

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE
CITY MEETING MINUTES
CITY MEETING ROOM
OCTOBER 6, 2026
6 PM ET / 5 PM CT

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

Absent: Commissioner Garland

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

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Mayor Sowder presented, for approval, the minutes from September 15, 2026, city meeting. After review, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Dupré seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder presented the Oath of Office to Police Sergeant Joseph Massey.

Mayor Sowder recognized the Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner McDowell (Road) –
Commissioner McDowell presented the following: Street floral has been removed; Farmers' Market extends its season through January 2027 every Saturday; Salt bin is full and plow trucks will be serviced week of Oct. 19 for the upcoming winter.

Commissioner Dupré (Sewer) – No Report

Commissioner Garland (Police/Parks) – Absent

Commissioner Hesse (Finance) – No Report

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Sowder presented to the Commission for approval, the recommendation to allow himself, Commissioner Garland, and City Administrator Eden to score the RFP's received for Golden Creek Park. After discussion, **Commissioner McDowell made the motion the scoring team recommendation as presented. Commissioner Dupré seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sowder recognized the City Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Brammell presented to the Commission for the first reading Ordinance #2026-010 regarding zoning amendments. City Attorney Brammell read the ordinance in full. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept Ordinance #2026-010 for the first reading. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Ordinance #2026-010 will be placed on the October 20, 2026 meeting agenda for the second reading and possible adoption.**

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, Resolution #2026-003, pertaining to the adoption of the City's Cafeteria Plan with Colonial Life. **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to approve Resolution #2026-003 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Commissioner Dupré seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, Resolution #2026-004, pertaining to the Hiring and Selection revisions of an Interview Board. After review, **Commissioner Dupré made the motion to approve Resolution #2026-004. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Attorney Brammell recommended to the Commission to approve the Citizen At-Large recommendations of Vernon Winburn and Terence Delaney. **Commissioner Dupré made the motion to approve the Citizen At-Large recommendations as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Sewer Superintendent Romine, presented to the Commission, for approval, a quote for a sewer pump replacement from Service Specialties and Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc. After review, **Commissioner Dupré made the motion to approve the quote from Aqua-Aerobic Systems for \$10,210.43 and authorize the Mayor to sign. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of PW Director Truelock, presented to the Commission, for approval, a snowplow package quote for the 2027 sewer truck from Manning Equipment and Dukes A&W Enterprises LLC. **Commissioner Dupré made the motion to approve the snowplow package from Dukes A&W Enterprises LLC for \$6,222.00 as presented. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Administrator Eden presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation from STV Project Engineer for the Sewer Plant Pavement Rehabilitation bid of \$98,372.60 from Flynn Brothers, Inc. After discussion, **Commissioner Hesse made the motion to accept the bid of \$98,372.60 from Flynn Brothers for the pavement rehab. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

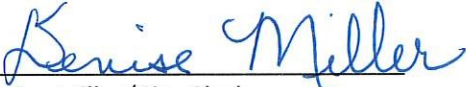
City Administrator Eden shared with the Commission, due to the absence of Commissioner Garland, to table the 2-story consultant results until the next meeting.

City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Aikins, presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to promote Police Officer Josh Risinger to Police Sergeant effective immediately with Oath of Police Sergeant presented at the October 20 city meeting. **Commissioner McDowell made the motion to approve the promotion of Josh Risinger to Police Sergeant effective immediately. Commissioner Dupré seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

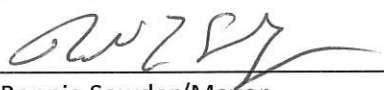
City Administrator Eden, on behalf of Police Chief Aikins, presented to the Commission, for approval, the recommendation to assign John Froehlich to the School Resource Officer effective immediately, to replace Josh Risinger. **Commissioner Dupré made the motion to approve the recommendation to assign Officer Froehlich to SRO effective immediately. Commissioner McDowell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner McDowell made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hesse seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 6:37 pm.

ATTEST:


Denise Miller/City Clerk

APPROVED:


Ronnie Sowder/Mayor