MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Members present: Mayor Terry Merritt, Council Members Taft Matney, Carol King, Jason Kraeling, Michael Reynolds, and Mark Steenback. Councilman Frank Allgood attended via Zoom.

Others present: City Attorney Daniel Hughes, City Administrator Seth Duncan, and Assistant City Administrator Greg Saxton

1. Call to Order
a. Welcome- Mayor Merritt
b. Invocation- Councilman Reynolds
c. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Reynolds

2. Proclamations and Presentations- The Mayor read all three proclamations.
a. Red Ribbon Proclamation- Green Charter Simpsonville
b. Youth Substance Prevention Proclamation
c. Pancreatic Cancer Proclamation

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
a. September 21, 2026

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Reynolds seconding.

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

b. Special Called City Council- October 5, 2026

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Reynolds seconding.

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

4. Public Comment (Agenda Items)- None

5. Report from City Administrator

Mr. Duncan reported on several events.

Fri, Oct 23rd Friday Night Frights from 5:30 until 7:30pm at the Mauldin Amphitheater for trick-or-treating, music and fun followed by Monsters Inc.

Fri, Oct 30th Halloween in the Park presented by Green Charter Schools at GE Vernova Park from 5-8pm for trick-or-treat stations, costume contests, games, music, and a Kids Zone, all free for the whole community.

Sat, Oct 31st a Fall Food Truck Festival from 12pm until 8pm is being planned along City Center Drive. This is a ticketed event and will feature live music, local vendors, and 9 food trucks.

Little Women the Musical Opens Fri, Nov 6th at the Mauldin Cultural Center. Tickets are available now at mauldinculturalcenter.org

Sat, Nov. 7th will be Mauldin Night the Greenville Swamp Rabbits. We will be posting a discount code online soon for tickets and invite the entire community to come out and join us for a fun night of Swamp Rabbits hockey.

Early voting for 2026 Statewide General Election begins Monday, October 19th until Saturday, October 31st. Early voting centers will be open from 8:30am until 6pm Monday through Saturday. Greenville County will be hosting several early voting locations including the following:

McAlister Square (Back Entrance): 225 S. Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville, SC 29607
Mt. Pleasant Community Center: 710 S Fairfield Rd., Greenville, SC 29605
Praise Cathedral (Family Life Center): 3375 Brushy Creek Road, Greer, SC 29650
Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church (Gym): 206 Moore Street, Simpsonville, SC 29681
Greenville Tech NW Campus: 8109 Whitehorse Rd Greenville, SC 29617
City of Greenville Public Works: 475 Fairforest Way Greenville, SC 29607
Greenville County Library Five Forks Branch: 104 Sunnydale Drive, Simpsonville, SC 29681

General Election Day is on Tuesday, November 3rd from 7am until 7pm.

6. Report from Standing Committees

a. Economic Planning and Development- No report
b. Public Safety- No report
c. Public Works- Chairman Kraeling advised leaf season will be coming soon
d. Finance and Policy- Chairman Reynolds said insurance renewal will be done in the next month
e. Recreation- No report
f. Business and Development Services- No report

7. Unfinished Business

Ordinances 2nd Reading

Business and Development Services Committee

a. An ordinance to provide for the annexation of a 9-acre property located at 707 E. Standing Springs Road (tax map parcel #0293.00-01-009.00) by one hundred percent petition method; and to establish a zoning classification of I-1, for said tract, and providing an effective date

Motion: Chairman Steenback made a motion to pass this ordinance for annexation on second reading with Councilman Matney seconding.

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

8. New Business

Ordinances 1st Reading

Business and Development Services Committee

a. An ordinance to rezone a 5-acre tract located at West Butler Road and Laurel Meadows Parkway (tax map parcel #M008.02-01-003.00) from the R-M district to the C-2 district and providing an effective date

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

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

b. An ordinance to provide for the annexation of a 10-foot-wide strip of property owned by King Asphalt Inc., and located at 1189 Old Stage Road (tax map parcel #0293.00-01-007.03) by one hundred percent petition method; and providing an effective date

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

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

c. An ordinance to provide for the annexation of a 23.5-acre portion of property located at Kemet Way (tax map parcel #0303.00-01-001.02 and part of tax map parcel #0305.00-01-001.00) by one hundred percent petition method; and to establish a zoning classification of I-1, Industrial, for said tract, and providing an effective date

Motion: Chairman Steenback made a motion to pass this ordinance on

first reading with Councilman Matney seconding.

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

Standing Committee Items

Public Safety Committee (King)

d. Adoption of the 2026 Greenville County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation and Resiliency Plan

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

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

Public Works Committee (Kraeling)

e. Public Works Capital Equipment Changes

Motion: Chairman Kraeling made a motion to accept the capital equipment change to use funds designated for the purchase of a forklift to add to the purchase of a new trash truck. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

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

9. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

a. Jason Pleakis- 106 Saddlebrook Lane. He said he had previously asked for guardrails for the Flock system but now believes Flock should not exist at all as it normalizes mass surveillance. Data is going to a database that agencies can access across the southeast. The data could also be hacked.

   Mr. Pleakis said he is going to start a petition to get a referendum on the ballot to stop the surveillance.

10. Council Concerns- None

11. Call for Executive Session

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

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

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:39 p.m.

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

a. Goodwin Reserve Subdivision
b. Project Convert

Immediately Following Executive Session

Mayor Merritt called the meeting back to order at 8:20 p.m. Councilman Matney reported no decisions were made and no action taken in executive session.

Possible action on items discussed in Executive Session- None

12. Adjournment- Mayor Merritt adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk