

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
APRIL 1, 2025
6 PM

Present: Mayor Sowder, Commissioners Dupre, Garland, Hesse, & McDowell, City Attorney Brammell, City Administrator Eden.

Absent: City Clerk Miller.

Mayor Sowder called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from March 18, 2025 city meeting. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized ((enviroment's Representative:

Brendan Welch presented to the Commission the sewer rate analysis recommending a 60% rate increase to provide revenue for the sewer operation expenses. After discussion, **Commissioner Dupre made the motion to approve a rate increase of \$3.71 per 2K gallons of water for the next two years beginning July 1, 2025 and again on July 1, 2026 with a \$1.85 per 1K gallons over the minimal 2K gallons. And to also request City Attorney Brammell to review and amend the sewer rate ordinance. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) -

Commissioner McDowell shared the following: Currently accepting applications until April 4 for a FT Maintenance/Laborer position; Public restrooms will re-open April 7; All city curbs have been freshly painted; Two fallen trees have recently been removed from the City streets; New street signage (Dogwood & Old Veechdale, Champions Way & Old Veechdale) to be installed.

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland shared the following: 2nd season hoops ends April 19; Youth Soccer, Tee Ball, Baseball & Spring Sports Shorties start next week; Registration open for Summer Hoops, Summer Sports Shorties, and youth soccer skills camps; "New for 2025-Simpsonville Run, Walk & Stroll Club starts May 5. Participants can choose from three different routes 1) Quick Route: (1/10 mile) Great for the helicopter parent as it always offer a 100% view of the playground, 2) Farm, Floral & Lavender Route: (1.12 miles) This scenic route allows you to walk along Simpsonville's nationally recognized floral streetscape with a quick stop off at the Simpsonville Farmers' Market and Little Mount Lavender for a treat or to shop for fresh produce. It starts and ends at Wiche Pavilion, 3) Playful City Route: (2 miles) This route allows you to walk along Simpsonville with many different views of our beautiful town. It starts and ends at Wiche

Pavilion. Walk at a designated time with you neighbors or on you own any day from dawn to dusk. Visit www.simpsonvilleparks.com to download route maps and directions."

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) -

Commissioner Hesse shared he lead a public meeting March 24 for the residents of Montclair regarding sewers.

Commissioner Hesse presented the 2025/2026 Budget Draft for the Commission's review.

Mayor Sowder's Report: No Report

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Brammeli shared a recommendation, regarding the request from Travis Adkinson to close the alley on the North side of his property on Third Street, that he should be responsible for all cost regarding the survey and advertising cost. The Commission was in agreement and requested City Attorney Brammeli to work with City Administrator Eden to initiate the communication.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report: Absent

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the CPA engagement agreement from RWH CPA for \$4,900.00 for the June 30, 2025 year-end audit. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept the engagement agreement as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign necessary document. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, a secondary employment request by Police Officers Aikins, Beckley, Creek, and Jewell. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve all requests as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign documents. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, a request to title impounded 2017 White Nissan Sentra and 2017 White Volkswagen Jetta vehicles. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve to title and authorize Mayor to sign document for the vehicles, as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, to surplus the following items: Canon MX490 Desktop Scanner/Printer, Friedrich Window Heater/Cooler. Items will be placed on GovDeals. **Commissioner Dupre made the motion to approve the items for surplus. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared with the Commission the following: Sewer Project Bond documents have been signed; Waiting to receive a draft of the Code Enforcement Agreement from Shelbyville's Attorney Steve Gregory for City Attorney Brammeli to review.

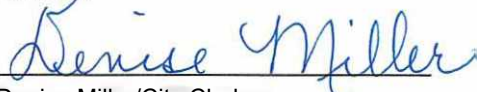
Mayor Sowder called for a closed session to discuss potential business opportunities in Simpsonville. Based on KRS61.810(1)(g), discussions between a public agency and a representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business, is required to be in closed session. Commissioner Dupre made the motion to enter into closed session at 6:35 pm. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to return from closed session at 6:45 pm. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

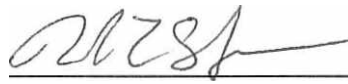
Commissioner Hesse made the motion to deny tax incentive participation with Project Augusta at this time. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 6:48 pm.

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor