

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
AUGUST 4 , 2026
6 PM

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

Absent: Commissioner Dupré.

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

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from July 21, 2026, city meeting and July 23, 2026 special called city meeting. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to accept both sets of minutes as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) – No Report

Commissioner Dupré (Sewer) – Absent

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) –

Commissioner Garland made the motion to accept the resignation of Officer Rivera. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) –

Commissioner Hesse presented to the Commission Ordinance #2026-008 pertaining to the 2025-2026 budget amendment for second reading. Due to no changes, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance #2026-008. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the adoption of Ordinance #2026-008. Commissioner McDowell seconded. A roll call vote is as follows:**

Commissioner Dupré - Absent

Commissioner Garland - Yes

Commissioner Hesse - Yes

Commissioner McDowell - Yes

Ronnie Sowder - Yes

Ordinance #2026-008 will be effective upon publication in the Sentinel News.

Mayor's Report: No Report

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission, for approval, a contract for services, if needed, from Vaughn Petitt Legal Group regarding a city employee matter. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the contract with Vaughn Petitt and authorize the Mayor to sign document. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission for review a resolution regarding a data center moratorium. After discussion, the resolution will be revised and presented at the next meeting.

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, a request from SBC for a Christmas Toy Store donation. After discussion, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve a \$250.00 donation to the Christmas Toy Store. Commissioner Garland seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to accept the quote of \$19,500.00 from Thompson Excavating for the house demolition at 107 Old Veechdale Road. Other quotes received were \$22,000.00 and \$28,750.00. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the quote of \$19,500.00 for the house demolition as presented. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden shared with the Commission considering the possibility of a lease regarding the AED's and that Cintas will be at the next regular meeting to present their lease program.

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a request for the opportunity to purchase a tractor this month at an auction. After discussion, **Commissioner Garland made the motion to authorize City Administrator Eden and Commissioner McDowell to purchase a tractor at an auction, with a \$50K limit. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, a memorandum from Shelby County Public Schools securing locations for emergency evacuation sights. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve the request to allow the gym to be used by SCPS as an evacuation site and authorize Mayor to sign document as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission Ordinance #2026-009 pertaining to the Ad Valorem Tax. City Administrator Eden recognized City Clerk Miller to read the ordinance in its entirety. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #2026-009. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Ordinance #2026-009 will be placed on the September 1, 2026 meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.**

Mayor Sowder recognized Ryan Libke, Triple S Planning & Zoning Director, who presented to the Commission for consideration, proposed text amendments for the Simpsonville Comprehensive Plan. After an hour presentation, Mayor Sowder requested the Commission to further review for the next city meeting.

Mayor Sowder called for a closed session to discuss employee discipline. Based on KRS61.810(1)(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, are required to be in closed session. **Commissioner Garland made the motion to enter into closed session at 7:20 pm. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder requested guest Carl Christiansen to remain and excused from the meeting City Clerk Miller and public in attendance.

City Administrator Eden exited the closed session at 7:35 pm.

Commissioner Dupré joined the closed session at 7:51 pm.

City Administrator Eden rejoined the closed session at 8:50 pm.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to return from closed session at 9:24 pm. Commissioner Dupré seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Miller and the public did not return to the meeting.

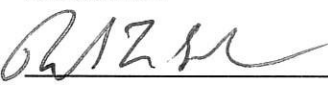
No action was taken at this time.

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 9:25 pm.

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor