

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

Council Chambers, Simpsonville City Hall | Sept. 9, 2025 | 6 p.m.

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 – Lou Hutchings	✓	
Mayor Paul Shewmaker	✓	



3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PRESENTATION

Mayor Shewmaker presented a Proclamation for Constitution Week

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the Business Meeting August 12, 2025 were approved as written.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen comments were made by: John Freeman concerning East Georgia Road update; Kenneth Whitman concerning traffic and speeding

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Corrections to the Approved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting, July 22, 2025

Motion by Mayor Shewmaker, with a second by Councilmember Pinkerton to approve Corrections to the Approved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting, July 22, 2025.

Corrections made were item 8 (A) motion by Mayor Shewmaker to place on the next business meeting the appointment of the individual selected by City Administrator Tee Coker, as Finance Director, to also serve as City Treasurer in accordance with City Ordinances.

Votion on motion Y-7 N-0. Motion carried.

B. 1st Reading of Ordinance O-2025-08, Short-Tem Rental Ordinance

Motion by Councilmember Roche, with a second by Councilmember Rupe to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance 2025-08, Short-Term Rental Ordinance

Motion by Councilmember O’Rear with a second by Councilmember Rupe to 1. amend Ordinance O-2025-08 sec.10-295 A (8) to read a written certification of the short-term rental agent that for properties located in a neighborhood with an HOA that the covenants and by laws of the neighborhood permit short-term rentals; 2.

amend sec. 10-297-E to read the owner(s) may change their designation of a short-term rental agent temporarily or permanently; and that there shall always be one such agent for a property at any given time.

Vote on the motion to amend, Y-7 N-0. Motion carried.

Vote on the main motion as amended, Y-7 N-0. Motion carried.

C. 1st Reading of TX-2025-02, Misc. Refinements to the Zoning Ordinance

Motion by Councilmember Williams with a second by Councilmember Hutchings to approve 1st reading of TX-2025-02, Misc. Refinements to the Zoning Ordinance.

Motion by Councilmember O’Rear with a second by Councilmember Rupe to amend TX-2025-02 sec. 3.2.44 A (5) to eliminate the 2nd paragraph.

Vote on the motion to amend, Y-7 N-0. Motion carried.

Vote on the main motion as amended, Y-7 N-0. Motion carried.

D. 1st Reading of Ordinance O-2025-09, Appropriate Funds from the sale of the Old City Hall property to a Stormwater Initiative Fund

Motion by Councilmember Pinkerton with a second by Councilmember O’Rear to approve 1st reading of Ordinance O-2025-09, Appropriate Funds from the sale of the Old City Hall property to a Stormwater Initiative Fund.

Motion by Mayor Shewmaker with a second by Councilmember Williams to amend Ordinance O-2025-09, to change the funds to \$500,000. Y-1 N-6. Motion failed.

Motion by Mayor Shewmaker with a second by Councilmember Rupe to direct the City Attorney to develop working for provision for easements. Y-6 N-1. Motion carried. Councilmember O’Rear voting no.

Vote on main motion as amended, Y-7 N-0. Motion Carried.

E. Executive Session

Motion by Councilmember Roche with a second by Councilmember Williams to enter into executive session to discuss employee compensation and contractual arrangements. Y-7 N-0. Motion carried.

Upon coming out of executive session the following vote was taken.
Motion by Councilmember Roche with a second by Councilmember Hutchings to authorize the City Administrator to expend funds to address equitable compensation for certain employees. Y-7 N-0. Motion carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT : 8:40PM