

City of Simpsonville: City Council Committee of the Whole MINUTES

Council Chambers, Simpsonville City Hall | Date: September 23, 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. PRESENTATIONS

Presentation 1: Mayor Shewmaker presented a Proclamation to Scout Troop 159 for their 75th Anniversary.

Presentation 2: Hillcrest High School Interim Principal, April Reece made some remarks concerning their students’ recent accomplishments and discussed the standards that have been recently implemented to improve educational quality and success.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the August 26, 2025 Committee of the Whole were approved as written with two corrections.

Correction 1: Sec. 7 Staff Reports- The Financial Report was reported by Maria Tooley, Finance Director. The City Administrator Report was reported by Tee Coker, City Administrator. The Comprehensive Plan Review was reported by Jon Derby, Planning Director.

Correction: Sec.9 Executive Session- Upon coming out of Executive Session, council voted to authorize the City Administrator to engage the services of an employment attorney for legal matters pertaining to employee compensation and to shift departmental budgets, provided the overall budget appropriations do not change.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chief Terry of Canebroke Fire Dept. attended the meeting to express his gratitude to the Simpsonville Fire Department and Fire Chief for their professionalism and dedication. Chief Terry also acknowledged the department’s consistent support and assistance for coverage when needed during difficult times.

7. STAFF REPORTS PRESENTED

Finance Dept.- Maria Tooley, Finance Director, presented a monthly financial report.
Administrative Dept.- Tee Coker, City Administrator, presented a City Administrator report.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Proposed Business License Ordinance

Motion by Councilmember Williams with a second by Councilmember Rupe to approve proposed Business License Ordinance and move to the next Business Meeting. Y-7 N-0. Motion carried.

B. Resolution Committing the City of Simpsonville to providing a local match for a Municipal Association of South Carolina “Big Idea Grant”

Motion by Councilmember Roche with a second by Councilmember Hutchings to approve Resolution Committing the City of Simpsonville to providing a local match for a Municipal Association of South Carolina “Big Idea Grant” to the next Special Called Meeting. Y-7 N-0. Motion carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Time of Adjournment: 6:53PM