

AGENDA
OF THE SIMPSONVILLE CITY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
September 26, 2023
6:30pm
Council Chambers – City Hall

1. **CALL TO ORDER**.....Mayor Shewmaker
2. **ROLL CALL**.....City Clerk, Ashley Clark
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **PRESENTATION- Proclamation**.....Mayor Shewmaker
National Colonial Heritage Month
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – August 22, 2023
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**
7. **STAFF REPORTS** – Department Heads will be available to answer any questions concerning the departmental monthly reports for Police, Fire, Recreation, and Public Works
 - A. Monthly Financial ReportFinance Director, Christine Furino
8. **BUSINESS**
Items Anticipated to Come Before Council
 - A. Z-2023-02 Proposed Rezoning of Property at 233 Harrison Bridge Road.....Planner Jon Derby
 - B. TX-2023-02 Misc. Refinements to the Zoning Ordinance.....Planner Jon Derby
 - C. Presentation of Resolution Pledging to Practice and Promote Civility.....Mayor Shewmaker
 - D. Approve Order to Revoke Business License for Laundry Room LLC.....Mayor Shewmaker
 - E. Discussion Regarding Traffic on Dennis Waldrop Way.....Councilmember Sherry Roche

PLEASE NOTE: This Agenda is accurate as of the Friday immediately preceding the Council meeting but is subject to change until twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting. Please contact the City Clerk the day of the meeting for the latest agenda information.

**A RESOLUTION
PLEDGING TO PRACTICE AND PROMOTE
CIVILITY IN THE CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE**

WHEREAS, a recent national survey found that 93% of Americans believe that incivility is a problem, with 68% considering it a “major” problem and 74% believing that incivility is increasing in America;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Simpsonville (the “Council”), the governing body of the City of Simpsonville, South Carolina (the “Municipality”), recognizes that robust debate and the right to self-expression, as protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, are fundamental rights and essential components of democratic self-governance;

WHEREAS, the Council further recognizes that the public exchange of diverse ideas and viewpoints is necessary to the health of the community and the quality of governance in the Municipality;

WHEREAS, the Members of Council, as elected representatives of the community and stewards of the public trust, recognize their special role in modeling open, free and vigorous debate while maintaining the highest standards of civility, honesty and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, to publicly declare its commitment to civil discourse and express its concern for the common good and well-being of all residents, the Council has determined to adopt this resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The City of Simpsonville pledges to practice and promote civility within the governing body.

The elected officials of the Council enact this civility pledge to build a stronger and more prosperous community by advocating for civil engagement, respecting others and their viewpoints, and finding solutions for the betterment of the City of Simpsonville.

This pledge ensures all communication — both spoken and written — to be open, honest and transparent as this is vital for cultivating trust and relationships.

This pledge ensures mutual respect to achieve municipal goals, recognizing that patience, tolerance, and civility are imperative to success.

This pledge ensures opportunities for finding common ground and engaging in civil discussion to seek solutions while actively listening and thoughtfully participating.

[signatures appear on following page]

RESOLVED THIS 12th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

SIGNATURES OF MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mayor Paul Shewmaker

Councilmember Matthew Gooch, Ward 1

Councilmember Aaron Rupe, Ward 2

Councilmember Jennifer Hulehan, Ward 3

Councilmember Sherry Roche, Ward 4

Councilmember Ken Cummings, Ward 5

Councilmember Lou Hutchings, Ward 6

ATTEST:

REVIEWED:

Ashley Clark
City Clerk

Dianna Gracely
City Administrator

City of Simpsonville Proclamation

WHEREAS, The National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century of South Carolina is sponsoring National Colonial Heritage Month during the month of October 2023; and

WHEREAS, the members of this Society are descendants of early colonists to the United States of America and work for the preservation of the legacy of those ancestors; and

WHEREAS, National Colonial Heritage Month recognizes those individuals whose virtue, courage, and patriotism determined the direction for and molded the character of this nation; and

WHEREAS, the members of this Society continue to honor those early colonists by reminding us that our privilege to live in a free country stems from “loving our country, obeying its laws, respecting its flag, and defending it against all enemies;”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul Shewmaker, Mayor of the City of Simpsonville, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2023 as

NATIONAL COLONIAL HERITAGE MONTH

and encourage our citizens to observe this month as a means of reinforcing the priceless legacy that we inherit with our citizenship, to help preserve our rich culture and heritage with deep respect for the principles upon which our country was founded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Simpsonville to be affixed this 26th day of September in the year of our Lord 2023.

Paul Shewmaker, Mayor