

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
MAY 5, 2026
6 PM

Present: Mayor Sowder, Commissioners Dupré, Garland, Hesse & McDowell, 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 April 21, 2026 city meeting. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized Commissioner Dupré who read the Proclamation recognizing Alora Mazarakis and proclaiming May 5, 2026 as Alora Mazarakis Appreciation Day in honor of her contribution to the Artemis II NASA mission.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) – No Report

Commissioner Dupré (Sewer) – No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) – No Report

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) –

Commissioner Hesse presented to the Commission Ordinance #2026-007 pertaining to the 2026-2027 Budget. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the ordinance to read in summary. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.** Commissioner Hesse read the ordinance in summary. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept the second reading and adoption of Ordinance #2026-007. Commissioner Dupré seconded.**

A roll call vote is as follows:

Commissioner Dupré - Yes

Commissioner Garland - Yes

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Mayor Pro-Tem McDowell - Yes

Ronnie Sowder – Yes

Ordinance #2026-007 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

Mayor's Report: No Report

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report: No Report

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Clerk's Report:

City Clerk Miller shared with the Commission the delinquent property tax bills, who are not responding to delinquent tax notices, are ready to be turned over to City Attorney Brammell.

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval Pay Request #13 from E-Z Construction Company, Inc. for \$174,602.05 for the WWTP Sludge Press Project. **Commissioner Dupré made the motion to approve payment of \$174,602.05 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 \$6,424.00 for the WWTP Sludge Press Project. **Commissioner Dupré made the motion to approve payment of \$6,424.00 to Kenvirons as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the request from Sludge Press Project Engineer, Phillips Meador with Kenvirons, to approve RFC #4 for additional air diffuser piping. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve RFC #4 for \$17,833.00. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the 2-Story RFQ contract from Brandstetter Carroll Inc., to not exceed \$35K. The Commission received an electronic version of the RFQ for their review prior to the meeting. **Commissioner Dupré made the motion to approve the 2-Story RFQ contract from Brandstetter Carroll Inc. as presented and to authorize the Mayor to sign. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, Resolution #2026-001 regarding a Parks Part-Time Seasonal Recreation Leader Job Description. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to approve Resolution #2026-001 and to authorize the Mayor to sign document. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

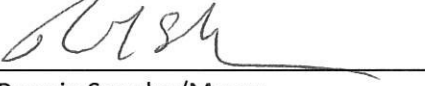
City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a quote of \$5,274.00 from Willis Klein to work on doors (Admin., Recep., City Admin., Main.Bld.). **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve up to \$6,500.00 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Willis Klein quote of \$5,274.00. Commissioner Dupré seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 6:24 pm.

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor