

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Paul Shewmaker called the meeting to order at 6 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 Tusso	✓	
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 Committee of the Whole Meeting on June 23, 2026 were approved as submitted.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No one eligible signed up for Citizen Comments.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Department heads were available for any questions concerning the Unified Departments Report. Department heads whose presence was not required for Business items were dismissed at the time of their choosing.

A. Financial Report

Maria Tooley, Finance Director

Director Tooley gave the monthly Financial Report.

B. City Administrator Report

Tee Coker, City Administrator

Administrator Coker gave the monthly City Administrator Report.

C. Planning Report (Quarterly)

Jon Derby, Planning Director

Director Derby gave the quarterly Planning Report.

D. City of Simpsonville Parking Study Report

Jon Derby, Planning Director

Director Derby presented the City of Simpsonville Parking Study Report.

Police Chief Michael Hanshaw answered Council's questions about Flock Safety cameras, including their law-enforcement uses, 30-day data retention, and prohibition on their use for traffic enforcement.

7. BUSINESS

A. Ordinance O-2026-09, proposed ordinance to issue a fiber franchise agreement to applicant South Carolina Telecommunications Group Holdings, LLC dba Segra

Jon Derby, Planning Director

Motion by Councilmember Williams with a second by Councilmember Rupe to approve Ordinance O-2026-09, thereby moving Ordinance O-2026-09 to the Business Meeting on August 11, 2026. Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

B. Ordinance O-2026-10, proposed ordinance to establish requirements for naming city-owned and city-controlled properties and infrastructure

Chad O'Rear, Councilmember

Motion by Councilmember O'Rear with a second by Councilmember Rupe to approve Ordinance O-2026-10, thereby moving Ordinance O-2026-10 to the Business Meeting on August 11, 2026.

Without objection, Council agreed to insert the words "Article I" in the ordinance's code-reference language at Councilmember Pinkerton's request.

Main motion as revised: Yes – 4. No – 3. Dissenting – Councilmember Roche, Councilmember Williams, and Mayor Shewmaker. Main motion as revised carried.

C. Resolution R-2026-15, to adopt the Greenville County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation & Resiliency Plan

Tee Coker, City Administrator

Motion by Councilmember Roche with a second by Councilmember Rupe to approve Resolution R-2026-15, thereby moving Resolution R-2026-15 to the Business Meeting on August 11, 2026. Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

D. Resolution R-2026-16, to restore the historic name "Simpsonville City Park" to the City park currently named "City Park"

Chad O'Rear, Councilmember

Motion by Mayor Shewmaker with a second by Councilmember Roche to enter into executive session for the receipt of legal advice regarding item 7.D., Resolution R-2026-16, as allowed by S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2). Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

Council returned to public session.

Motion by Councilmember O'Rear with a second by Councilmember Rupe to move Resolution R-2026-16 to the Business Meeting on August 11, 2026.

While the main motion was pending, motion by Councilmember Pinkerton with a second by Councilmember Roche to postpone Resolution R-2026-16 indefinitely. Yes – 4. No – 3. Dissenting – Councilmember O'Rear, Councilmember Rupe, and Councilmember Tusso. Motion to postpone indefinitely carried.

E. Proposal to lower the speed limit in League Estates to 20 mph

Aaron Rupe, Councilmember

Motion by Councilmember Rupe with a second by Councilmember Roche to approve lowering the speed limit in League Estates to 20 mph, thereby moving the proposal to the Business Meeting on August 11, 2026. Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

F. Proposal to install speed humps on Foxhound Road east and west near the park and playground

Sherry Roche, Councilmember

Motion by Councilmember Roche with a second by Councilmember Williams to approve the installation of speed humps on Foxhound Road east and west near the park and playground, thereby moving the proposal to the Business Meeting on August 11, 2026. Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

G. Proposal to establish an annual Simpsonville Teacher of the Year Award in September through public nominations of teachers employed by a school within city limits and subsequent selection by City Council

Sherry Roche, Councilmember

Motion by Councilmember Roche with a second by Councilmember Pinkerton to establish an annual Simpsonville Teacher of the Year Award.

Motion by Councilmember Roche with a second by Councilmember Pinkerton to amend the main motion to provide that the award be established by resolution. Yes – 7. No – 0. Amendment carried.

Main motion as amended: Yes – 7. No – 0. Main motion as amended carried, thereby moving the resolution to the Business Meeting on August 11, 2026.

H. Proposal to livestream all City Council meetings in real time beginning in January 2027

Sherry Roche, Councilmember

Motion by Councilmember Roche with a second by Councilmember Williams to approve livestreaming all City Council meetings in real time beginning in January 2027, thereby moving the proposal to the Business Meeting on August 11, 2026. Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

I. Resolution R-2026-17, to impose a 90-day moratorium on fiber companies doing business in City rights-of-way to address construction practices and franchise-agreement regulations

Paul Shewmaker, Mayor

Motion by Mayor Shewmaker with a second by Councilmember Roche to enter into executive session for the receipt of legal advice regarding item 7.I., Resolution R-2026-17, as allowed by S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2). Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

Council returned to public session.

Motion by Mayor Shewmaker with a second by Councilmember Roche to postpone Resolution R-2026-17 indefinitely. Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Shewmaker requested that Administration provide a report at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting on open fiber permits, active work locations, and enforcement actions.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Shewmaker adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:04 p.m.

Approved by Simpsonville City Council on 2026-08-25



Justin Lee Campbell, City Clerk

2026-08-26

Date