

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
MARCH 6, 2023
7 PM

Present: Mayor Sowder, Commissioners Garland, Hesse & McDowell, City Attorney Hays, City Administrator Eden, City Clerk Miller.

Absent: Commissioner Emmons

Mayor Sowder called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from February 21, 2023 city meeting. After review. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept minutes as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to include in the 2023/2024 budget, funds for a School Resource Officer at Simpsonville Elementary School and to authorize Police Chief Minnis to begin the search process. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the hiring of an SRO for Simpsonville Elementary and for Police Chief Minnis to begin search process. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized Shelby County Public School Superintendent Dr. Sally Sugg and Director of Pupil Personnel / Student Services Mr. Michael Clark for comments. Dr. Sugg shared their gratitude for City of Simpsonville's willingness to help provide an SRO in Simpsonville Elementary School and thanking the Police Department who has already had a presence in the school.

Mayor Sowder recognized ShelbyKY Tourism President & CEO Janette Marson who shared why marketing and advertising is beneficial for Simpsonville.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) - No Report

Commissioner Hesse (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland, on behalf of Police Chief Minnis, presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to hire Police Recruit Hunter Beckley, beginning April 17 and reporting to the training academy July 30. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the recommendation, as presented, to hire Police Recruit Hunter Beckley. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Garland also requested to be included in the interview process for the SRO.

Commissioner Emmons (Finance) - Absent

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, a Proclamation recognizing the month of May as Building Safety Month. Mayor Sowder recognized City Clerk Miller to read proclamation in its entirety. **Commissioner Hesse made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the May Building Safety Month Proclamation. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder shared the Human Rights Commission recommendations will be presented at the next meeting.

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to allow the City offices to recognize Juneteenth as an observed holiday. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve Juneteenth as a City observed holiday. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Hays presented to the Commission Ordinance #2023-001 amending the provisions pertaining to the transient room tax. City Attorney Hays read the ordinance in summary. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the second reading and adoption of Ordinance #2023-001. Commissioner Hesse seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:**

Commissioner Emmons - Absent

Commissioner Garland - Yes

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Commissioner McDowell - Yes

Mayor Sowder - Yes

Ordinance #2023-001 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report: No Report

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a light quote of \$16,050.55 from Shelby Energy Cooperative for the Fairway Crossing streetlights. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the \$16,050.55 Shelby Energy quote as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a request from Shelby County Project Graduation for a donation to the 2023 Project Graduation. After discussion, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve a \$500.00 donation to the 2023 SC Project Graduation. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden also shared an update regarding City damage from the storm and PW/Park Director Truelock will be attending the KLC Risk & Safety Conference this week.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:30 pm.

Denise Miller/City Clerk [V_](#)



Ronnie Sowder/Mayor