

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

Council Chambers, Simpsonville City Hall | May 26, 2026 | 6 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shewmaker called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

City Clerk Justin Campbell called the roll:

<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	✓	



3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Shewmaker led Council Chambers in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PROCLAMATION

Mayor Shewmaker read and presented to Madelyne Pitts a proclamation declaring May 27, 2026 “Maddie Pitts Day.” Photographs were taken of Ms. Pitts and Mayor Shewmaker and Council.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Recognition of Simpsonville City Council for Achieving Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government Honor Roll

Field Services Manager for the Municipal Association of South Carolina Robert Wolfe presented to Council a plaque for achieving the Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government Honor Roll. A photograph was taken of Council and Mr. Wolfe.

B. Traffic Impact Study for traffic calming measures in League Estates, Poinsettia, and along Jones Avenue

Traffic Project Manager for Impact Designs, Inc. Allen Reid presented to Council recommendations for traffic calming measures in the neighborhoods League Estates and Poinsettia and on Jones Avenue.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting on April 28, 2026 were approved as amended. Mayor Shewmaker amended the minutes by replacing “Yes – 0. No – 0” in item 8.B. *Ordinance O-2026-05* with “Yes – 7. No – 0” to reflect the correct vote tallies, per the request of Councilmember O’Rear.

7. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- James Kincannon gave comments about his concerns regarding “cut-through” traffic on Jones Avenue, off which he resides. Mr. Kincannon requested that Council approve three speed humps for and add “No Thru-Traffic” and “No Trucks” signs on the street.
- Christina Dodd gave comments about her concerns regarding “cut-through” traffic on Jones Avenue, off which she resides. Ms. Dodd requested that Council approve three speed humps for the street. Ms. Dodd gave comments about her concerns in relation to Jones Avenue for her family members who reside with her.

8. STAFF REPORTS

Department heads were available to ask any questions concerning the Unified Departments Report, which includes the Fire, Police, Parks & Recreation, and Public Works departments.

A. Financial Report

Finance Director Maria Tooley gave the monthly Financial Report.

B. City Administrator Report

City Administrator Tee Coker gave the monthly City Administrator Report.

9. BUSINESS

A. Ordinance O-2026-07, to subject any future franchise agreement request for telecommunication services or otherwise to Council approval pursuant to an agreed-upon franchise agreement

Charlene Carter, City Planner

Motion by Councilmember Roche with a second by Councilmember Pinkerton to approve Ordinance O-2026-07 to subject any future franchise agreement request for telecommunication services or otherwise to Council approval pursuant to an agreed-upon franchise agreement, thereby moving Ordinance O-2026-07 to the Business Meeting on June 9, 2026. Yes – 6. No – 0. Motion carried.

B. Discussion of Traffic Impact Study, proposing implementing recommendations for traffic calming measures in League Estates, Poinsettia, and Jones Avenue

Paul Shewmaker, Mayor

Motion by Mayor Shewmaker with a second by Councilmember Williams to approve the measures as presented in the traffic impact study for traffic calming in League Estates, Poinsettia, and Jones Avenue, thereby moving the measures as presented to the Business Meeting on June 9, 2026. Yes – 4. No – 2. Dissenting: Councilmember O’Rear and Councilmember Pinkerton. Motion carried.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A motion by Mayor Shewmaker to enter executive session to conduct a semi-annual evaluation of the City Administrator as required by the Simpsonville, S.C. Code of Ordinances § 2-166(b) and to discuss employment matters related to the Administration Department, both items as permitted by S.C. Code of Laws § 30-4-70(a)(1) with a second by Councilmember Roche. Yes – 6. No – 0. Motion carried.
- Council entered executive session at 7:09 p.m. and returned to public session at 8:20 p.m.

A. To conduct a semi-annual evaluation of the City Administrator as required by the Simpsonville, S.C. Code of Ordinances § 2-166(b), as allowed by S.C. Code of Laws § 30-4-70(a)(1)

A motion by Councilmember Roche to provide the City Administrator with a seven (7) percent raise for the next year [Fiscal Year 2026-2027]* with a second by Councilmember Pinkerton. Yes – 6. No – 0. Motion carried.

B. To discuss employment matters related to the Administration Department, as allowed by S.C. Code of Laws § 30-4-70(a)(1)

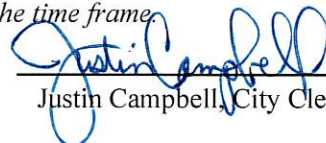
Council took no action on item 10.B.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Shewmaker adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:21 p.m.

**Brackets were added by the City Clerk for clarification of the time frame.*

Approved by Simpsonville City Council on 2026-06-23


Justin Campbell, City Clerk