



MINUTES

FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

City Hall, 206 S. Main Street, Council Chambers
Monday, June 22, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Dorothy Dowe

2. **INVOCATION**

Councilmember Ken Gibson

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Mayor Knox White; Councilmember Lillian Flemming.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

June 8, 2026; Approved as submitted

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

7. **INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Sam Davis, 400 E. Washington Street, spoke to express support for a proposed municipal penny sales tax and to express concern with the City not receiving proportionate benefit from the proposed County penny sales tax. Mr. Davis suggested that the City request that language be removed from the County's proposed ordinance that would exempt the County from providing the City with a pro rata share if the City were to enact its own tax.

Councilmember Belge asked if the County had the ability to amend an ordinance during third reading. City Attorney Leigh Paoletti responded that the County does have a mechanism to suspend the rule that would prevent any changes to be made during third reading. Mr. Davis stated that the County has already suspended the rule.

Bruce Wilson, Greenville County, spoke to advocate for legal protection for the homeless population and expressed the need for a less complicated system for an individual to receive assistance from a public defender.

8. **PRESENTATION**

a. **Employee Retirees Recognition**

Mayor Pro Tem Dowe and City Manager Shannon Lavrin recognized a total of 228 years of service from this year's municipal retirees and acknowledged the retirees individually, thanking them for their service to the city of Greenville.

9. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Proposed Abandonment of a portion of right-of-way on White Oak Road and Bradley Boulevard (AB-2-2026)

Engineering Services Director Clint Link advised that the proposed abandonment is included in road realignment and improvements as a part of the Wade Hampton Boulevard Strategic Plan to address roadway and pedestrian safety near White Oak Baptist Church and Bob Jones University. Mr. Link stated that the City has worked with property owners and has received support for the proposed abandonment and related improvement projects.

There were no public comments provided during the Public Hearing in support or opposition of the item.

10. APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions

None

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

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final 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
- 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

12. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinance – First Reading)

None

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

None

REGULAR AGENDA

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)

None

15. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinances – First Reading)

- a. Ordinance to abandon a portion of right-of-way on White Oak Road and Bradley Boulevard (AB-2-2026)

Councilmember DeWorken moved, seconded by Councilmember Brasington, to approve first reading.

Councilmember DeWorken expressed support and appreciation for the work to progress the Wade Hampton Boulevard Strategic Plan in order to transform Wade Hampton from an industrial corridor to a neighborhood boulevard.

Mayor Pro Tem Dowe and Councilmember Belge echoed the sentiments of Councilmember DeWorken.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance to appropriate \$55,211 in the Miscellaneous Grants Fund to reflect an award in the amount of \$27,605 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program and \$27,606 in matching funds from the Law Enforcement Special Revenue Fund to purchase body armor for the Greenville Police Department

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

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

- a. Resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement between the city of Greenville and the Furman Co. Development, LLC for the Falls Park Conference Center Development

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

- b. Resolution to appoint Lucas C. Marchant Chief Municipal Court Judge for the city of Greenville

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

Ms. Paoletti spoke to the career accomplishments and professional character of Judge Marchant and acknowledged the colleagues, friends, and family in attendance in support of his appointment.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Municipal Court Judge Matthew Hawley administered the Municipal Court Judge Oath of Office.

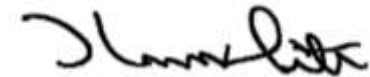
Judge Marchant provided comments reflecting upon his appointment and thanked Council for their consideration.

17. STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Shannon Lavrin provided information on the following items:

- a. Greenville Jazz Fest. Ms. Lavrin expressed her appreciation to staff for a successful Jazz Fest weekend, stating that over 150 individuals volunteered for the festival and that the event received over \$100,000 in sponsorships. Ms. Lavrin advised that the fifth Greenville Jazz Fest will take place June 4 through 5, 2027.
- b. Fourth of July Celebrations. Ms. Lavrin advised that the Fireworks at Unity Park, featuring the Greenville Symphony Orchestra, would take place Thursday, July 2, and that the Greenville Drive would be hosting a free community event on Saturday, July 4.

18. ADJOURN. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR



CAMILLA G. PITMAN, MMC, Certified PLS
CITY CLERK

MEETING NOTICE POSTED AND MEDIA NOTIFIED ON JUNE 19, 2026.