

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE  
CITY MEETING MINUTES  
CITY MEETING ROOM  
APRIL 21, 2026  
6 PM

Present: Mayor Pro-Tern McDowell, Commissioners Garland & Hesse, City Administrator Eden, City Clerk Miller.

Absent: Mayor Sowder, Commissioner Dupre.

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

Pledge

Mayor Pro-Tern McDowell presented, for approval, the minutes from April 7, 2026 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 the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) - No Report

Commissioner Dupre (Sewer) - Absent

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) - No Report

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) -

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

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

Commissioner Hesse presented to the Commission Ordinance #2026-007 pertaining to the 2026-2027 Budget. Commissioner Hesse read the ordinance in its entirety. Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept Ordinance #2026-007 for the first reading. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Ordinance #2026-007 will be placed on the May 5 meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.

Mayor's Report: Absent

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

City Attorney Brammell 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 Attorney Brammell

read the ordinance in its summary. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance #2026-006. Commissioner Garland seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:

Commissioner Dupre - Absent

Commissioner Garland - Yes

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Mayor Pro-Tern McDowell - Yes

Ronnie Sowder- Absent

Ordinance #2026-006 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

Mayor Pro-Tern McDowell recognized the City Clerk's Report: No Report

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

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Mayor Sowder, presented to the Commission, for approval, a proclamation recognizing Alora Mazarakis, to be presented at the May 5 meeting. Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the proclamation as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a quote from CivicPlus of \$18,314.00 for a website redesign. After discussion, Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the CivicPlus quote as presented and to authorize Mayor Pro-Tern McDowell to sign document. 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 vehicles 2006 Gray Toyota Sierra, effective 04/20/26, and 2016 Blue GMC Acadia, effective 04/17/26. Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve to title and authorize Mayor Pro-Tern McDowell 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, a draft of the Reserve/Part-Time/Special Deputies job description. After discussion, Commissioner Hesse made the motion to adopt the Reserve/Part-Time/Special Deputies job description, Police Policy: 7.1, as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Brummer, presented to the Commission, for approval, a quote of \$6,787.00 from Louisville Toppers for the new 2026 Ram Truck. After discussion, Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the quote of \$6,787.00 from Louisville Toppers and authorize Mayor Pro-Tern McDowell to sign document. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a request from the Outlet Shoppes of the Bluegrass for a fireworks ordinance exemption to allow for Cannon / Musket blanks to be fired off July 3 and July 4, 2026 from 2:30pm - 9pm at the mall. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the fireworks ordinance exemption for the OSB as presented and to authorize the City Administrator to sign letter of exemption. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the electronic McGregor HRA Annual Renewal, sent to the Mayor, for fiscal year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept the annual agreement as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign necessary document. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared he communicated with a Cyber Security Company to get a quote for future consideration and also thanked Commissioner Hesse and PW / Parks Director Truelock for helping with the scoring of 2-Story RFQ received and will respond to the winning bid by May 5.

City Administrator shared with the Commission of City Clerk Miller's intent to retire January 2027, and with Billing Clerk Casey Ellis completing her clerk training this summer, requested permission to proceed with hiring for Casey's replacement for next fiscal year. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve advertising for the Billing Clerk position. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Pro-Tern McDowell called for a closed session to discuss employee discipline. Based on KRS61.810(l)(f), discussions which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee without restricting that employee's right to a public hearing, if requested, is required to be in closed session. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to enter into closed session at 6:32 pm. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Commissioner Hesse made the motion to return from closed session at 6:41 pm. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve the recommended 3-day suspension for Jordan Bailey, without pay, within the current pay period. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Commission was in agreement for City Administrator Eden to sign a letter informing Mr. Bailey of the decision.

**Mayor Pro-Tern McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned 6:42 pm.

ATTEST:

  
Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:

  
Ronnie Sowder/Mayor