

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025
6 PM

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

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

Pledge

Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from September 2, 2025 public hearing and city meeting. After review, Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) - No Report

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) - No Report

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) -

Commissioner Hesse presented the August Expenditure Reports. No discussion. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the August expenditure reports as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse presented the August Financial Reports. No discussion. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept August financial reports as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder's Report: No Report

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission Ordinance #2025-008 pertaining to the amending of the Job Development Incentives Ordinance #2021-005. City Attorney Brammell read the ordinance in its entirety. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #2025-008. Commissioner Garland seconded. Ordinance #2025-008 will be placed on the October 7, 2025 meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller shared 2025 property tax bills were mailed Friday, September 12.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission Ordinance #2025-007 pertaining to the amending of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance #2009-010. City Administrator Eden read the ordinance in its entirety. Commissioner Dupre made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #2025-007. Commissioner Garland seconded. Ordinance #2025-007 will be placed on the October 7, 2025 meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation from Triple S Planning Commission of a \$20K bond release for the sidewalks as requested by The Villas at Cardinal Club and a recommendation from the City's Engineer of an \$18K bond release for Greens Drive. The remaining sidewalk bond of \$14,625.00 and 15% Contingency of \$22,726.20, will be held by the Planning Commission until all work is completed per the approved construction plans. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the recommendation of the bond release as presented by Triple S Planning Commission and the City's Engineer. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a quote of \$35,000.00 from PYRO Productions, Inc for 2026 BOOM!. City Administrator Eden recognized PW / Park Director Truelock for additional information. After discussion, Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the quote of \$35,000.00 to PYRO Productions as presented and for Mayor to sign contract. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a contract from Astro Jump of Louisville for the train rental for Light Up Simpsonville. After discussion, Commissioner Dupre made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign contract. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Garland presented to the Commission a Proclamation recognizing Sunday, September 28, 2025 as Simpsonville Methodist Church Day. Commissioner Garland read the proclamation in its entirety. Commissioner McDowell made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the SMC Proclamation. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to request City Attorney Brammell to issue a letter to Brick & Mortar regarding delinquent taxes. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to authorize the City Attorney to proceed as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation to allow Police Chief Brummer, under the same guidelines already established, the authority to approve off duty employment. Commissioner Hesse made the motion for Police Chief Brummer to approve off duty employment. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized city resident, Alex Kamin, who was inquiring about help from the City to clean the easement behind his fence line due to a conflict with the neighboring property owner. Mr. Kamin was informed this is a civil matter between property owners and the City cannot legally be involved.

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 6:50 pm. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to return from closed session at 7:39 pm. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve a forty (40) year Industrial Revenue Bond (IRB) with pilot for school and fire districts, .25% tax abatement on all jobs for five (5) years with a grace period of up to two (2) years after occupancy and start-up, contingent IRB goes through Simpsonville. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

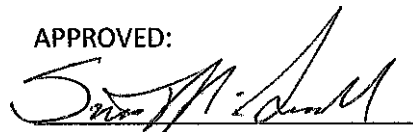
Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:46 pm.

ATTEST:



Steve Eden/City Administrator

APPROVED:



Scott McDowell/Mayor Pro-Tem