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Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 5th 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
1313 Bridge Street (St. Matthews Municipal Court), St. Matthews, SC 29135

Call to Order – Mayor Helen Carson

Agenda

1. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of prior Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Acceptance of Police, Fire and Animal Reports

Citizens Input

1. Each citizen must sign in and has up to **3 minutes to speak** to matters on the agenda or matters related to the Town of St. Matthews.

Mayor and Council News

1. Recognition of Town Employees
2. Town Council News
3. Faithful Home Care Services – Ms. Yoronica Benjamin
4. CCRI (Calhoun County Resources Inc.) – Presentation
5. Dominion Energy – Mr. Derek McDaniel (NEEP – Neighborhood Energy Efficiency Program)

Old Business

1. Town Events – Update
2. SCIIP Grant – Update
3. CDBG Demolition Grant - Update
4. Municipal Court System Upgrades – Update
5. Springbrook Software Utility Upgrade – Update
6. SCDES – Proposed Consent Order Update

New Business

1. RFP – Residential Curbside of MSW
2. MASC Annual Meeting – July 15th – July 19th (Greenville, SC)
3. Citizen Concerns – Mack Hill
4. Golf Cart Safety – Officer Dukes Isgett
5. Capital Projects – Penny Sales Tax

Report of the Town Administrator

1. Police Department Report
2. Fire Department Report
3. Maintenance Department Report

Executive Session

1. Contractual Matter – Administration (2)

Adjournment

Town of St. Matthews

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 07, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

1313 Bridge Street, St. Matthews, SC 29135

Council Members Present:

Mayor Helen Glover-Carson

Virgil Jacobs

Eloise Shuler-Guinyard

William "Webb" Carroll

Deidre Prickett

Marla Riley

Sharon Bennett – (via phone)

Also, Present

Rosyl Warren, Town Administrator

Rosalind Johnson, Town Clerk

Gregory Sandlin, Fire Chief

Gregory Wilson, Maintenance Supervisor

Janay Darby, Police Officer

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Jacobs opened the Meeting in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the prior meeting. The motion was made by Ms. Shuler-Guinyard and seconded by Mr. Jacobs. The motion was carried unanimously. The Mayor entertained a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Historical Marker under Item 9. The motion was made by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Ms. Prickett. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Mayor entertained a motion to accept the Police, Fire, and Animal Control Reports for informational purposes.

Public Hearing - Open/Close - Amendment to Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance: SEc 34-30 -

Stopping, Standing and Parking (5) in excess of the time allowed by signs.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m. and closed it at 6:05 p.m.

Two proposals were presented regarding parking fines.

The first proposal established a \$50.00 fine for the first 30 days, with an additional \$25.00 if not paid within 45 days, and a further \$25.00 if the balance remained unpaid thereafter.

The second proposal established a fine of \$25.00 for the first 30 days, with an additional \$10.00 if not paid within 45 days, and a further \$10.00 if the balance remained unpaid thereafter.

The Mayor entertained a motion to vote on the two proposals presented. Following a 4-3 vote, the first proposal was approved, establishing a fine of \$50.00 for the first offense, an additional \$25.00 if not paid within 45 days, and a further \$25.00 if the balance remains unpaid thereafter.

The adopted fine structure will be enforced immediately.

Citizens' Input - There were no Citizens wishing to speak.

Mayor and Council News

Recognition of Town Employees: The Mayor acknowledged the Town employees celebrating birthdays in April: Rosyl Warren (April 4th), Corey Sandifer (April 6th), Deidre Prickett, and Satidra Rivers (April 29th).

Town Council News:

Mr. Carroll stated that he was glad everything was going well.

Ms. Shuler-Guinyard inquired of Mr. Wilson whether weed-spraying operations could begin and requested an update on the status of the trash issue.

The Mayor reported the community health event was well attended and well received, with strong participation in wellness screenings and significant interest in prescription assistance, Medicaid resources, and other health services. She highlighted participation from local EMS and community service agencies, noting valuable information was shared with residents about available services, and expressed hope for continued growth of the event in the future.

Ms. Prickett reported that Once Was Restoration will be closing at the end of April. She also announced that the Calhoun County Players will present a play from April 23–26 at the Cameron Community Club.

Ms. Bennett reported receiving a complaint from a constituent regarding excessive noise levels and a damaged fence at the basketball court on Bynum Street. She also requested increased police patrols in the area. Additionally, concerns were raised about frequent fire truck traffic from the Fire Department between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Riley expressed concerns regarding the Demolition Grant and reported that the Town is looking good overall.

Motions Period (Town Council) None Distributed to Administration

Old Business

Town Events Update:

April 10 – Purple Martin Gala, kickoff to Festival Week; sponsorships ongoing; ticket sales increasing.

April 17-18 Purple Martin Festival, including golf tournament and related activities

May 10-16 – National Police Week

May 29 – Movie Night at Town Hall Pocket Park

August 4 – National Night Out

September 4 – Western Event (returning to calendar)

October 4-10 – Fire Prevention Week

November 6 – Veterans Day Appreciation Luncheon

December 5 – Town Christmas Parade

SCIIP Grant Update – Mr. Wilson reported the Town is nearing completion of the SCIIP Grant project. He stated all three project sites have passed preliminary inspection related to the Southern pipeline work, and the permit is anticipated to be issued by tomorrow or no later than Friday. Once the permit is received, testing will begin and the system will transition from gas chlorine to bleach disinfection, which will provide a safer operation. Mr. Wilson further reported that improvements at all three locations, including both wells and the wastewater treatment plant, are progressing well.

CDBG Demolition Grant Update – The Town Administrator reported title searches are

underway by the Felder Law Firm for properties included in the CDBG demolition grant. All paperwork has been submitted and testing completed. Staff is awaiting completion of the title searches before moving forward, and Council was advised the process may take approximately one year before demolition work begins.

Municipal Court System Upgrades Update - The Town Administrator reported the municipal court system upgrades are nearly complete. NTI Net has completed much of the installation work, with only a few remaining items to finalize.

Springbrook Software / Utility Upgrade – The Town Administrator Informed Council that the projected go-live date for the Springbrook software upgrade is anticipated for July.

Board Vacancies (1) – The Town Administrator Informed Council that the Zoning Board of Appeals has one vacant seat. Mr. Jacobs nominated Mr. Bennie Williams for appointment. It was moved by Ms. Shuler-Guinyard and seconded by Mr. Carroll. The motion carried unanimously.

SCDOT - New Traffic Signals (Update) - The Town Administrator reported she recently met with SCDOT and project engineers regarding the planned traffic signal improvements and placement of new mast arms. The project is anticipated to begin in late August. She noted some landscaping and Garden Club features, including a crepe myrtle, may need to be relocated or replaced to accommodate the project. Council discussion was held regarding coordination with

the Garden Club and preserving or replacing affected plantings as feasible.

New Business

New Businesses - The Town Administrator noted several new businesses are opening in town, including new restaurant developments, and stated the businesses have been well supported.

LSCOG Fair Housing Resolution - April has been designated as Fair Housing Month. The Mayor entertained a motion to designate April as Fair Housing Month. It was moved by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Ms. Shuler-Guinyard. The motion was carried unanimously.

Calhoun CommuniT Grand Opening - Ms. Terry Parker provided information regarding the grand opening and ribbon-cutting for FoodShare South Carolina on April 30, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 102 Upper Muller Street, highlighting the program's efforts to increase access to affordable fresh produce and provide healthy cooking education. She encouraged community support and attendance at the event. She also shared updates on two new community initiatives, including a partnership with Harvest Hope to provide food assistance and participation as a diaper hub to support families in need.

Dominion Energy - Signs and Banners Agreement - The Town Administrator reported that Dominion Energy has advised the Town that a contract will be required going forward for installation of banners, and discussions are ongoing regarding arrangements and possible costs for installing holiday decorations.

Calhoun County High School Community Day - The Town Administrator announced Calhoun County High School Community Day will be held on May 2, with the Town participating in the

event.

CCRI Request Golf Tournament Sponsorship - The Town Administrator presented a sponsorship request from CCRI for its May 16 golf tournament, noting the Town sponsored a team last year. After discussion, the Council decided not to provide sponsorship this year.

VFW Post 10980 Golf Tournament Sponsorship - The Town Administrator shared a sponsorship request from the VFW Post for an upcoming golf tournament.

Calhoun County Career Day - April 22, 2026 - The Town Administrator Informed Council that the event will take place on April 22, 2026, and that each department will participate.

Historical Marker - The Town Administrator reported the historical marker for the railroad cut at Depot Road has arrived, and plans are underway for installation at the Town Hall Pocket Park near the digital sign. She stated that the marker may be installed prior to the Purple Martin Festival, with an official dedication ceremony scheduled at a later date in coordination with the Calhoun County Museum. She also noted decorative elements may be added during the festival to draw attention to the marker.

Report of the Town Administrator

Police Department - Officer Darby reported that the Police Department has hired a new certified officer, Officer Murray.

Fire Department - The Fire Chief reported all is going well within the department and provided an update on the proposed burn for the walking trails and surrounding area. He stated that the

Forestry Commission has agreed to assist with a burn at no cost as an educational service; however, due to the time of year, burning cannot take place until next season to avoid damage to trees. He noted that a map of the area has been submitted, and a formal burn plan is being developed. The Fire Chief also responded to questions about a recent residential fire and provided an update on the property's condition.

Maintenance Department - reported progress at the wastewater treatment plant, including installation of a replacement liner and continued efforts toward compliance. He also updated the Council on fines being issued. The Town Administrator noted a letter of inability to pay regarding the SCDES fine would be submitted.

Executive Session

The Mayor entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Contractual Matter - Administration. It was moved by Ms. Prickett and seconded by Ms. Shuler Guinyard. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Council reconvened its Public Session at approximately 7:15 p.m. without further discussion or vote. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by


Rosalind Johnson, Town Clerk