CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE: CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
— MINUTES —
Council Chambers, Simpsonville City Hall | June 23, 2026 | 6 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   City Administrator Tee Coker called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**
   City Clerk Justin Campbell called the roll:

Councilmember	Present	Absent
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. **ELECTION OF TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER**
   [*Code of Ordinances: Chapter 2. Article II. Division 2. Sec. 2-67(a)(3)*]
   - Councilmember Chad O'Rear nominated Councilmember Tim Pinkerton for Temporary Presiding Officer. Councilmember Pinkerton accepted the nomination.
   - Councilmember Shannon Williams nominated Councilmember Sherry Roche for Temporary Presiding Officer. Councilmember Roche accepted the nomination.
   - Councilmember Roche nominated Councilmember Pinkerton for Temporary Presiding Officer.
   - Vote on Councilmember Pinkerton: Yes – 5. No – 0. Given the unanimity of electing Councilmember Pinkerton to Temporary Presiding Officer and prohibition against voting for more than one nominee, a vote on Councilmember Roche was unnecessary.
   - By a vote of 5 – 0, Council elected Councilmember Pinkerton Temporary Presiding Officer.

Councilmember Jerry Tuso requested a Point of Privilege, which Councilmember Pinkerton granted. Councilmember Tuso thanked the community for its support after the passing of his wife.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
   Councilmember Pinkerton led Council Chambers in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   The minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting on May 26, 2026 were approved as submitted.

6. **PROCLAMATIONS**
   - **A. Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of Carolina Day**
     Councilmember O'Rear gave remarks about Carolina Day and read the Carolina Day proclamation into the record.
   - **B. Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America**
     Councilmember Pinkerton read the 250th Anniversary of the U.S. proclamation into the record.

7. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- Rod Folk gave comments about fixing the City's streets and his recommendation to the City to obtain a revenue bond for fixing streets in relation to item 9.B. Mr. Folk also gave comments about Timber's Edge Innovative Development in relation to item 9.A.

8. STAFF REPORTS

Department heads were available for any questions concerning the Unified Departments Report, which includes the Fire, Police, Parks & Recreation, and Public Works departments. Department heads whose presence was not required for Business items were dismissed at the time of their choosing.

A. Financial Report

Administrator Coker gave the monthly Financial Report.

B. City Administrator Report

Administrator Coker gave the monthly City Administrator Report.

9. BUSINESS

A. Site Plan Ordinance SP-2026-02, to approve major change of amending current Statement of Intent and Concept Plan for Timber's Edge Innovative Development

Charlene Carter, City Planner

Motion by Councilmember Roche with a second by Councilmember O'Rear to approve Ordinance SP-2026-02 to approve major change of amending current Statement of Intent and Concept Plan for Timber's Edge Innovative Development, thereby moving Ordinance SP-2026-02 to the Business Meeting on July 14, 2026. Yes – 5. No – 0. Motion carried.

B. Ordinance O-2026-08, to authorize a referendum on a $12,000,000 tax credit to property owners in city limits with 4 percent assessment ratio and $48,000,000 in local infrastructure projects for Nov. 3, 2026, per S.C. Code of Laws § 5-41-110, Municipal Tax Relief Act

Tee Coker, City Administrator & Andy West, Public Works Director

Motion by Councilmember Roche with a second by Councilmember Williams to move Ordinance O-2026-08 for First Reading to the Business Meeting on July 14, 2026. Yes – 5. No – 0. Motion carried.

C. Resolution R-2026-14, to approve Cooperative Agreement with Greenville County and Greenville County Redevelopment Authority to obtain "Urban County Status" and appoint the Authority as the City of Simpsonville's agent for administering grant funds

Tee Coker, City Administrator

Motion by Councilmember Williams with a second by Councilmember O'Rear to approve Cooperative Agreement with Greenville County and Greenville County Redevelopment Authority, thereby moving Resolution R-2026-14 to the Business Meeting on July 14, 2026. Yes – 5. No – 0. Motion carried.

D. Reallocation of Accommodations Tax Funds granted to Everything Outdoor Fest

Tee Coker, City Administrator

A motion by Councilmember Roche with a second by Councilmember Williams to approve reallocation of Accommodations Tax Funds of $21,000 forfeited by Everything Outdoor Fest in accordance with staff recommendations. Yes – 5. No – 0. Motion carried.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Pinkerton adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:35 p.m.

Approved as submitted by Simpsonville City Council on 2026-07-28

Justin Campbell Justin Campbell, City Clerk | 2026-11-13