



# MINUTES

## FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

City Hall, 206 S. Main Street, Council Chambers  
Monday, June 8, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Dorothy H. Dowe

2. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Lillian Flemming

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **ROLL CALL**

The following members of City Council were in attendance: Councilmembers John DeWorken, Lillian Flemming, Ken Gibson, Wil Brasington, Tina Belge, and Dorothy Dowe.

Absent: Mayor Knox White.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

May 18, 2026; Approved as submitted

6. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

None

7. **INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Alan Ethridge, Metropolitan Arts Council, presented the 2025 MAC Annual Report, including a financial audit overview. Mr. Ethridge extended an invitation to the Flat Out Under Pressure competition on June 20 and expressed his appreciation for the City's continued support.

8. **PRESENTATION**

a. **Greenville County Conservation Bank**

Greenville County Historic and Natural Resources Trust Technical Advisor Carlton Owen provided an update on the progress of the organization's funding for conservation of greenspace, trails, and historic structures, stating that over 3,000 acres have been preserved in the past five years. Mr. Owen addressed 17.5 acres of property recently acquired from the Salvation Army, a portion of which was purchased by the City, for the purpose of open space preservation. Mr. Owen advised that the County Trust intends to utilize the space as a resilience park to preserve natural habitat in the City's urban core.

Councilmember Flemming expressed appreciation for the conservation of this space as it helps to preserve the neighborhoods in District 2.

Mayor Pro Tem Dowe noted the increase in funding for the preservation of open space that was approved in the FY2026-27 budget and stated that the Salvation Army property acquisition is a testament to the use of public-private partnerships.

**9. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**10. APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions**

- a. Greenville Housing Authority  
Councilmember Belge recommended Mario Brown to a full term ending October 31, 2030. There being no further nominations, the appointment was approved by unanimous consent.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*There will be no discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Council member so requests in which event the item in question will be considered separately.*

Councilmember Gibson moved, seconded by Councilmember DeWorken, to approve second and final reading of agenda items 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d and 11e of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)**

- a. Ordinance to rezone approximately 0.24 acre of real property located on Pine Street from RH-D, Residential House D District, to RN-A, Residential Neighborhood A District (Tax Map Number 0026000101300) (Z-7-2026)
- b. Ordinance to annex approximately 6.63 acres of real property on Grove Road and West Faris Road and 0.37 acre of adjacent right-of-way, and to provide the zoning designation of PK, Park District (Tax Map Number 0220000100103 and a portion of Tax Map Number 0220000100102) (AX-14-2026)
- c. Ordinance to annex approximately 0.55 acre of real property and 0.23 acre of adjacent right-of-way at 201 Edwards Road, and to provide the zoning designation of RH-B, Residential House B District (Tax Map Number 0276000200900) (AX-16-2026)
- d. Ordinance to annex approximately 0.31 acre of real property at 166 Otis Street, and to provide the zoning designations of RH-D, Residential House D District, and the Greater Sullivan Neighborhood Revitalization Overlay District (Tax Map Number 0106000301500) (AX-17-2026)
- e. Ordinance to annex approximately 7.56 acres of real property on Spanco Drive and Conestee Road, and to provide the zoning designations of MX-3, Mixed-Use 3 District, and PK, Park District (Portion of Tax Map Numbers 0423000101000 and 0423000101002) (AX-18-2026)

**12. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinance – First Reading)**

None

**13. NEW BUSINESS – (Resolutions – First and Final Reading)**

None

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| <b>REGULAR AGENDA</b> |
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**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)**

None

**15. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinances – First Reading)**

- a. Ordinance to appropriate \$2,073,713 in Capital Projects funds through the Public Space Upgrades and Safety Improvements allocated in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 South Carolina State Budget

Councilmember Brasington moved, seconded by Councilmember Gibson, to approve first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance to appropriate \$241,976 in the Capital Projects Fund for projects related to the Hudson Street Bridge Replacement Project and Townes Street Improvements Project

Councilmember Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember Gibson, to approve first reading.

Engineering Services Director Clint Link advised that the appropriation would in part go toward road diet and roadway safety improvements on Townes Street between Elford Street and Park Avenue. Mr. Link stated that the City has been working with Bon Secours Wellness Arena, the developer of 505 North Main, and the Greek Orthodox Church on ways to improve parking, traffic and pedestrian safety, and Arena truck overflow. Mr. Link advised that staff are looking at a robust infrastructure plan, including a bi-directional bike lane, concrete curbing, and armadillo lane delineators.

Councilmember DeWorken stated that the plan has been well received by the neighborhood, and he requested staff to explore lighting options for underneath the Academy Street bridge.

Mayor Pro Tem Dowe suggested that this project could be used as a test for new functionality and look for roadway safety improvements upon completion. Mr. Link advised that the road resurfacing is anticipated to be completed by mid-July and additional improvements completed by the end of summer.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**16. NEW BUSINESS – (Resolution – First and Final Reading)**

- a. Resolution to designate \$2,427,530 from the State Accommodations Tax Fund for the purpose of providing financial assistance for events and projects as recommended by the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee and the City Manager

Councilmember Brasington moved, seconded by Councilmember Gibson, to approve first and final reading.

Chief Financial Officer Patricia Dennis advised that over \$5,000,000 was requested through applications and that funding was allocated to selected applicants based on what was available. Ms. Dennis also advised that the City offered two pre-application workshops for potential applicants and that a new method for quantifying impact was available through partnership with VisitGreenvilleSC.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

b. Resolution to amend city of Greenville procurement procedures

Councilmember Gibson moved, seconded by Councilmember Flemming, to approve first and final reading.

Purchasing Administrator Rod Gray advised that the proposed amendments would increase the City's single quote purchase limit from \$2,500 to \$5,000 to improve purchasing efficiency for user departments.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**17. STAFF REPORTS**

City Manager Shannon Lavrin provided information on the following items:

- a. Jazz Fest. Ms. Lavrin encouraged the public to attend Greenville Jazz Fest taking place June 12 and 13.
- b. Church Street Bridge. Ms. Lavrin advised that Church Street Bridge would reopen following the ribbon cutting on June 15.
- c. Ribbon Cuttings. Ms. Lavrin advised that the City has a number of ribbon cuttings scheduled for new businesses during the month of June.

**18. ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.



DOROTHY H. DOWE, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:



CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS  
CITY CLERK