,192.00 | $ 2,220,768.00 |
| 2029-30 | $ 2,917,000.00 | $ 29,170.00 | $ 2,887,830.00 | $ 577,566.00 | $ 2,310,264.00 |
| 2030-31 | $ 3,035,000.00 | $ 30,350.00 | $ 3,004,650.00 | $ 600,930.00 | $ 2,403,720.00 |
| 2031-32 | $ 3,158,000.00 | $ 31,580.00 | $ 3,126,420.00 | $ 625,284.00 | $ 2,501,136.00 |
| 2032-33 | $ 3,285,000.00 | $ 32,850.00 | $ 3,252,150.00 | $ 650,430.00 | $ 2,601,720.00 |
| 2033-34 | $ 3,418,000.00 | $ 34,180.00 | $ 3,383,820.00 | $ 676,764.00 | $ 2,707,056.00 |
| 2034-35 | $ 3,260,000.00 | $ 32,600.00 | $ 3,227,400.00 | $ 645,480.00 | $ 2,581,920.00 |
| | **$ 24,789,000.00** | **$ 247,890.00** | **$ 24,541,110.00** | **$ 4,908,222.00** | **$ 19,632,888.00** |

During further staff review of the new law, it was discovered that the SC Department of Revenue will assess a 1 percent collection fee from revenues generated/received. The chart above reflects amount the City is expected to collect during an eight year period if the referendum is approved by voters in November.

**Property Tax Relief**

One of the primary purposes of the Act is to provide municipal property tax relief. To this end, staff have provided a table of various scenarios that depicts the likely property tax rebate based upon a home's taxable value. The amount of any credit allowed is determined by multiplying the property tax value of the property, before the exemption provided in Section 12-37-250 (Homestead Exemption), by a fraction in which the numerator is the total estimated revenue allotted to the credit during the applicable fiscal year and the denominator is the total of all property tax value on property assessed pursuant to Section 14-43-220(c) (Legal Residence) in the City. In other words:

$$\text{Credit} = \text{Property Value} \times \frac{\text{Total Estimated Revenue Allotted to Credit}}{\text{Total Assessed Value of Property in City}}$$

Using the above formula, the table below shows a projected tax credit based upon home value for the projected 8 years.

| Fiscal Year | Credit Revenue | TMV 4% Property | Credit | Property Value | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | 150,000 | 300,000 | 450,000 | 600,000 |
| 2026-27 | $ 42,966.00 | $2,138,932,510.00 | 2.00876E-05 | $ 3.01 | $ 6.03 | $ 9.04 | $ 12.05 |
| 2027-28 | $ 533,610.00 | $2,138,932,510.00 | 0.000249475 | $ 37.42 | $ 74.84 | $ 112.26 | $ 149.68 |
| 2028-29 | $ 555,192.00 | $2,138,932,510.00 | 0.000259565 | $ 38.93 | $ 77.87 | $ 116.80 | $ 155.74 |
| 2029-30 | $ 577,566.00 | $2,138,932,510.00 | 0.000270025 | $ 40.50 | $ 81.01 | $ 121.51 | $ 162.02 |
| 2030-31 | $ 600,930.00 | $2,138,932,510.00 | 0.000280949 | $ 42.14 | $ 84.28 | $ 126.43 | $ 168.57 |
| 2031-32 | $ 625,284.00 | $2,138,932,510.00 | 0.000292335 | $ 43.85 | $ 87.70 | $ 131.55 | $ 175.40 |
| 2032-33 | $ 650,430.00 | $2,138,932,510.00 | 0.000304091 | $ 45.61 | $ 91.23 | $ 136.84 | $ 182.45 |
| 2033-34 | $ 676,764.00 | $2,138,932,510.00 | 0.000316403 | $ 47.46 | $ 94.92 | $ 142.38 | $ 189.84 |
| 2034-35 | $ 645,480.00 | $2,138,932,510.00 | 0.000301777 | $ 45.27 | $ 90.53 | $ 135.80 | $ 181.07 |

*TMV = Taxable Market Value; TMV Average in the City is $258,543.

**Potential Projects**

Staff prepared the following list of potential projects that could be included in the referendum, should Council move forward with the idea. These projects include a combination of facility enhancements, new operational capacity, and transportation improvements and are included in the City's long-term Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

| Potential Project Title | Projected Cost | Project Details |
|---|---|---|
| City Resurfacing Program | $ 15,600,000.00 | For the construction, repair, and improvement of city-owned roadways and intersections to include the following roads in whole or in part: Holland Road, Mourning Dove Ln, S Park Dr, Moore St, Brookbend Rd, Bridges Rd, Whatley Cir, Taylor Rd, Brookbend Rd (N), Chelseabrook Ct, Fargo St, Pinecrest Dr, Brookbend Ct, Peachtree Ln, Park Plz, Knollwood Dr, Manchester Dr, Massey Ct, Bartlett St, Verdin Dr, Renaissance Cir, Pine Straw Way, Brookfield Pkwy, Tideland Ct, Cold Springs Rd, Battle Abby Ct, Bi-Lo Blvd, McDougall Ct, Crestwood Dr, Shadecrest Dr, Huntington Cir, Drury Ln, Parsons St, Whixley Ln, Stapleford Park Dr, Pheasant Trl, Riggs Ct, Mylon Ray Hopkins Ct, Forrester Dr, Fairfield Dr, Old Hall Dr, Baldwin Cir, Adams Mill Rd, Fieldgate Ct, Shairpin Ln, Tillman Ct, Alexander St, Lanceway Dr, Coligny Ct, Bayou Cove, Calix Ct, Woodland Dr, Glasgow Ct, Clearfield Rd, Owens Ln, Shawn Dr, Abby Cir, Royal Oak Rd, Devon Dr, Tanner Chase Way, Pine Gate r, Evanshire Ct, Harwich Lane, Braddock Dr, High Farm Rd, Kalmia reek Dr, Jenkins Ct, Maple Dr, Catalan St, Hickory Ln, Hill Ln, Meadowood Dr, Cobb Hall Ct, Brookwood Point Pl, Brooks Rd, Crepe Myrtle Ct, Tagus Ct, St Andrews Ct, Woodbark Ct, Tallin Ct, Croftstone Ct, Mcbee Chapel Rd, Fowler Cir, Rainbow Cir, Oak Hollow Ct, Boulder Rd, Heather Ln, Chetsworth Ln, White Dr, Duncan Ct, Sanderling Ln, Devonshire Rd, Belford Rd, N Golden Strip Dr, Lanewood Dr, Wateroak Way, Vesper Cir, Rockbridge Rd, Lawnfield St |
| Fire Station 5 | $ 4,000,000.00 | for the design, engineering, and construction of a fire station. |

The road projects listed above are those with a PCI score of less than 70 based upon the last road survey. Fire Station 5 is projected to be needed in the growing Fire Service Area along Interstate 185 between the City of Mauldin and City of Simpsonville. The previously listed park projects were removed at the advice of legal counsel due the listed projects more closely aligning with legislative intent of the new law.

The ordinance drafted and provided below has certain portions highlighted due to those being optional and only needed if Council desires to bond out any portion of the future funds. If Council decides to use a pay-go approach instead, all of the highlighted language will be deleted prior to Second Reading.

**Timeline**

If Council desires to move forward with the referendum, the following timeline is proposed in order to meet all requisite deadlines.

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| July 6th | Introduction of Act, Council Workshop (tonight) |
| July 20th | First Reading of Ordinance |

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| August 3rd | Second Reading of Ordinance (possible Public Hearing) |
| August 17th | Last day to transmit adopted ordinance to Greenville County Voter Registration and Election Board |
| October 21st | Ballot question and project list published in newspaper (GCVREB) |
| November 4th | Election Day |
| May 1, 2027 | Effective day of tax collection |
| August 2027 | First quarterly distribution to City |

**Sample Ballot Question**
Below is a sample ballot question utilizing the required language of the statute.

> *Must a 1 percent sales and use tax be levied in the City of Mauldin for no more than eight years for the purpose of allowing a credit against certain municipal ad valorem tax liability and for the purpose of raising the amounts specified for the following purposes?*
>
> *(1) $15,600,000 for city road infrastructure improvements, including repaving, drainage systems, curbs and sidewalks*
>
> *(2) $4,000,000 for a new fire station project.*
>
> *and must the City Council of the City of Mauldin, South Carolina be authorized to issue and sell, either as a single issue or as several separate issues, not exceeding $15,600,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City of Mauldin, to defray the costs of the foregoing purposes, plus issuance costs, to be paid from the sales and use tax to be imposed as stated herein and pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds, and, in the event such sales and use tax is inadequate for the payment of such bonds, such bonds shall be payable from an ad valorem tax imposed on all taxable property in the City of Mauldin?*
>
> *Yes []*
>
> *No []*

**Questions for Council**
In closing, staff is providing Council with this overview to facilitate a conversation regarding this new law. To further this conversation, staff has prepared with legal counsel an ordinance for consideration. If Council enacts an ordinance, staff will work with Greenville County Voter Registration and Election Board to ensure the ballot question meets their deadline of August 17th to be placed before the voters in 2026's General Election.

Questions to be resolved if moving forward with the Ordinance:
1. Does Council desire to bond out a specific scope of work/projects for a specific amount of moeny?
2. Are the projects listed representative of Council's desire?

**ORDINANCE NO. ____**

**ENACTED PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL TAX RELIEF ACT, TITLE 5, CHAPTER 41 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX TO PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF TO OWNER-OCCUPIED HOMES AND TO FINANCE CERTAIN PROJECTS UPON REFERENDUM APPROVAL; THE FORM OF THE BALLOT TO BE USED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF MAULDIN, SUBJECT TO SUCH REFERENDUM, TO DEFRAY COSTS OF PROJECTS AND ISSUANCE COSTS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

**ENACTED AUGUST 3, 2026**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAULDIN, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:**

## ARTICLE I
## FINDINGS

Section 1.01 Findings

In connection with the enactment of this ordinance (the ***"Ordinance"***), the City Council of the City of Mauldin (the ***"City Council"***), the governing body of the City of Mauldin, South Carolina (the ***"City"***), hereby finds and determines as follows:

(a) Pursuant to the Municipal Tax Relief Act, codified at Title 5, Chapter 41 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the ***"Tax Relief Act"***), the City Council is authorized to impose an up to one percent sales and use tax (the ***"Sales and Use Tax"***), subject to the approval of a referendum to be held in the City. The proceeds of the Sales and Use Tax must be applied for the purposes identified by the City pursuant to Section 5-41-120 of the Tax Relief Act, including providing a credit against a taxpayer's municipal ad valorem tax liability for owner-occupied homes.

(b) The City Council has considered the funding of certain capital projects within the City with an estimated total cost of approximately $19.6 million, has evaluated and determined which capital projects to be funded from the Sales and Use Tax, and has determined the form of the ballot question (the ***"Ballot Question"***), pursuant to Section 5-41-120(E) of the Tax Relief Act.

(c) The City has estimated that a one percent sales and use tax within the City would generate on average approximately $3 million annually totaling more than $24 million during the 8-year period from May 1, 2027 to April 30, 2035.

(d) Pursuant to Section 5-41-120(I) of the Tax Relief Act, the Sales and Use Tax proceeds will be spent on the basis of a priority ranking assigned to the capital projects as established in ***Exhibit A*** attached hereto (the ***"Capital Projects"***), subject to certain conditions and adjustments.

(e) Pursuant to Section 5-41-120(A)(2), since Greenville County has never imposed any tax pursuant to Chapter 10 or Chapter 37, Title 4 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, or pursuant to any local law enacted by the South Carolina General Assembly, the City may impose the Sales and Use Tax at any qualifying general election, the first opportunity being November 3, 2026.

(f) The City Council finds that the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City shall be benefited from the imposition of the Sales and Use Tax (i) to fund the Capital Projects and (ii) to utilize no less than twenty percent (20%) of the Sales and Use Tax proceeds to provide a credit against taxpayer's municipal ad valorem tax liability for owner-occupied homes and is now minded to enact this Ordinance imposing the Sales and Use Tax subject to a favorable referendum, to be held at the next qualifying general election, as defined in the Tax Relief Act, on November 3, 2026 (the ***"Referendum"***).

(g) The City Council desires that the Ballot Question also include the issuance of general obligation bonds of the City (the ***"Bonds"***) to defray a portion of the costs of the Capital Projects, as allowed under the Tax Relief Act.

(h) In accordance with Section 5-41-120 of the Tax Relief Act, this Ordinance (i) imposes the Sales and Use Tax subject to Referendum approval; (ii) contains the Ballot Question; (iii) specifies the purposes for which the Sales and Use Tax proceeds will be used as set forth on the Ballot Question; (iv) states the maximum time for which the Sales and Use Tax may be imposed; (v) states the maximum amount of Bonds that may be issued to fund Capital Projects, and that the amount of Sales and Use Tax proceeds is expected to meet the cost of defraying or financing Capital Projects; (vi) states that no less than twenty percent (20%) of the Sales and Use Tax proceeds collected will be used to provide a nonrefundable credit against existing municipal ad valorem tax liability on property assessed pursuant to Section 12-43-220(c) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; (vii) states the maximum cost of the Capital Projects; and (viii) states the maximum amount of net Sales and Use Tax proceeds to be used to fund the Capital Projects.

## ARTICLE II
## SALES AND USE TAX IMPOSITION, PURPOSES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Section 2.01 Imposition, Term

Subject to Referendum approval, City Council hereby imposes the Sales and Use Tax in the City for the 8-year period May 1, 2027, through April 30, 2035.

Section 2.02 Purposes

The Sales and Use Tax proceeds shall be applied for the purposes set forth on the Ballot Question (i) to defray the costs of Capital Projects and (ii) no less than twenty percent (20%) of the Sales and Use Tax proceeds will be used to provide a nonrefundable credit against existing municipal ad valorem tax liability in accordance with Section 5-41-170 of the Tax Relief Act on property assessed pursuant to Section 12-43-220(c) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

So that the construction of many of the Capital Projects can be commenced as soon as possible and in order to achieve the most economic and efficient use of proceeds of the Sales and Use Tax, City Council has determined that Bonds should be issued to defray a portion of the costs of the Capital Projects. The principal amount of the Bonds to be issued pursuant to the Referendum shall not exceed $15.6 million, excluding such premium, if any, named by the purchaser or purchasers of the Bonds as a portion of the purchase price of the Bonds. The proceeds of the Sales and Use Tax shall be pledged to payment of the Bonds.

Section 2.03 Terms and Conditions

The City Council has determined to require Sales and Use Tax proceeds to be spent on the basis of a priority ranking system, subject to the conditions set forth below:

(a) The projects to be funded from the Sales and Use Tax proceeds, and each project's designated tier of funding priority, are listed on ***Exhibit A*** attached hereto. Except as otherwise permitted by subsections (b) and (c) below, the City Council has determined that those projects with a higher priority tier ranking will be funded before projects with a lower priority tier ranking (with Tier 1 being the highest priority ranking) as and to the extent that Sales and Use Tax proceeds become available. Nothing herein shall prevent the simultaneous funding of multiple projects within the same funding tier.

(b) Once the construction contracts for 70% of all projects in a given funding tier have been let, the City can begin spending Sales and Use Tax proceeds on projects in the next funding tier. In addition to property acquisition and construction costs, Sales and Use Tax proceeds and Bond proceeds may be spent on procurement, project management, right-of-way acquisition and work, preconstruction work, such as design, engineering, and related planning, for projects in the next funding tier.

(c) Notwithstanding the above, upon the written request of the City Administrator, the City Council, by ordinance, may determine to fund projects in the next lower priority funding tier before projects of a higher priority funding tier (e.g., funding a Tier 2 project before funding a Tier 1 project). Such ordinance must contain findings that either (i) the higher priority project is delayed or impractical because of construction schedules or other events that may affect the schedule or scope for such project or (ii) the lower priority project has received partial funding from grants or other sources allowing such lower priority project to be undertaken ahead of schedule. The written request and ordinance required by this subsection will specify either (i) the basis of the delay or scope adjustment, which may include issues concerning acquisition of title and rights-of-way, design and engineering considerations, environmental issues, the receipt of all necessary permits and regulatory approvals, bids in excess of project estimates and cost overruns and related scope reduction or value engineering, qualification of bidders, the availability of Sales and Use Tax proceeds or other funding sources, project impossibility, and force majeure or other unforeseen circumstances or (ii) the alternative source or sources of funding of the lower priority project.

(d) The expenditures of Sales and Use Tax proceeds or the proceeds of any related Bonds will be subject to acquisition of property, rights-of-way, design and engineering considerations, the receipt of all necessary permits and regulatory approvals, funding of projects from other sources (including unanticipated grants that fund a project), bids in excess of project estimates, qualifications of bidders, cost overruns, exhaustion or insufficiency of net Sales and Use Tax proceeds or Bond proceeds to complete the projects in the order and priority stated above, and other unforeseen circumstances and conditions. Net Sales and Use Tax proceeds may be used to pay debt service on Bonds, if any, issued to pay the cost of Capital Projects.

(e) All Sales and Use Tax proceeds must be deposited into a separate account of the City and not comingled with any other funds.

Section 2.04 Capital Projects Estimates and Sales and Use Tax Proceeds Estimates

(a) The total cost of the Capital Projects as described herein is expected to be approximately $19.6 million and the net proceeds of the Sales and Use Tax to be used in such regard is expected to be approximately $19.6 million.

(b) The City shall apply the proceeds of the Sales and Use Tax to defray or to finance the cost of the Capital Projects, provided that any Bonds issued for such purposes shall not exceed an aggregate principal amount of $15.6 million, as set forth in the Ballot Question. Sales and Use Tax proceeds may be applied to defray or finance the cost of Capital Projects in accordance with the Tax Relief Act.

## ARTICLE III
## REFERENDUM

Section 3.01 Ballot Question

The Ballot Question, pursuant to Section 5-41-120(E) of the Tax Relief Act, is set forth below.

**BALLOT QUESTION**

Must a one percent sales and use tax be levied in the City of Mauldin, South Carolina for no more than eight years for the purpose of allowing a credit against certain municipal ad valorem tax liability and for the purpose of raising the amounts specified for the following purposes?

(1) $15,600,000 for city road infrastructure improvements, including repaving, drainage systems, curbs and sidewalks

(2) $4,000,000 for a new fire station project.

and must the City Council of the City of Mauldin, South Carolina be authorized to issue and sell, either as a single issue or as several separate issues, not exceeding $15,600,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City of Mauldin, to defray the costs of the foregoing purposes, plus issuance costs, to be paid from the sales and use tax to be imposed as stated herein and pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds, and, in the event such sales and use tax is inadequate for the payment of such bonds, such bonds shall be payable from an ad valorem tax imposed on all taxable property in the City of Mauldin?

Yes [ ]　　　No [ ]

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: All qualified electors of the City of Mauldin desiring to vote in favor of imposing the tax for the stated purposes and authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds in connection therewith as outlined above shall vote "YES," and all qualified electors opposed to levying the tax and issuing such bonds shall vote "NO."

Section 3.02 Certification of Referendum

The appropriate election commission (the ***"Election Commission"***) shall conduct the Referendum under the election laws of this State, *mutatis mutandis,* and shall certify the result to the City Council and to the South Carolina Department of Revenue no later than thirty days after the Referendum. The City Council shall thereafter declare the result of the Referendum by resolution.

Section 3.03 Notice of Referendum

To assist the Election Commission in complying with the Tax Relief Act, the contents of the notice of the Referendum required by the Tax Relief Act are described in ***Exhibit B*** hereto.

## ARTICLE IV
## MISCELLANEOUS

Section 4.01 Transmittal to Election Commission

Upon enactment of this Ordinance, the City Clerk is directed to provide the same to the Election Commission with direction to provide for the submission of the Ballot Question to the electors of the City at the Referendum.

Section 4.02 Authorization for Further Action

The City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator to take all actions necessary and convenient in connection with implementing this Ordinance.

Section 4.03 Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect upon second and final reading thereof.

**ENACTED** AT MAULDIN, SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 3RD DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

**CITY OF MAULDIN, SOUTH CAROLINA**

______________________________________
Mayor

Attest:

________________________________
City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

________________________________
City Attorney

First Reading: July 20, 2026
Second Reading: August 3, 2026

# EXHIBIT A

# PROJECT LIST

## EXHIBIT B

## NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Referendum will be held in the City of Mauldin, South Carolina (the "City"), on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to all persons qualified to vote in the City, under the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina the following question:

Ballot Question

Must a one percent sales and use tax be levied in the City of Mauldin, South Carolina for no more than eight years for the purpose of allowing a credit against certain municipal ad valorem tax liability and for the purpose of raising the amounts specified for the following purposes?

(1) $15,600,000 for city road infrastructure improvements, including repaving, drainage systems, curbs and sidewalks

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and must the City Council of the City of Mauldin, South Carolina be authorized to issue and sell, either as a single issue or as several separate issues, not exceeding $15,600,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City of Mauldin, to defray the costs of the foregoing purposes, plus issuance costs, to be paid from the sales and use tax to be imposed as stated herein and pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds, and, in the event such sales and use tax is inadequate for the payment of such bonds, such bonds shall be payable from an ad valorem tax imposed on all taxable property in the City of Mauldin?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: All qualified electors of the City of Mauldin desiring to vote in favor of imposing the tax for the stated purposes and authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds in connection therewith as outlined above shall vote "YES," and all qualified electors opposed to levying the tax and issuing such bonds shall vote "NO."

The question is being submitted pursuant Title 5, Chapter 41, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 as amended, and an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Mauldin, South Carolina enacted on August 3, 2026 (the "Ordinance"). The referendum ordered by the Ordinance includes the authorizations of the imposition of a sales and use tax and the issuance of general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not exceeding $15,600,000. If a majority of the qualified electors of the City voting in the Referendum vote in favor of the question, (a) a one percent sales and use tax will be imposed in the City of Mauldin for eight years, beginning on May 1, 2027 and will continue to April 30, 2035 and (b) the City Council of the City of Mauldin will be authorized to issue not exceeding $15,600,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City of Mauldin to defray a portion of the costs of the projects listed above and issuance costs. The receipts from the sales and use tax will be applied (i) to pay the debt service on such bonds; (ii) to pay the cost of the projects listed above in the manner set forth in the Ordinance; and (iii) no less than twenty percent (20%) of the Sales and Use Tax proceeds collected will be used to provide a nonrefundable credit against existing municipal ad valorem tax liability on property assessed pursuant to Section 12-43-220(c) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

Every person offering to vote must be at least eighteen (18) year of age, must reside in the City and must be duly registered on the books of registration for the City as an elector in the precinct in which he or she resides and offers to vote on or before the date on which said books of registration are closed for the Referendum, and must produce, upon presenting himself or herself to vote, a valid and current: (1) South Carolina driver's license, (2) other form of identification containing a photograph issued by the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, (3) passport, (4) military identification containing a photograph issued by the federal government, or (5) South Carolina voter registration card containing a photograph of the voter. Persons who do not or cannot present valid and current identification as provided herein may cast a provisional ballot in accordance with Section 7-13-710, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

Any persons wishing to register to vote in the Referendum, if registering by mail, must have such registration postmarked not later than October __, 2026, to the Greenville County Voter Registration and Elections Commission, 225 S. Pleasantburg Dr., Suite B6, Greenville, South Carolina 29607, telephone (864) 467-7250, or, if registering to vote in person, must do so by no later than ______ p.m. on October ____, 2026. Voter registration forms are available online but must be postmarked by October __, 2026; instructions are available via internet at www.scvotes.gov.

Any such registered elector who has moved his or her place of residence within the City after the date on which said books of registration are closed for the Referendum, but before the date of the Referendum, shall be entitled to vote in his or her previous precinct of residence in the Referendum; provided, however, in case any registered elector shall have moved from one precinct in the City to another precinct in the City within thirty days prior to November 3, 2026, and shall have surrendered his registration certificate and has received a new certificate, such elector may vote in the precinct provided for by such new certificate. Persons who become of age during the 30-day period preceding the Referendum shall be entitled to register before the closing of the books if otherwise qualified.

Any person eligible to register to vote in the Referendum who has been discharged or separated from his service in the Armed Forces of the United States prior to November 3, 2026, and has returned home too late to register at the time when registration is required, is entitled to register for the purpose of voting in the Referendum after the discharge or separation from service, up to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the Referendum. This application for registration must be made at the office of the Greenville County Voter Registration and Elections Commission, and if qualified, the person must be issued a registration notification stating the precinct in which he is entitled to vote and a certification to the managers of the precinct that he is entitled to vote and should be placed on the registration rolls of the precinct.

The polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the polling places designated below and shall be open during these hours without intermission or adjournment. Appropriate vote recorders will be provided at the polling places for the casting of ballots on the aforesaid question. Managers of Election will be appointed by the Greenville County Voter Registration and Elections Commission. The Managers of Election shall see that each person offering to vote takes the oath that he is qualified to vote at this election according to the Constitution of this State, and that he has not voted before in this election. The precincts within the City and locations of the several polling places for such Referendum are as follows:

| Precinct Number | Name | Location |
|---|---|---|

[Precinct information to be inserted by the Greenville County Voter Registration and Elections Commission]

Voters who are blind, who are otherwise physically handicapped, or who are unable to read or write are entitled to assistance in casting their ballot. This assistance may be given by anyone the voter chooses except his employer, an agent of his employer, or an officer or agent of his union. The Managers of Election must be notified if assistance is needed. Voters who are unable to enter their polling place due to physical handicap or age may vote in the vehicle in which they drove or were driven to the polls. When notified, the Managers will help voters effectuate this curbside voting provision. Registered voters may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. Persons wishing more information concerning absentee balloting should contact the Greenville County Voter Registration and Election Commission at (864) 467-7250.

The Greenville County Voter Registration and Elections Commission shall hold a hearing on Ballots challenged in the election on Thursday, November 5, 2026 at ____:00 a.m., at _____________________, Greenville, South Carolina 296__.

CITY COUNCIL

# AGENDA ITEM

**MEETING DATE:** July 20, 2026

**AGENDA ITEM:** 8b

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Business & Development Services Director, David C. Dyrhaug

**SUBJECT:** Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission

## PLANNING COMMISSION

**Recommendation of Committee:**

The Business and Development Services Standing Committee of City Council recommends the appointment of Kevin Greene, Jonathan Paulsen, and Chauncelynn Locklear to the Mauldin Planning Commission.

**Background Information**

Number of Open Seats: Three

Applicants: Kevin Green (re-appointment), Jonathan Paulsen (re-appointment), and Chauncelynn Locklear (re-appointment)

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

**Recommendation of Committee:**

The Business and Development Services Standing Committee of City Council recommends the appointment of Philip Cochrane and Manuel Barrientos to the Mauldin Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Background Information**

Number of Open Seats: Two

Applicants: Philip Cochrane (re-appointment), Manuel Barrientos, and Keith Coones

# <u>COUNCIL MEETING</u>
# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**MEETING DATE:** July 20, 2026
**AGENDA ITEM:** 8c

**TO:** Council
**FROM:** George Miller, Police Chief and Seth Duncan, City Administrator
**SUBJECT:** K-9 Transfer to City of Laurens

## REQUEST

Staff is requesting Council approval of a Resolution to transfer "Venol", a K-9 officer with Mauldin Police Department to the City of Laurens and the Laurens Police Department.

## BACKGROUND

"Venol's" handler recently resigned as a law enforcement officer with the City of Mauldin and has found employment with the City of Laurens. The K-9 being 7 years old and beginning to show signs of gaining, has a strong temperament and is not a good candidate for reassignment. With limited options, Chief Miller faces either the difficult choice of putting the dog down, or transferring it to the handler's new agency.

## STAFF FINDINGS

After careful consideration and attempting to reassign the K-9 within the department, no other suitable partners were found. With limited opportunities and the dog beginning to show signs of aging, keeping the K-9 with its handler is preferrable than the alternative. Laurens Police Department is willing to accept it into its K-9 program and will assume all future liability for the animal.

If disposed of by City Council, this will leave the department with 3 K-9 units (two bite dogs and one therapy dog). At this time, Chief Miller is not recommending replacing the K-9 unit as either new technology or partner resources are available to fill the gap in capacity.

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending Council approve the Resolution to transfer ownership of "Venol" to the City of Laurens and Laurens Police Department.

AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF K-9 “Venol”

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this ______ day of _______________, 2026, by and between the City of Mauldin, a municipal corporation organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of South Carolina (“Mauldin”) and City of Laurens (“Laurens”) a municipal corporation organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of South Carolina.

**W I T N E S S E T H**:

WHEREAS, Mauldin owns a Belgian Malinois police dog named “Venol” whose handler recently left employment as a Mauldin Police Department Officer; and,

WHEREAS, Mauldin desires to convey “Venol” upon the terms, provisions and conditions of this Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, reference is hereby made to the Resolution adopted by the City of Mauldin on ______________, 2026 approving the conveyance of “Venol.”

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of promises, covenants and undertakings herein contained, and for other good and valuable consideration as may be hereinafter recited, the receipt and legal sufficiency of which as consideration are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Conveyance of “Venol.” Mauldin does hereby convey “Venol” to the City of Laurens and the Laurens Police Department as-is and provides no warranties or guarantees, and will provide copies of all existing and reasonably available health, veterinary, training, and service records pertaining to the K-9 currently in Mauldin’s possession.

2. Covenants of City of Laurens. The City of Laurens and the Laurens Police Department covenants and agrees as follows:

a. Venol shall be utilized by the City of Laurens in any capacity including its law enforcement agency for police work.

b. Laurens, its heirs, successors, personal representatives and assigns, do forever release, acquit, discharge, hold harmless, and indemnify Mauldin, to the extent permitted by law, its employees and agents, from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, demands, damages, costs, loss of service, expenses and compensation on account of or in any way arising out of damages of any type whatsoever, including, but not limited to, any damages that occur to any person or animal, which may occur or result by “Venol” from the date of this Agreement.

3. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of all the parties hereto and their respective heirs, successors and assigns.

4. This agreement supersedes all prior agreements and constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to this subject matter hereof and may not be changed orally.

**RESOLUTION ____ - 2026**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONVEYANCE OF CITY PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the City owns a K-9 named "Venol," a police dog whose handler recently left employment with the Mauldin Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, "Venol" provided valuable and loyal service to the Police Department, but is beginning to show signs of age and temperament not suitable for reassignment; and,

WHEREAS, Chief George Miller believes the K-9 can continue to serve in a law enforcement capacity, but is not likely to climatize to a new handler; and

WHEREAS, the "Venol's" handler has been offered gainful employment with the City of Laurens in a law enforcement capacity and are willing to accept the dog into their K-9 program; and

WHEREAS, City is willing to transfer "Venol" to the City of Laurens pursuant to the terms of the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A" ("Agreement"); and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §5-7-40 (1976, as amended), a City may, by resolution, and upon such terms and conditions as such council may deem advisable, sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of its personal property; and,

WHEREAS, "Venol" being an active working dog with limited reassignment options and would not be suitable for early retirement and adoption by the public, transfer of "Venol" to City of Laurens and the Laurens Police Department according to the terms of the Agreement is appropriate and in the best interests of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Members of Council of the City of Mauldin, as follows:

**Section 1.** The Agreement transfer "Venol" to City of Laurens and the Laurens Police Department is hereby approved and the Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Agreement and any related documents on behalf of the City.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _______________, 2026.

CITY OF MAULDIN, SOUTH CAROLINA

BY: _________________________________

Terry Merritt, Mayor

ATTEST:

___________________________

Cindy Miller, Municipal Clerk

No attempted modification of waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall be binding unless in writing and signed by the party against whom the same is sought to be enforced.

5. This Agreement shall be construed and governed in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals as of the day and year first above written.

| Witnesses: | MAULDIN: |
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| ______________________ | ______________________ |
| By: Seth Duncan<br>Its: City Administrator | By: Terry Merritt<br>Its: Mayor |
| ______________________ | |
| By: George Miller<br>Its: Police Chief | |

| Witnesses: | LAURENS: |
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| By:<br>Its: | By:<br>Its: |
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| By:<br>Its: | |