

**CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
MARCH 3, 2026
6 PM**

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

Absent: Commissioner Dupre

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

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from February 17, 2026 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 Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) - No Report

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) - Absent

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks)-No Report

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) - No Report

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission, for approval, a request from Chris Spaulding, Shelby County Emergency Management Agency Director, of \$1,000.00 towards the purchase of trench rescue equipment and to expend from Public Works budget. Mayor Sowder shared all three Shelby County Government Agencies were requested to donate \$1,000.00 with EMA paying the balance. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the \$1,000.00 request from EMA as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission Ordinance #2026-002 pertaining to a zone change of 54 Just A Mere Lane from Residential Urban Neighborhood (RU-5) to Commercial Neighborhood (CN) with binding elements as spelled out under Item #17 on page 4 of 5 of the Findings of Fact. City Attorney Brammell read the ordinance in its entirety. Hearing no motion to accept the second reading, adoption failed.

Commissioner Garland made the motion to overturn the Triple S Planning zone change recommendation for 54 Just A Mere Lane due to not meeting the City's comprehensive plan and having no major changes in the area. Commissioner McDowell seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:

Commissioner Dupre - Absent

Commissioner Garland - Yes

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Commissioner McDowell - Yes

Mayor Sowder - Yes

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission Ordinance #2026-003 pertaining to a Local State of Emergency Employee Compensation for non-exempt and exempt employees. City Attorney Brammell read the ordinance in its entirety. Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept the second reading and adoption of Ordinance #2026-003. Commissioner McDowell seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:

Commissioner Dupre - Absent

Commissioner Garland - Yes

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Commissioner McDowell - Yes

Mayor Sowder - Yes

Ordinance #2026-003 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission Ordinance #2026-004 pertaining to the City of Simpsonville Legislative Body Compensation. City Attorney Brammell read the ordinance in its entirety. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the second reading and adoption of Ordinance #2026-004. Commissioner Garland seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:

Commissioner Dupre - Absent

Commissioner Garland - Yes

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Commissioner McDowell - Yes

Mayor Sowder - Yes

Ordinance #2026-004 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission Ordinance #2026-005 regarding the nonpartisan Election Procedure. City Attorney Brammell read the ordinance in its entirety. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the second reading and adoption of Ordinance #2026-005. Commissioner Hesse seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:

Commissioner Dupre - Absent

Commissioner Garland - Yes

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Commissioner McDowell - Yes

Mayor Sowder - Yes

Ordinance #2026-005 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, Pay Request #11 from E-Z Construction Company, Inc. for \$563,607.15 for the WWTP Sludge Press Project. This pay request includes \$82,849.20, check to be issued separately, for the COD delivery of the building. City and EZ Construction are splitting the COD for the building. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve payment of \$563,607.15 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 \$26,748.00 for the WWTP Sludge Press Project. Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve payment of \$26,748.00 to Kenvirons as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of PW / Park Director Truelock, presented to the Commission, for approval, a quote for \$26,813.75 from Astro Jump of Louisville for the Fall Festival, to be paid from the Restricted Fund, with deposit of \$5,362.75 due. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the quote of \$26,813.75 from Astro Jump of Louisville as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign document. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of PW / Park Director Truelock, presented to the Commission, for approval, a Simpsonville Parks & Recreation proposed pay rate and fee schedule. Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the proposed pay rate and fee schedule for the parks & recreation department. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Sewer Superintendent Romine, presented to the Commission, for approval, the resignation, via text, from Wastewater Plant Operator Trainee Tim Sanford, effective February 24, 2026. Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept the resignation of Tim Sanford, effective February 24, 2026. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Sewer Superintendent Romine, presented to the Commission, for approval, a new Assistant Sewer Superintendent job description and position, pay grade 29. After discussion, Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the new Assistant Sewer Superintendent position and job description in the sewer department. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Sewer Superintendent Romine, presented to the Commission, for approval, a request to surplus the Sewer department's 2006 Ford F350 dump truck, with 20,200 miles, and the 2008 Ford Ranger, with 87,400 miles. Commissioner Garland made the motion to surplus the Sewer department's 2006 Ford F350 and the 2008 Ford Ranger. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the Flowers property bond reduction recommendation from STV Engineer, Mao Sokhon, for the first bond to be reduced to \$31,920.00 and the second bond to be reduced to \$42,840.00 for a new total bond on the development in the amount of \$74,760.00. After discussion, Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the Flowers property bond reductions as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

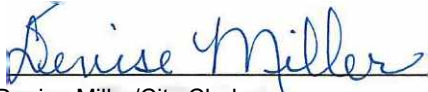
City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the final easement from Shelby County Public Schools for the Todds Point Road Sidewalk Project. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the SCPS easement and to authorize the Mayor to sign document. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared the RFQ for the 2-story will be in the March 5 Sentinel News publication.

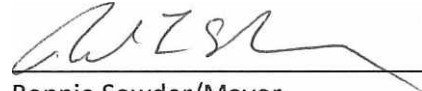
Mayor Sowder requested City Administrator Eden to get quotes for the employee's medical insurance.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 6:49 pm.

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor