

**CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE: CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING  
— MINUTES —**

Council Chambers, Simpsonville City Hall | March 10, 2026 | 6 p.m.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Presiding Officer: Paul Shewmaker, Mayor

**2. ROLL CALL**

<u>Councilmember</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ward 1 – Chad O’Rear	✓	
Ward 2 – Aaron Rupe	✓	
Ward 3 – Shannon Williams		✓
Ward 4 – Sherry Roche	✓	
Ward 5 – Tim Pinkerton	✓	
Ward 6 – Jerry Tuso	✓	
Mayor Paul Shewmaker	✓	



**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Heart Huddle AED Awareness through AED Placement and CPR Education**

Connor Shaw, Founder of Heart Huddle, gave a presentation on Heart Huddle and awareness of AED placement and CPR education. Mr. Shaw explained he worked with Simpsonville Parks & Recreation Department Director Robbie Davis and Simpsonville Fire Department Training Officer Caleb Carter to place AED units in Simpsonville parks. Mr. Carter was presented with the Life Saving Award for his heroic efforts in saving Mr. Shaw’s life.

**B. Greenville County Redevelopment Authority Annual Action Plan**

Francisco Arnaiz, Program Manager for Greenville County Redevelopment Authority, presented the GCRA Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2026.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the Business Meeting on Feb. 10, 2026 were approved as written.

**6. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

**7. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. Second Reading of Ordinance O-2026-01, Proposed ordinance for the issuance and sale of City of Simpsonville, South Carolina Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2026 not exceeding six-million seven-hundred fifty-thousand dollars (\$6,750,000) and other matters relating thereto**

Motion by Councilmember Pinkerton with a second by Councilmember Roche to approve Second Reading of Ordinance O-2026-01, Proposed ordinance for the issuance and sale of City of Simpsonville, South Carolina Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2026 not exceeding six-million seven-hundred fifty-thousand dollars (\$6,750,000) and other matters relating thereto. Yes – 6, No – 0. Motion carried.

**B. First Reading of Ordinance O-2026-02, Mayor and Council Compensation**

Motion by Mayor Shewmaker with a second by Councilmember Roche to approve First Reading of Ordinance O-2026-02, Mayor and Council Compensation. Yes – 2, N – 4. Dissenting: Councilmembers O’Rear, Pinkerton, Rupe, and Tuso. Motion Failed.

**C. First Reading of Ordinance O-2026-03, to amend Division 2 (Junk or Abandoned Vehicles) of Article 2 (Nuisances) of Chapter 18 (Environment)**

Motion by Councilmember Roche with a second by Councilmember O'Rear to approve First Reading of Ordinance O-2026-03, to amend Division 2 (Junk or Abandoned Vehicles) of Article 2 (Nuisances) of Chapter 18 (Environment) to the next business meeting. Yes – 6, N – 0. Motion Carried.

**D. Resolution R-2026-06, to approve a Second Amendment to the Amphitheatre Naming Rights and Banking Services Agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute the Second Amendment**

Motion by Councilmember Roche with a second by Councilmember Rupe to adopt Resolution R-2026-06, to approve a Second Amendment to the Amphitheatre Naming Rights and Banking Services Agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute the Second Amendment. Y – 6. N – 0. Motion Carried.

**E. Resolution R-2026-07, to authorize a Local Fund Match for Hazard Mitigation Grant projects to support stormwater improvements including the acquisition of real property in the City of Simpsonville**

Motion by Councilmember Pinkerton with a second by Councilmember Roche to approve Resolution R-2026-07, to authorize a Local Fund Match for Hazard Mitigation Grant projects to support stormwater improvements including the acquisition of real property in the City of Simpsonville. Y – 6. N – 0. Motion Carried.

**8. ADJOURNMENT 6:46PM**