

**Minutes of the  
Simpsonville City Council  
Committee of the Whole Meeting  
September 25, 2018**

**6:30pm**

**City Council Chambers – 118 N.E. Main Street**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Curtis

**COUNCIL PRESENT** – Councilmember Gooch, Councilmember Kelley, Councilmember Hulehan, Councilmember Roche, Councilmember Cummings, Councilmember Hutchings, Mayor Curtis

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of August 28, 2018. No corrections noted the minutes were approved as written.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** – None

**POINT of PRIVILEGE** – Mayor Curtis

A donation drive will be held for Hurricane Florence victims on East Curtis Street in the overflow parking lot of Simpsonville First Baptist Church across from the fire department headquarters; there will be a red tent next to the giant tractor trailer.

Donations of new, unopened non-perishable food, hygiene products and toiletries are being taken Wednesday 9-26-18, Thursday 9-27-18 and Friday 9-28-18 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Firefighters or police officers are onsite to take care of the donations—you don't even need to get out of your car!

Anyone wanting to make monetary donations can do so at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org); we're not partnering with them, but since we're not taking monetary donations, we wanted to give people a trusted resource to send money if they'd rather do that.

**STAFF REPORTS**

- a. *Monthly Financial Report – Finance Director, Christine Furino*
- b. *Monthly City Administrator Report – City Administrator, Dianna Gracely*
- c. *Community Relations Specialist – Justin Campbell*

**BUSINESS**

a. *Items Anticipated to Come Before Council*

1) **Accommodations Tax Committee**

Ballot vote taken for appointments to the Accommodations Tax Committee. John Short, Gregry Carpenter, William Haynes, Sherry Pelletier selected by unanimous vote.

**2) Resolution #2018-06, Hometown Economic Development Grant**

Motion by Councilmember Gooch with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Hutchings to approve Resolution #2018-06, Hometown Economic Development Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

**3) Super Majority**

Motion by Councilmember Kelley with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Gooch that Mr. Holmes creates/edits an ordinance to require a super majority vote by full council to hire or fire the city administrator and consent to the hiring, firing or discipline any department head. The proposed ordinance will also include a super majority vote of full council needed to alter this ordinance in any way. Motion carried unanimously.

**4) Incentive Bonuses for EMT and Paramedic Training**

Motion by Councilmember Hulehan with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Roche to approve Chief Williams proposal for Incentive Bonuses for EMT and Paramedic Training. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Councilmember Cummings with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Kelley to go into Executive Session for the receipt of legal advice on two matters covered by the attorney-client privilege with regard to a pending and threatened claim; and for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangement concerning city property and the receipt of legal advice related thereto and for the discussion of the compensation of an employee in the Administration Department. Councilmember Hulehan recused herself from discussion of legal matter prior to going into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon return to open session, Council may take action on items discussed in Executive Session.

Motion by Councilmember Gooch with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Cummings to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no votes taken and no action taken during Executive Session.

Motion by Councilmember Gooch with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Kelley to action on item discussed in Executive Session for compensation of person in the Administration Department. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilmember Cummings with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember Kelley to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.