CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE: CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
— MINUTES —
Council Chambers, Simpsonville City Hall | July 14, 2026 | 6 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Mayor Paul Shewmaker called the meeting to order at 6:04 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. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
   Mayor Shewmaker led Council Chambers in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   The minutes for the Business Meeting on June 9, 2026 were approved as submitted.

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

6. **BUSINESS**
   A. **Second Reading of Ordinance O-2026-07, to subject any future franchise agreement request for telecommunications services or otherwise to Council approval pursuant to an agreed-upon franchise agreement**
   Charlene Carter, City Planner

   Motion by Councilmember Williams with a second by Councilmember Rupe to approve second reading of Ordinance O-2026-07. Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

   B. **First Reading of Ordinance SP-2026-02, proposed Major Change to Timber's Edge Innovative Development**
   Jon Derby, Planning Director

   - Motion by Councilmember Pinkerton with a second by Councilmember O'Rear to suspend the rules to present Ordinance SP-2026-02 for Council's consideration. Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.
   - Motion by Councilmember Pinkerton with a second by Councilmember O'Rear to approve first reading of Ordinance SP-2026-02, proposed Major Change to Timber's Edge Innovative Development. Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

C. **First Reading of Ordinance O-2026-08, to authorize a referendum on November 3, 2026, per S.C. Code of Laws § 5-41-110, Municipal Tax Relief Act**
Tee Coker, City Administrator

Motion by Councilmember Pinkerton with a second by Councilmember Roche to approve first reading of Ordinance O-2026-08. Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

D. **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 Roche with a second by Councilmember Williams to approve Resolution R-2026-14. Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

E. **Reallocation of Accommodations Tax Funds granted to Everything Outdoor Fest**
Maria Tooley, Finance Director

Motion by Councilmember Roche with a second by Councilmember Pinkerton to approve the reallocation of $21,000 in Accommodations Tax Funds forfeited by Everything Outdoor Fest in accordance with staff recommendations*. Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**
Mayor Shewmaker adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:41 p.m.

Approved as submitted by Simpsonville City Council on 2026-08-11

Justin Campbell | City Clerk 2026-11-12

***Staff recommendations referenced in 6.E. are included with the Minutes for the Business Meeting on July 14, 2026.**

ATAX Funds Reallocation for 2026-2027

Organization	Event	Funds Requested	Funds Approved	Difference / Recommendation
Chamber of Commerce	Sippin' in Simpsonville (Wine Tasting)	$12,500	$11,000	**$1,500**
Chamber of Commerce	Sippin' in Simpsonville (Beer Tasting)	$12,500	$11,000	**$1,500**
SAFI	Oktoberfest	$10,000	$8,000	**$2,000**
SAFI	Spring Into Art	$5,000	$2,000	**$3,000**
Simpsonville Youth Theatre	Acting Up/Camp Classes	$15,000	$10,000	**$5,000**
Simpsonville Echoes Ensemble	Ensemble Special Needs	$10,000	$6,000	**$4,000**
Simpsonville Parks & Recreation	Movies in the Park	$6,000	$5,000	**$1,000**
Simpsonville Parks & Recreation	Music Series	$15,000	$12,000	**$3,000**

TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR REALLOCATION: $21,000