

**CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE: CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MINUTES**

Council Chambers, Simpsonville City Hall | Jan. 27, 2026 | 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 – Jerry Tuso	✓	
Mayor Paul Shewmaker	✓	



ABSENT: None

3. POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Tim Pinkerton, Councilmember Ward V, introduced the Boy Scout Troop 420B, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. The troop was present at the meeting to gain a citizen and community eagle badge. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Scout Jacob Keifer.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the Business Meeting Nov. 25, 2025 were approved as written.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS: Tripp Tuttle, Jill Ball, Stephanie Kelley, Brian Curtis, Noreen Smith, Gordon DeGraw, Rooster Boisseau, Kim Johnston, Bryce Johnson, Pete Calhoun, Sandra Wilson, and William Moon all expressed concerns about Hunter Street reopening. Rod Folk, expressed concerns about business item 7H

6. STAFF REPORTS PRESENTED

Finance Dept.- Maria Tooley, Finance Director, presented a Finance Report.

Administrative Dept.- Tee Coker, City Administrator, presented a City Administrator report.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Appointment of City On-Call Judge Brandi White

Motion by Councilmember Roche, with a second by Councilmember Williams to approve Appointment of City On-Call Judge Brandi White. Y-7 N-0. Motion carried.

B. Welcome Center Budget

Motion by Councilmember Williams with a second by Councilmember Roche to move the welcome center budget to the next business meeting. Y-7 N-0. Motion Carried.

C. Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Recommendations

Motion by Councilmember Williams with a second by Councilmember Roche to move Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Recommendations to the next business meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Roche with a second by Councilmember Rupe to remove one thousand dollars from Spring into Art and allocate funds to Simpsonville Parks and Recreation movies in the park. Remove the Walking Art Tour Guide completely and allocate funds to the Simpsonville Area Chamber of Commerce Halloween in the Park. Y-7 N-O.

Main motion as amended to move item to next business meeting. Y-7 N-0. Motion carried.

D. 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 (\$6,750,000.00) and other matters relating thereto

Motion by Councilmember Pinkerton with a second by Councilmember Roche to approve 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 (\$6,750,000.00) and other matters relating thereto. Y-7 N-0. Motion carried.

E. Citizens Academy

Motion by Councilmember Roche with a second by Councilmember Williams to approve a Citizens Academy. Y-7 N-0. Motion Carried.

F. Reopening of Hunter Street to Through Traffic

Motion by Councilmember O'Rear with a second by Councilmember Rupe to move the reopening of Hunter Street to Through Traffic to the next business meeting. Y-4 N-3. Councilmembers Williams, Roche and Mayor Shewmaker voting no. Motion carried.

G. Resolution to Form a New Park and Budget for Development

Motion by Mayor Shewmaker with a second by Councilmember O'Rear to move Resolution to Form a New Park and Budget for Development to the next business meeting. Y-7 N-0. Motion carried.

H. Resolution for Parks Acquisition and Funding Structure Exploration

Motion by Mayor Shewmaker with a second by Councilmember Roche to move Resolution to Form a New Park with and Budget for Development. Y-6 N-1. Councilmember Pinkerton voting no. Motion Carried.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Councilmember Roche with a second by Councilmember Williams to enter into executive session to discuss a matter pertaining to Planning Commission. Y-7 N-0. Motion carried.