

Regular Meeting of City Council
New Ellenton City Hall
Monday, October 20, 2025, 7:00PM
Minutes

WELCOME: Mayor Kimberly Williams

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All stood

COUNCIL ROLL CALL: Carl Culpepper, III, Geneva Jackson, Elvira Johnson-Holley, Ashley Morgan, Kimberly Williams and Ricky Foster: Absent

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Developer: Brief HX – HUD-Commercial Request. Townhomes to change to reduce Single Family Housing (45 Single Lots) + 66 Units total. 2 Townhomes already constructed, all infrastructure already in. Sewer Taps + Water Dept.; Reduction in density. Copper Beach Loop – Traffic pattern is tight/small for = one way to right turn; Screening – Fence – where trees were cut down. No buffer area – landscaping between Eagle Rd – "The Pines" as a Buffer; Street lights being worked on currently with Aiken Electric and the HOA; "retention pond fence looks terrible" chain link fence maybe shrubbery.

Motion to end Public Hearing: Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: Elvira Johnson-Holley

There was a unanimous vote in favor of ending.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- Brandon Ingram – Transparency. Passed out papers to the public.
- Tasheka Rogers – Youth Park & Rec Cheerleading: 2018 Resident, Volunteer Coach 8 years. Lack of transparency. No Banquet (Banquet \$20, \$15), Cheer Package – January, Registration Fee \$50. Sponsorship, Accountable (Where is the money? Not just about the money but trust and investment in the community).
- Deborah Creech & Tina Thomas – Updates to Christ Central: New for Seniors over 60, Check for Senior Vouchers, Christmas Giveaway (December 19), Different Pantry
- Renee – President (Volunteer Training Program) – Education (Partner with schools, businesses, churches and Micro-Schools: Growing Partnership; Charter School \$7500 per student, Education State Scholarship (Establish a school)

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:

- Regular Meeting September 15, 2025

Motion to approve: Elvira Johnson-Holley

2nd to the motion: Geneva Jackson

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

OLD BUSINESS:

- Approval of Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-05 Elections:

Motion to read by Title Only Ordinance No. 2025-05 Elections:

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: Ashley Morgan

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

This Motion is regarding the authority to conduct election transfer to the county commission.

Motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance.

Motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-05 Elections:

Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: Elvira Johnson-Holley

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

- Approval of Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-06 "The Pines Rezoning"

Motion to read by Title Only Ordinance No 2025-06 "The Pines Rezoning":

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: Ashley Morgan

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

This Motion is regarding the authority to amend the planned development Zone at "The Pines" Subdivision in the City of New Ellenton, SC.

Motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No 2025-06 "The Pines Rezoning":

Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: Ashley Morgan

Geneva Jackson asked for zoning approval for one year.

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Approval of Resolution 2025-07 Loan Assistance Program
(South Carolina Revolving Fund Authority Loan (Next project approval.) Lynn read Resolution No. 2025-07)

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-07 Loan Assistance Program (for Pond Liner): Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: Elvira Johnson-Holley

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

- Approval of First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-07 Business License Class Update:
(Lynn read by Title Only Ordinance No. 2025-07 Business License Class Update, required by MASC, Class schedule and Appendix)

Motion to read by Title Only Ordinance No. 2025-07 Business License Class Update:

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: Ashley Morgan

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

This Motion is regarding Business License Class Update, required by MASC, Class schedule and Appendix.

Motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance 2025-07 Business License Class Update:

Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: Elvira Johnson-Holley

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

- Approval of First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-08 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Update:
(Lynn read by Title Only Ordinance No. 2025-08 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Update)

New Ellenton has not had ordinance in place, has accepted Aiken Counties but NE needs to have their own ordinance agreement. Aiken County will help us with the intergovernmental agreement for floodplain issues and permits. Geneva Jackson, "8% of the city is Floodplain (Hurricane Matthews).

Motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-08 Floodplain Ordinance

Update: Geneva Jackson

2nd to the motion: Elvira Johnson-Holley

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

- Approval of First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-09 Annexation of Area Contiguous to City Limits: (Owner JDubbz wants to be annexed into the city)

Motion to read by Title Only Ordinance No. 2025-09 Annexation of Area Contiguous to City Limits:

Motion to approve: Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: Ashley Morgan

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

This Motion is regarding the Owner of JDubbz, who wants to be annexed into the city:

Motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 2025-09 Annexation of Area Contiguous to City Limits: Carl Culpepper, III

2nd to the motion: Ashley Morgan

There was a unanimous vote in favor of approval

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

- **Administration – (Lynn McEwen):** Veterans Program – Monday at 5:00PM, November 10, 2025. NJROTC will be available. Waiting on Banners.
- **Fire Chief – (Mike Kellems):** 125 calls for service; Awards Banquet and Training (Start at 7:00PM Saturday, December 6, 2025); Mike on Vacation (November 3 – November 7, 2025); Turkey Shoot Fundraiser (start at 7:00PM on November 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 2025, Range Road); Revenue is off (Down, compared to last year.)
- **Police Chief – (Captain Watson):** Information from Police Report (Report available at [City Council Minutes and Agendas | City of New Ellenton](#) with approved minutes)
- **Streets/Roads/Sewer – (Jason Morgan):** Nothing new.
- **Parks/Recreation & Tourism – (James Anderson):** Atomic City Festival - Great! Biggest Car Show 100-40-12; Christmas Tree Lighting is Thursday, December 4; Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 6, 2025; A Yearly Schedule with a list of Events and Event Expectations has been drafted, upon confirmation and approval, it will go out; Code of Conduct developed (Leaders, Coaches, Athletes and Parents); Required Standards and Expectations for all Coaches (Conflict Resolution, Certified Coaching Program, CPR/First Aid, Background Check – Badge); Hydration Drive – Free bottled water for Athletes and Coaches, every game and practice (3000 bottles of water - Donation from KJ's); 1st Season – 2026 Registration for Recreation Basketball and hopefully Volleyball, Monday, October 20, 2025 (Use of NE Middle School Gym); Corinth Baseball/Softball Field to be completed by volunteers this spring for Senior and Adult softball programs (DYB Franchise in 2026 – First time in 20 years); Working with Cedar Creek Owners for New Youth Golf Program - TBD; Krispy Kreme Fundraiser – Proceeds afforded every registered athlete a Future Bulldog Hoodie; All Council and City Staff invited to the end of Season Event (start at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, November 18, 2025); Tourism – Holding sanctioned and unsanctioned sports tournaments; New proposal at the

yearly Budget Planning Meeting – Park improvements (Splash Pad, Court resurfacing/painting and repairs to the Walking Path.)

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL: Elvira Johnson-Holley: Thanks for Brandi and Thank you Jeff for your hard work at the Atomic Festival; Use different forms of communication – We need to be more active in putting out information; Geneva Jackson: Thank you for allowing me to attend the Leadership Training; Real Estate Agent that spoke of transparency; Wants to be more informed – Wants to understand what's going on with the infrastructure project going on in state; Communication – Have everyone be informed; Kimberly Williams: New Website and Facebook (Communications posted); Ashley Morgan: Thank you to the Fire Department for the Streets and Road help during the Atomic Festival.

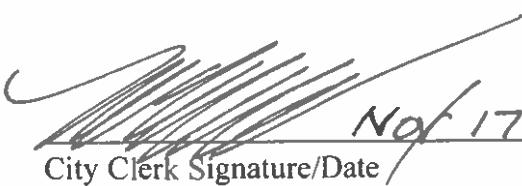
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 8:21pm: Kimberly Williams

1st to the motion – Geneva Jackson

2nd to the motion – Elvira Johnson-Holley

There was a unanimous vote in favor of adjournment



Not 17, 2025

City Clerk Signature/Date



Kimberly Williams

Mayor Signature/Date

SUPPORTING MATERIALS ATTACHED:

Information from Police Report