

**CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE: CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
— MINUTES —**

Council Chambers, Simpsonville City Hall | March 24, 2026 | 6 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shewmaker called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

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 Tusso	✓	
Mayor Paul Shewmaker	✓	



3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Shewmaker led Council Chambers in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PROCLAMATION: CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Victim’s Advocate for the Simpsonville Police Department Kristen Koepke gave a presentation on Child Abuse Prevention Month. Mayor Shewmaker read, signed, and presented to Ms. Koepke a proclamation declaring April in Simpsonville, S.C. Child Abuse Prevention Month.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Feb. 24, 2026

The minutes were approved as submitted.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Former Mayor Perry Eichor gave comments about his concern about “the rampant traffic violations” in the city and the need for additional “manpower” and emphasized he was not criticizing the Police Department.
- Robby Kellett gave comments about his opposition to AXZ-2025-05 due to the narrowness of Hammond Road, other concerns about traffic, and lack of infrastructure. He said he was speaking on behalf of his family and neighbors.

7. STAFF REPORTS

- Finance Director Maria Tooley gave the Financial Report.
- City Administrator Tee Coker gave the City Administrator Report.

8. BUSINESS

A. Ordinance AXZ-2025-05, to propose annexation of property at 133 Hammond Road



Motion by Councilmember Williams with a second by Councilmember Rupe to place on the Business Meeting on April 14, 2026 Ordinance AXZ-2025-05, to propose annexation of property at 133 Hammond Road. Yes-0, No-6. Motion failed.

B. Ordinance Z-2026-01, to propose rezoning of property located at 206 Ladean Court

Motion by Councilmember Pinkerton with a second by Councilmember Williams to place on the Business Meeting on April 14, 2026 Ordinance Z-2026-01, to propose rezoning of property located at 206 Ladean Court. Yes-6, No-0. Motion carried.

C. Resolution R-2026-08, to accept the allocation of Community Development Block Grant and Home funds from Greenville County Redevelopment Authority as set for Program Year 2026

Motion by Councilmember Pinkerton with a second by Councilmember Rupe to place on the Business Meeting on April 14, 2026 Resolution R-2026-08, to accept the allocation of Community Development Block Grant and Home funds from Greenville County Redevelopment Authority as set for Program Year 2026. Yes-6, No-0. Motion carried.

D. Resolution R-2026-09, to approve funding for an impact fee study and capital improvement plan that will fund certain municipal facilities and equipment, public safety needs, and recreation facilities (park)

Motion by Councilmember Pinkerton with a second by Councilmember Rupe to place on the Business Meeting on April 14, 2026 Resolution R-2026-09, to approve funding for an impact fee study and capital improvement plan that will fund certain municipal facilities and equipment, public safety needs, and recreation facilities (park). Yes-5, No-1. Dissenting – Councilmember Tusso. Motion carried.

E. Resolution R-2026-10, to include in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget and make immediately effective an approved updated fee schedule for processing public records requests per S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-30(B) of South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. Title 30, Chapter 4

Motion by Councilmember Pinkerton with a second by Councilmember Rupe to place on the Business Meeting on April 14, 2026 Resolution R-2026-10, to include in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget and make immediately effective an carried updated fee schedule for processing public records requests per S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-30(B) of South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. Title 30, Chapter 4. Yes-6, No-0. Motion carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Shewmaker adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:39 p.m.