

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

Council Chambers, Simpsonville City Hall | April 28, 2026 | 6 p.m.

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**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**

**Lupus Awareness Month**

Mayor Shewmaker read a proclamation declaring May Lupus Awareness Month.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 24, 2026 were approved as submitted.

**6. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Geneva Lawrence gave comments about the proposed City of Simpsonville Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Annual Budget and expressed concern about the effects of the increases in the Public Works Fee and millage rate on “senior citizens and handicapped citizens” and requested an alternative means for funding the Public Works Department.

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

The following staff members gave monthly or quarterly reports to Council: Public Information Officer & City Clerk Justin Campbell (quarterly); City Administrator Tee Coker; Planning Director Jon Derby (quarterly); and Finance Director Maria Tooley.

## 8. BUSINESS

**A. Ordinance O-2026-04, to transfer \$11,530,304.09 in bond proceeds to the Capital Projects account to fund the Downtown Simpsonville project**

*Maria Tooley, Finance Director*

Motion by Councilmember Sherry Roche with a second by Councilmember Tim Pinkerton to move Ordinance O-2026-04 to the Business Meeting on May 12, 2026.

Yes – 7. No – 0. Motioned carried.

**B. Ordinance O-2026-05, to authorize a vehicle master lease program to systematically replace the City of Simpsonville's light-duty fleet**

*Maria Tooley, Finance Director*

Motion by Councilmember Shannon Williams with a second by Councilmember Sherry Roche to move Ordinance O-2026-05 to the Business Meeting on May 12, 2026.

Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion Carried.

**C. Ordinance O-2026-06, to adopt an annual budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to take effect July 1, 2026**

*Maria Tooley, Finance Director*

Motion by Councilmember Tim Pinkerton with a second by Councilmember Chad O'Rear to move Ordinance O-2026-06 to the Business Meeting on May 12, 2026. Yes

– 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

**D. Resolution R-2026-11, to request from Greenville County Council a 5-mill increase for Greenville County Property owners to restore equitable cost-sharing fire service in the unincorporated Fire Service Area**

*Tee Coker, City Administrator*

Motion by Councilmember Chad O'Rear with a second by Councilmember Sherry Roche to move Resolution R-2026-11 to the Business Meeting on May 12, 2026. Yes

– 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

**E. Resolution R-2026-12, to relocate the statue of Dr. L. L. Richardson from its location on North Main Street to the circular pad between Council Chambers and East Curtis Street**

*Charlene Carter, City Planner*

Motion by Councilmember Sherry Roche with a second by Shannon Williams to move Resolution R-2026-12 to the Business Meeting on May 12, 2026. Yes – 7. No – 0.

Motion carried.

**F. Resolution R-2026-13, to authorize the City Administrator to execute Automatic Aid Agreements between the City of Simpsonville and neighboring fire departments and districts**

*Tee Coker, City Administrator*

Motion by Councilmember Sherry Roche with a second by Councilmember Rupe to move Resolution R-2026-13 to the Business Meeting on May 12, 2026. Yes – 7. No –

0. Motion carried.

**G. Modification of fiber franchise agreement to limit the number of providers in a designated area of the city**

*Charlene Carter, City Planner*

Motion by Councilmember Shannon Williams with a second by Councilmember Rupe to move to the Business Meeting on May 12, 2026 modification of fiber franchise agreement to limit the number of providers in a designated area of the city. Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

**H. Addendum to amend language in the Burdette North Development Agreement**

*Jon Derby, Planning Director*

Motion by Councilmember Sherry Roche with a second by Councilmember Tim Pinkerton to move to the Business Meeting on May 12, 2026 an addendum to amend language in the Burdette North Development Agreement. Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

**I. Appointment of Community Relations Specialist Justin Campbell as City Clerk**

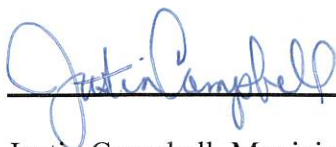
*Tee Coker, City Administrator*

Motion by Mayor Shewmaker with a second by Councilmember Rupe to approve the appointment of Community Relations Specialist Justin Campbell as City Clerk and place the appointment and swearing-in of the City Clerk on the agenda of a Special Called Business Meeting [on May 12, 2026] prior to the next Council business meeting, after which Council will adjourn and hold its regularly scheduled Business Meeting on May 12 [of 2026]. Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Shewmaker adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:09 p.m.

Approved by Simpsonville City Council on May 26, 2026



Justin Campbell, Municipal Clerk