

AGENDA
OF THE SIMPSONVILLE CITY
BUSINESS MEETING
March 12, 2024
6:30PM
Council Chambers – City Hall

1. **CALL TO ORDER**.....Mayor Shewmaker
2. **ROLL CALL**.....City Clerk, Ashley Clark
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**- February 13, 2024
5. **PRESENTATION-Annual Action Plan**.....Imma Nwobodu
6. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**
7. **BUSINESS**
 - A. 2nd Reading of Ordinance O-2024-01, Ordinance to amend sections 2-65 of division 2 of Article II of chapter 2 of the City of Simpsonville Code of Ordinance.....Mayor Shewmaker
 - B. Resolution to change Council Meeting Time.....Mayor Shewmaker
 - C. Resolution to Approve Litter Prevention Program.....Community Relations Specialist, Justin Campbell
 - D. Funding for Greenlink in FY25 Budget.....City Administrator, Dianna Gracely
 - E. Approval of Welcome Center Budget.....City Administrator, Dianna Gracely
 - F. Approval of Accommodations Tax Funding Recommendations.....City Administrator, Dianna Gracely
8. **ADJOURN**

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.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 01-2024

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 2-65 OF DIVISION 2
(MEETINGS) OF ARTICLE II (COUNCIL) OF CHAPTER 2
(ADMINISTRATION) OF THE CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE CODE OF
ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, the City of Simpsonville City Council reviews its Ordinances at various times to make necessary improvements and/or changes; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Simpsonville desires to amend its existing ordinances to allow greater flexibility in the scheduling of council meetings subject to the requirements of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code §30-4-10 *et seq.*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Simpsonville as follows:

Section 1. Amendment. Amend Sections 2-65 of Division 2 (Meetings) of Article II (Council) of Chapter 2 (Administration) as follows:

Sec. 2-65. Meeting schedule.

- (a) All meetings of the council shall be open to the public. Notwithstanding, the council may hold executive sessions as permitted by the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act at such times and in such places as may be deemed necessary and in the public interest by a favorable vote of the council.
- (b) Regular meetings of the council shall generally be held on the second Tuesday of each month at such time and place designated by either Council or the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, acting together, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall. Committee of the whole meetings shall generally be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at such time and place designated by either Council or the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, acting together, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall except for the months of November and December.
- (c) Either Council or the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, acting together, council may alter the schedule and location of meetings pursuant to public notice required by the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, particularly when a regular meeting falls on a legal holiday, ~~or~~ if weather or other conditions make it hazardous for council members and the public to attend a meeting, or for other compelling reasons, provided that the city council meets regularly at least once a month, or with such other minimum frequency as is required by the general law of the state.

- (d) Special meetings or emergency meetings as specified under the SC FOIA may be called by the mayor when deemed necessary, or by a majority of council, provided at least 24 hours' notice is given to each member of the council and the time, place, and agenda of each special meeting is publicly announced at least 24 hours before the meeting.
- (e) Except in the case of an emergency, any member of the council who cannot attend a scheduled meeting shall notify the city clerk at the earliest possible opportunity and no later than 4:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting. The city clerk shall notify the city administrator and the mayor in the event that the projected absences threaten the ability to produce a quorum at the meeting.
- (f) All meetings of the council shall comply with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-10, et. seq.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon second reading approval hereof.

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

Paul Shewmaker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashley Clark, Municipal Clerk

First Reading: February 13, 2024

Second and
Final Reading: March 12, 2024

Approved as to Form:

Daniel R. Hughes, City Attorney

RESOLUTION _____-2024

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW MEETING TIME FOR REGULAR AND COMMITTEE OF WHOLE MEETINGS

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2-65 of the City of Simpsonville Code of Ordinances established a meeting time of 6:30 p.m. for its regular and committee of the whole meetings; and,

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 01-2024, City Council amended Ordinance 2-65 to remove 6:30 p.m. as the time for its meetings, and further granted either Council or the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, acting together, the authority to establish the time and location of meetings; and,

WHEREAS, Council finds and determines that 6:00 p.m. should serve as the time for its regular and committee of the whole meetings subject to further amendment pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance 2-65, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Council finds and determines that the terms of this Resolution are in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Simpsonville’s regular and committee of the whole meetings shall occur at 6:00 p.m.

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

BY: _____
Paul Shewmaker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashley Clark, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Daniel Hughes

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A LITTER PREVENTION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, litter continues to remain a problem in Greenville County and its municipalities, including the City of Simpsonville; and,

WHEREAS, residents frequently communicate to City of Simpsonville staff their frustration and concern about litter inside Simpsonville city limits; and,

WHEREAS, bi-annual cleanup days, i.e. Simply Beautiful Cleanup Day, are insufficient and ineffective for reducing litter and preventing litter, respectively; and,

WHEREAS, 36 percent of business development officials state that litter impacts their decision to locate in a community; and,

WHEREAS, the cost for litter removal to a municipality is three times higher than the cost of roadside garbage pickup; and,

WHEREAS, littered areas encourage crime, spread disease, impede traffic, cause fires and decrease water quality; and,

WHEREAS, volunteer programs are excellent at creating place and community pride while lessening the financial burden on municipalities to address litter; and,

WHEREAS, litter prevention programs are proven tools to reduce the impact of litter and cost of litter removal in a community; and,

WHEREAS, the Community Relations Specialist has a seat on the Keep Greenville County Beautiful Board and positive working relationship with Palmetto Pride;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Simpsonville, as follows:

1. That Simpsonville City Council and the City of Simpsonville support the formation and operation by the Community Relations Specialist (Specialist) of the Simpsonville Simply Proud Litter Prevention Program (Program); and,
2. That the purpose of the Program is to reduce litter in Simpsonville city limits with prevention and cleanup efforts; and
3. That the Specialist manage the Program with assistance from staff and resources derived from the appropriate funding sources in the budget; and

4. That the Program include the subsidiary Adopt-a-Street program; and
5. That the Specialist partner with Keep Greenville County Beautiful and Palmetto Pride to increase the Program's effectiveness and overall success; and
6. That the Community Relations Specialist and City Administrator develop and establish policies, guidelines, expectations and initiatives to ensure the Program fulfills its purpose and function.

DONE in Regular Meeting duly assembled this _____ day of March 2024.

SIGNATURE OF MAYOR:

Paul Shewmaker

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ashley Clark
City Clerk

Daniel Hughes
City Attorney