MINUTES
UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026, AT 5:30 P.M
103 W MAIN STREET UNION, SC

Present: Chairman Phillip Russell, II, Councilman Danny Bright, Councilman John Glenn, Councilwoman Annie Smith, Councilwoman Carolyn Rutherford, Councilman John Flood, County Attorney Jennifer Williams and Clerk to Council Kindra Horne.

Notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda giving the date, time, and place of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the hall in the Union County Government Building and at the meeting location. A copy was emailed to the members of the Union County Council, the County Attorney, Daniel Prince at WBCU Radio Station, Anna Brown at the County News, to others requesting copies, and to elected officials and heads of various county departments and offices. A notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda were also posted on the County's website.

Chairman Russell opened the meeting at 5:30 PM. Council Chaplain Bright gave the invocation and Vice Chair Sinclair led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk performed the roll call with the following results:

District 1 Danny Bright was present.
District 2 John Glenn was absent at roll call but arrived at 5:32 PM.
District 3 David Sinclair was absent.
District 4 Annie Amith was present.
District 5 Carolyn Rutherford was present.
District 6 John Flood was present.

The first item on the agenda was to approve the minutes for the Regular monthly meeting held on February 10, 2026. Councilperson Rutherford made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Councilman Flood seconded. Chairman Russell called for a vote. The vote was unanimous, and the motion to adopt carried.

Chairman Russell presented service awards to the following employees:

Grover A. Owens (Election Commission) – 10 years
Jimmy C. Inman (UCSO) – 5 years
Mike Nance (Magistrate's Court) – 5 years

Chairman Russell called for any board appointments or removals. There were none.

Chairman Russell stated that speakers for items VIII, IX, and XII listed on the agenda had notified the clerk of scheduling conflicts and would not be present at the meeting.

Chairman Russell asked that Council consider adopting the 2026 Priority Community Needs list, as required in order to apply for and receive grant funding. Chairman Russell noted that Council

had held a public hearing in February and worked with Angela Kirkpatrick of Catawba Regional Council of Governments to develop the proposed list. Councilman Flood made a motion to approve the list as written, Councilperson Smith seconded. Chairman Russell called for any discussion; there was none. Chairman Russell called for a vote which was unanimous. The motion carried and the list was approved.

Chairman Russell requested that Council consider approving the 2026 Citizen Participation Plan as presented in the CRCOG Needs Assessment Hearing held on February 10, 2026. Councilperson Rutherford made a motion to approve the plan as written, Councilperson Smith seconded. There was no discussion. Chairman Russell called for a vote; all members were in favor, the motion to approve the Citizen Participation Plan carried unanimously.

Chairman Russell introduced 3rd and final Reading of Ordinance 409 to amend an agreement for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2025 Park) of Union and Spartanburg Counties so as to enlarge the Park. A public hearing on the Ordinance was held prior to the meeting. Vice Chair Sinclair made a motion to dispense with referring to committee and adopt the Ordinance, Councilman Glenn seconded. Chairman Russell called for questions, there were none. Chairman Russell called for a vote; all members were in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote; Ordinance 409 was adopted.

Chairman Russell presented Ordinance 410 for 3rd and final Reading, authorizing the conveyance of certain Union County-owned real property to the Town of Jonesville; and other matters related thereto. A public hearing was held prior to the council meeting. Councilman Bright made a motion to dispense with referring to Committee and adopt the Ordinance as written, Vice Chair Sinclair seconded. Chairman Russell called for any questions, there were none. Chairman Russell called for a vote; all members voted in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Russell gave 3rd and final Reading of Ordinance 411 authorizing the conveyance of certain Union County-owned real property to Spartanburg Community College or the Spartanburg County Commission for Technical and Community Education; and other matters related thereto. A public hearing was held prior to the council meeting. Vice Chair Sinclair made a motion to dispense with referring to Committee and adopt the Ordinance as written, Councilperson Rutherford seconded. Chairman Russell called for any questions, there were none. Chairman Russell called for a vote; all members were in favor, the vote carried unanimously.

Chairman Russell recognized the Elected Officials present. Treasurer Deborah Robertson announced that unpaid taxes would be moved to Delinquent on March 17th. Clerk of Court Stephanie Kitchens stated that they were doing good, and trying to welcome as many people to the Courthouse as they can.

Chairman Russell announced there would be a Finance and Administration Committee meeting on April 7, 2026 at 5:30 PM where he will present his budget proposal for FY 2026-27 to the Committee.

Chairman Russell went over his Supervisor's Report. He gave an overview of the upcoming projects and asked that Economic Development Director Dolton Williams speak to Council regarding the upcoming Tyger Solar Project. Mr. Williams stated that they have received the site plans for the project that Council approved approximately 2 years prior. State Law requires that Counties that do not have zoning laws or land use planning must hold a Public Hearing and notify all property owners that reside within 2,600 feet of the proposed site. The site will be off of Delta Road in Union County. The company is ready to move forward, but a date is needed for the Public Hearing and no action is required by Council. Chairman Russell announced that the Planning Commission is scheduled to present a draft Land Use Plan to Council at the April 2026 regular monthly meeting.

Vice Chair Sinclair made a motion to enter into executive session to receive legal information and advice on contractual matters involving economic development, Councilperson Smith seconded. There was no discussion, all voted in favor of the motion. Council entered into Executive Session at 5:54 PM.

Council came out of Executive Session at 6:33 PM. Chairman Russell announced that the executive session was closed with no action taken during the session. Councilman Flood made a motion to end the session and Councilperson Rutherford seconded. The vote to exit was unanimous, and regular session resumed.

Councilman Flood made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Councilperson Rutherford seconded. All members were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Phillip G. Russell, II
Union County Council Chairman

Kindra W. Horne, Clerk to Council