

# Intergovernmental Luncheon Agenda\*

Friday, May 3, 2024

Lancaster County Historic Courthouse  
100 North Main Street  
Lancaster, SC 29720

1. **Call to Order – Steve Harper, Chair, Lancaster County Council** 12:00 p.m.
2. **Welcome and Recognition – Steve Harper, Chair, Lancaster County Council**
3. **Invocation – Honorable Jose Luis, Lancaster County Council**
4. **Approval of the Minutes from the February 9, 2024, Intergovernmental Luncheon Meeting – pgs. 3-7**
5. **Discussion / Action Items**
  - a. Lancaster 2040 Comprehensive Plan Adoption Overview – *Dennis Marstall, County Administrator / Allison Hardin, Development Service Director*
  - b. School Bond Package – *Dr. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent, Lancaster County Schools / Brad Small, Chair, Board of Trustees*
  - c. Transportation Sales Tax Proposal – *Dennis Marstall, County Administrator*
  - d. Fire Capital Millage – *Dennis Marstall, County Administrator*
  - e. Legislative Update – *Honorable Brandon Newton, South Carolina State House Representative, District 45, and Delegation Chair; Honorable Cody T. Mitchell, South Carolina State House Representative, District 65; Honorable James M. “Mike” Neese, South Carolina State House Representative, District 44; Honorable Richard L. “Richie” Yow, South Carolina House District 53; Honorable Penry Gustafson, South Carolina State Senator, District 27; and Honorable Michael Johnson, South Carolina State Senator, District 16.*
  - f. Community Roundtable / Jurisdictional Budget Previews – *Chair or Administrator/Superintendent - 2-minute update for each Governing Body*

- g. Announcement of Finalized Intergovernmental Meeting Dates for 2024: (1) August 9, 2024; and (2) November 1, 2024. – *Steve Harper, Chair, Lancaster County Council*

**6. Adjournment**

\*The Government Agencies being represented at the Intergovernmental Luncheon will be Lancaster County Council, Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees, Lancaster City Council, Heath Springs Town Council, Kershaw Town Council and Van Wyck Town Council

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Governmental Agencies Represented

*Lancaster County Council*

*Lancaster County School District  
Board of Trustees*

*Lancaster City Council*

*Heath Springs Town Council*

*Kershaw Town Council*

*Van Wyck Town Council*

## **Minutes of the Intergovernmental Luncheon Meeting**

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Lancaster County Council Members present were Brian Carnes, Charlene McGriff, and Jose Luis. Council Members Billy Mosteller, Terry Graham, Allen Blackmon, and Steve Harper were absent. Lancaster County government staff also present at the meeting were Dennis Marstall, Lancaster County Administrator; Stephany Snowden, Deputy County Administrator; Lauren Hill, Deputy Clerk to Council; Sabrena Harris, Chief Financial Officer; Jeff Catoe, Public Services Director; and Chris Clouden, Parks and Recreation Director. The Lancaster County Council ***did not*** have a quorum in attendance at the meeting.

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustee Members Eddie Boykin, Casey Catoe, Tyrom Faulkner, Margaret Gamble, Courtney Green, Melvin Stroble, and Brad Small were all absent from the meeting. Superintendent Dr. Raashad Fitzpatrick was present at the meeting. The Lancaster County School District Board of Trustee Members ***did not*** have a quorum in attendance at the meeting.

Lancaster City Council Members Tomonica Marsh, Jackie Harris (Mayor Pro-Tempore), and Mayor T. Alston DeVenny were present for the meeting. City Council Members Kenny Hood, Octavia Jones, Ronnie Sowell, and Hazel Taylor were absent. Lancaster City Administrator Steven "Flip" Hutfles was also absent for the meeting. The City of Lancaster ***did not*** have a quorum in attendance at the meeting.

Heath Springs Mayor Eddie Moore and Mayor Pro-Tempore Iva Lee Drakeford were present for the meeting. Town Council Members Peggy Bowers Hopkins, Deborah Truesdale and Vincent Webb were absent. Heath Springs Town staff present at the meeting was Wanda Kilpatrick, Town Administrator. The Heath Springs Town Council *did not* have a quorum in attendance at the meeting.

There were not any Kershaw Town Council Members present for the meeting. Town Council Members John Connell, III, Michael Cook, Bobbie Faulkenberry, Harvey Truesdale, Danny Williams, and Mayor Mark Dorman were absent. Kershaw Town staff present at the meeting was John Douglas, Town Administrator. The Kershaw Town Council *did not* have a quorum in attendance at the meeting.

There were not any Van Wyck Town Council Members present for the meeting. Van Wyck Council Members Bob Doster, Stuart Graham, Xavier Kee, and Cassandra Watkins were absent. There were no Van Wyck staff members present at the meeting. The Van Wyck Town Council *did not* have a quorum in attendance at the meeting.

The following members of the Lancaster Delegation were present for the meeting: Honorable Brandon Newton, South Carolina State House Representative, District 45 (Delegation Chair); Honorable James M. “Mike” Neese, South Carolina State House Representative, District 44; and Honorable Penry Gustafson, South Carolina State Senator, District 27.

Others present for the meeting were Ayana Crawford from the Lancaster Promise Neighborhood; and Brad Bucy from the Lancaster County Water and Sewer District.

The following press were notified of the meeting by e-mail in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: *The Lancaster News*, *Kershaw News Era*, *The Rock Hill Herald*, Cable News 2, Channel 9, and the local Government Channel. The agenda was posted in the lobby of the County Administration Building, on the county website, and at the Historic Courthouse within the required length of time.

## **Call to Order**

Brian Carnes, Vice Chair of the Lancaster County Council, called the Intergovernmental Luncheon meeting to order at approximately 12:10 p.m.

## **Welcome And Recognition**

Brian Carnes, Vice Chair of the Lancaster County Council, welcomed everyone to the Intergovernmental Luncheon meeting and introduced Dr. Raashad Fitzpatrick, the new Lancaster County School District Superintendent. County Administrator Dennis Marstall introduced Sabrena Harris, the County’s new Chief Financial Officer.

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## **Invocation**

Lancaster County Councilwoman Charlene McGriff led the Invocation.

## **Approval of the Minutes from the November 3, 2023, Intergovernmental Luncheon Meeting**

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mayor Eddie Moore. The minutes from the November 3, 2023, Intergovernmental Luncheon meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

## **Discussion / Action Items**

### ***Overview of Possible Transportation Tax – Jeff Catoe, Lancaster County Public Services Director***

Jeff Catoe reviewed a potential transportation tax via PowerPoint presentation that is attached as Schedule A to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's Office. Mr. Catoe stated that the only option to make major strides in addressing current and future road needs in Lancaster County would be through a dedicated funding source. Mr. Catoe discussed potential projects that could take place if the transportation tax was passed by the voters during the General Election in November, and the preliminary cost estimates associated with the projects.

### ***Update from Parks and Recreation and Possible Partnerships – Chris Clouden, Lancaster County Parks and Recreation Director***

Chris Clouden presented a Parks and Recreation Department update via a PowerPoint presentation. He discussed department staffing numbers, property that is maintained by the department, and different programs and events offered. Mr. Clouden reviewed the different athletic programs offered by the County, and the participation numbers over the last few years. Mr. Clouden also highlighted the Parks and Recreation Department's current partnerships with businesses and organizations in Lancaster County, and future partnership opportunities for the Department.

## **Legislative Update**

Honorable Brandon Newton stated that the House was working on increasing the minimum salary for teachers in South Carolina to \$45,000 per year. He stated that they were continuing to work on the income tax cut, and putting money into the reserve accounts, which would complete the required increase of reserves that voters approved in years past.

## **Community Roundtable/Jurisdictional Update**

Brian Carnes, Lancaster County Council Vice Chair, provided a jurisdictional update for Lancaster County. Mr. Carnes provided an overview of the topics discussed at the County Council Retreat to include transportation funding, future fire service for unincorporated areas of the County, property reassessment, enterprise resource planning (ERP) software, and the building permit revenue affected by the current economy and interest rates. He also highlighted that the County's Comprehensive Plan would be adopted in March, and the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) review process would begin in March, with an anticipated adoption being in October.

Dr. Raashad Fitzpatrick, Superintendent for the Lancaster County School District, noted that the bond referendum would be seen on the General Election ballot in November. He also highlighted that Buford High School would be going to the State Wrestling Championship for the first time.

John Douglas, Town of Kershaw Administrator, provided a jurisdictional update for the Town. Mr. Douglas highlighted that the Town was selected for a multiyear program to help with building urban forestry capacity, new welcome signs were being installed for the Town, the YMCA and community center pool project was moving forward, wastewater treatment plant upgrades were in the works, and the Town received the approval for Phase 1 of a Department of Transportation tap grant.

Wanda Kilpatrick, Town of Heath Springs Administrator, provided a jurisdictional update for the Town. Ms. Kilpatrick highlighted a new business/salon in the Town, and updated the group on the Town's sewer project, CDBG grant, and Master Plan for Town Hall and Fire Department. Ms. Kilpatrick also stated that the Town's wastewater treatment plant/lift station upgrade needs had been identified, and she also thanked the City of Lancaster for the donation of a truck.

T. Alston DeVenny, Mayor for the City of Lancaster, provided a jurisdictional update for the City. Mayor DeVenny touched on Main Street Proper, the City of Lancaster's downtown revitalization project, the art development taking place on Gay Street, new housing developments in the area, the new Dodge dealership on Highway 9, and an agreement between the City and Lancaster County Water Sewer District that outlines the two organization's service areas.

## **Announcement of Finalized Intergovernmental Meeting Dates for 2024**

Brian Carnes, Vice Chair of the Lancaster County Council, thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and he reviewed the finalized meeting dates for the 2024 Intergovernmental Luncheon meetings.

## Adjournment

Charlene McGriff moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mayor Eddie Moore. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. There being no further business to discuss, the Intergovernmental Luncheon meeting adjourned at approximately 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lauren Hill  
Deputy Clerk to Council,  
Lancaster County

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