CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
APRIL 7, 2026
6 PM

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

Absent: Commissioner Garland, City Attorney Brammell.

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

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from March 17, 2026 city meeting. After review, **Commissioner Dupr£ made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder completed Oath of Office for Code Enforcement Board members Andrew Stucki and Cary Vowels.

Mayor Sowder completed Oath of Office for Citation Officer City Administrator Steve Eden.

Mayor Sowder completed the ceremonial Oath of Office for Police Officer John Froehlich, most recent police academy graduate, who was previously sworn in Sunday, March 22, 2026.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) - No Report

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) - No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) - Absent

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) -
Commissioner Hesse presented to the Commission, for their review, a draft of the 2026/2027 City budget. The budget ordinance is scheduled to be presented at the next regular city meeting.

Mayor's Report: No Report

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report: Absent

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:
In the absence of City Attorney Brammell, City Clerk Miller presented to the Commission Ordinance #2026-006 pertaining to the COLA increase of 2.7% for the employee compensation ranges and police pay scale. City Clerk Miller read the ordinance in its summary. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept**

the first reading of Ordinance #2026-006. Commissioner Dupr6 seconded. Ordinance #2026-006 will be placed on the April 21,2026 meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, Pay Request #12 from E-Z Construction Company, Inc. for $233,382.47 for the WWTP Sludge Press Project. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve payment of $233,382.47 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 $8,558.00 for the WWTP Sludge Press Project. **Commissioner Dupre made the motion to approve payment of $8,558.00 to Kenvirons as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation from Mao Sokhon, with STV Inc., for the City to accept ownership for American Way and Innovation Way in Simpsonville Commons. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the recommendation to accept ownership for American Way and Innovation Way as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of PW / Parks Director Truelock, presented to the Commission, for approval, the Request For Proposal (RFP) regarding master planning and landscape architectural design/engineering services for Golden Creek Park. After discussion, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the RFP as presented and to allow PW / Parks Director Truelock to continue with the process. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of PW / Parks Director Truelock, presented to the Commission, for approval, the request to scrap six (6) 15' bleachers due to lifespan reached and not safe for surplus due to damage. Bleachers will be replaced. After discussion, **Commissioner Dupre made the motion to approve to scrap the bleachers as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a recommendation to accept a bid proposal of $24,150.00 from Structures Unlimited LLC for a cover/tarp that needs to be replaced at the salt bin. A 10% deposit is needed to hold the price. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the bid proposal of $24,150.00 from Structures Unlimited and authorize Mayor to sign document as presented. Commissioner Dupre 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 two police recruits, Marianne Manning and Chelsey Carter, effective two weeks prior to the Police Academy. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the conditional hire to the two candidates, pending results, and authorize Mayor to sign document as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, the police department's Mobile Video Recorder {MVR) policy update. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the police department's MVR policy update as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, a three-year contract with Axon Enterprises of $9,403.80 for August 2026, August 2027, and August 2028, and to begin effective immediately for an additional $95.00 for a total of $9,498.80. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the Axon contract of $9,498.80 and authorize Mayor to sign document as presented. Commissioner McDowell 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 2015 White Chevrolet Malibu, effective 03/24/26, and 2007 Blue Kia Rio, effective 03/29/26. Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve to title and authorize Mayor to sign documents for the vehicles as presented. Commissioner Dupre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, the annual contract with Caliber for $5,268.20 for the CAD system. Commissioner Dupre made the motion to approve the Caliber contract of $5,268.20 and authorize Mayor to sign document as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 6:36 pm.

APPROVED:

Scott McDowell/Mayor Pro-Tern

ATTEST:

Denise Miller

Denise Miller/City Clerk