CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE: CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
— MINUTES —
Council Chambers, Simpsonville City Hall | May 12, 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**

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. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
   Mayor Shewmaker led Council Chambers in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   The minutes for the Business Meeting on April 14, 2026 were approved as submitted.

5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**
   No one signed up for Citizen Comments.

6. **BUSINESS**

   A. **Second Reading of Ordinance Z-2026-01, to propose rezoning of property located at 206 Ladean Court**
   Jon Derby, Planning Director
   Motion by Councilmember Rupe with a second by Councilmember Roche to approve Second Reading of Ordinance Z-2026-01, to propose rezoning of property located at 206 Ladean Court. Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

   B. **First Reading of 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 Pinkerton with a second by Councilmember O'Rear to approve First Reading of Ordinance O-2026-04 to transfer $11,530,304.09 in bond proceeds to the Capital Projects account to fund the Downtown Simpsonville project. Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

C. First Reading of 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 Williams with a second by Councilmember Rupe to approve First Reading of Ordinance O-2026-05 to authorize a vehicle master lease program to systematically replace the City of Simpsonville's light-duty fleet. Yes – 6. No – 1. Dissenting – Councilmember Rupe. Motion carried.

D. First Reading of 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 O'Rear with a second by Councilmember Roche to approve First Reading of Ordinance O-2026-06 to adopt an annual budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to take effect July 1, 2026.
- Motion to amend Ordinance O-2026-06 by Councilmember O'Rear with a second by Councilmember Rupe by reducing the Public Works Enterprise Fee from $228 per year to $201 per year and reducing the General Fund transfer to Capital Projects Fund by $270,000.
- Motion to amend: Yes – 4. No – 3. Dissenting – Councilmember Roche, Mayor Shewmaker, and Councilmember Williams. Motion to amend carried.
- Main motion as amended: Yes – 7. No – 0. Main motion as amended carried.

E. 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 Rupe with a second by Councilmember Williams to approve 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. Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

F. 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 Williams with a second by Councilmember O'Rear to approve 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. Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

G. 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 Roche with a second by Councilmember O'Rear to approve 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. Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

H. 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 Roche with a second by Councilmember Williams for any future franchise request for telecommunications services or otherwise be subject to Council approval pursuant to an agreed upon franchise agreement and if this motion passes that it be formalized as a resolution and placed on the agenda of the next business meeting.
- Motion to amend by Mayor Shewmaker with a second by Councilmember Rupe to change the last part of the wording from "formalized as a resolution" to make it "formalized as a codified ordinance" and placed on the agenda of the next Committee of the Whole [May 28, 2026]
- Motion to amend: Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion to amend carried.
- Main motion as amended: Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

I. Addendum to amend language in the Burdette North Development Agreement

Jon Derby, Planning Director

Motion by Councilmember Roche with a second by Councilmember Pinkerton to approve the addendum to amend language in the Burdette North Development Agreement. Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Shewmaker adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:03 p.m.

Approved 2026-06-09

Justin Campbell

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City Clerk