

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
OCTOBER 7, 2025
6 PM

Present: Mayor Pro-Tern McDowell, Commissioners Garland and Hesse, City Attorney Brammell, City Administrator Eden.

Absent: Mayor Sowder, Commissioner Dupre and City Clerk Miller.

Mayor Pro-Tern McDowell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Pledge

Mayor Pro-Tern McDowell presented, for approval, the minutes from September 16, 2025 city meeting. After review, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the minutes as presented., Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Pro-Tern McDowell recognized PW/ Park Director Truelock who presented to the Commission, for approval, a request to proceed with the final phase of the playground next to the Wiche Pavilion. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the final phase of the playground and for PW / Park Director Truelock to proceed. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Pro-Tern McDowell recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Mayor Pro-Tern McDowell (Road) -

Mayor Pro-Tern McDowell shared the following: Streetscape flowers have been removed for the season; New dump truck is being equipped at Manning; Lighting on 2-story building has been installed; Christmas lights to be installed after Halloween.

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) - Absent

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) -

Commissioner Garland shared the following: Winter sports starting soon; Dec. 6, Light Up Simpsonville activities from 4pm-9pm; Last Saturday for Farmers' Market.

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) - No Report

Mayor Pro-Tern McDowell 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 summary in full. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the second reading and adoption of Ordinance #2025-008. Commissioner Garland seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:**

Commissioner Dupre - Absent

Commissioner Garland - Yes

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Mayor Pro-Tern McDowell - Yes

Mayor Sowder - Absent

Ordinance #2025-008 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission, for approval, the Code Enforcement Interlocal Agreement. After discussion, **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Pro-Tern McDowell recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, Pay Request #6 from E-Z Construction Company, Inc. for \$259,525.62 for the WWTP Sludge Press Project. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve payment of \$259,525.62 to E-Z Construction Company as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, an invoice from Kenvirons for \$13,678.00 for the WWTP Sludge Press Project. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve payment of \$13,678.00 to Kenvirons as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission Ordinance #2025-007 pertaining to the amending of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance #2009-010. Due to no changes, City Administrator Eden recommended a motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance #2025-007. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance #2025-007. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept the second reading and adoption of Ordinance #2025-007. Commissioner Hesse seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:**

Commissioner Dupre - Absent

Commissioner Garland - Yes

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Mayor Pro-Tern McDowell - Yes

Mayor Sowder - Absent

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City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, Resolution #2025-005, pertaining to the adoption of the City's Cafeteria Plan with Colonial Life. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve Resolution #2025-005 and authorize the Mayor Pro-Tern to sign. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, an agreement acknowledgment with Republic Services to roll over for another year with no price increase. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor Pro-Tern to sign. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, a request to title impounded vehicle 2011 Red Ford Taurus, effective 10/07/25. Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve to title and authorize Mayor Pro-Tern to sign document for the vehicle as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

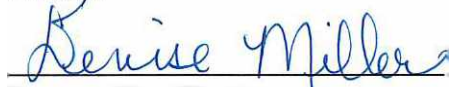
City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, the resignation letter from Officer James Petty, effective October 7, 2025. Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept the resignation of Officer Petty, effective October 7, 2025. Commissioner Hesse 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 Major Johnson. After review, Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the request as presented and authorize the Mayor Pro-Tern to sign document. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a Sewer Sludge Press Project change order deduction of \$16K, eliminating a manhole. Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept the change order as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 6:29 pm.

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:



Ronnie Sowder/Mayor