

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
August 5, 2025
6 PM

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

Absent: Commissioners Dupre & Garland.

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

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from July 15, 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 the PW / Parks Director's Report:

PW / Parks Director Truelock shared with the Commission a 3 minute video regarding the impact of Bobcat Farms and how the first year has impacted the children involved.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) - No Report

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) - Absent

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) - Absent

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) -

Commissioner Hesse shared the following: Sewer rate information with comparable city population indicates Simpsonville sewer rates are currently lower than other cities; City Administrator Eden met with KIPDA regarding available funding for the Montclair sewer project.

Commissioner Hesse presented to the Commission Ordinance #2025-005 pertaining to the 2024-2025 budget amendment for second reading. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance #2025-005. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the adoption of Ordinance #2025-005. Commissioner McDowell seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:

Commissioner Dupre - Absent

Commissioner Garland - Absent

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Commissioner McDowell - Yes

Ronnie Sowder - Yes

Ordinance #2025-005 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission Ordinance #2025-003 pertaining to the requested Alley Closure along the east side of Third Street (Todds Point Road), north of Main Street, and south of the railway, running parallel to the railway. City Attorney Brammell read the ordinance in its entirety. After discussion, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the adoption of Ordinance #2025-003. Commissioner Hesse seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:**

Commissioner Dupre - Absent

Commissioner Garland - Absent

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Commissioner McDowell - Yes

Ronnie Sowder - Yes

Ordinance #2025-003 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

Mayor Sowder's Report:

Mayor Sowder, on behalf of Commissioner Garland, presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation to create a job description for a Part-Time School Resource Officer for future consideration and option. After discussion, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve for the City to create a PT SRO job description. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller presented to the Commission Ordinance #2025-006 pertaining to the Ad Valorem Tax. City Clerk Miller read the ordinance in its entirety. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #2025-006. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Ordinance #2025-006 will be placed on the September 2,2025 meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.**

City Clerk Miller shared the Ad Valorem Public Hearing will be scheduled for Tuesday, September 2,2025, 5:45 pm.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, Pay Request #4 from E-Z Construction Company, Inc. for \$366,983.38 for the WWTP Sludge Press Project. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve payment of \$366,983.38 to E-Z Construction Company as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, an invoice from Kenvirons for \$17,392.00 for the WWTP Sludge Press Project. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve payment of \$17,392.00 to Kenvirons as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a Short Form of Agreement for Professional Services with Kenvirons, LLC through the end of the calendar year 2025. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the agreement, as presented, and authorize the Mayor to sign required document. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to renew the CD of \$190,721.82 with Independence Bank, maturing August 5, 2025, for another three months. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve a three month CD renewal. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation from Chad Cutsinger to not accept the counteroffer of \$27,800.00 from Edwards Land Co., LLC for easement for the Todds Point Sidewalk Project. After discussion, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the \$27,800.00 pay request for easement. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, a request to title impounded vehicles 2008 Green Nissan Altima, effective 08/07/25 and 2014 White Dodge Charger, effective 08/06/25. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve to title and authorize Mayor to sign documents for the vehicles as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to offer a conditional hire to three police recruits, Paul John Froehlich IV, Corbin Gregory O'Bryan, and Deirdre Ethienne Puzon Rivera, effective two weeks prior to the Police Academy. After discussion, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the conditional hire to the three candidates as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, the request to hire a lateral police officer. After discussion, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the request to hire a lateral police officer. No second. Motion died.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, resignation letter from Officer David Patterson, effective 08/17/25. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the resignation letter from Officer Patterson effective 08/17/25. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a memorandum from Shelby County Public Schools securing locations for emergency evacuation sights. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve to allow the gym to be used by SCPS as an evacuation site and authorize Mayor to sign document as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a quote of \$4,025.00 from Flynn Brothers to repair Greens Drive access road to the pump station in Cardinal Club due to pavement failure. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the quote of \$4,025 from Flynn Brothers for pavement repair as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared an estimate was received from the city engineer of \$7K-\$8K to correct ditch drainage on Rolling Ridge Way and plan to have documentation to present for action at the next meeting.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 6:58 pm.

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor