CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE: CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MINUTES
Council Chambers, Simpsonville City Hall | September 22, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shewmaker called the meeting to order at 5:58 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 Committee of the Whole Meeting on August 25, 2026 were approved as submitted.

5. PRESENTATION

A. Land Development Regulation – Amendment

Planning Director Jon Derby presented proposed amendments to the Land Development Regulation document. The Planning Commission will review the proposed amendments for recommendation at the Planning Commission Meeting on October 6, 2026. Council will address the recommendation by the Planning Commission at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 27, 2026.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- James Bright gave comments about the request by the Adams Mill Homeowners Association for the Village of Adams Mill neighborhood to be accepted by the City of Simpsonville.
- Roxie Todd Kincannon gave comments about her support for changing the name of Gracely Park to "Simpsonville City Park." Ms. Kincannon also requested acknowledgement of the Todd family for donation of the land or a portion of the land on which the park sits.
- Kimberly Dix gave comments about her concerns regarding transparency, consistency, and accountability in City decision-making. Specific questions or concerns involved the failed motion to approve live-streaming of meetings, procedures relating to Ordinance O-2026-12, protections for residents in relation to proposed franchise agreement by Segra, and consistent standards for speed hump requests.
- James Dye gave comments about his request for Council to consider the effect of growth on the City of Simpsonville and its existing infrastructure relating to the proposed amendments for Land Development Regulation.
- Geneva Lawrence gave comments about an effort by citizens to obtain a historical marker at the park recognizing the Todd family for donation of the land on which the park sits. Ms. Lawrence also gave comments about her concerns regarding work by fiber companies.

7. STAFF REPORTS

Department heads were available to answer questions concerning the Unified Departments Report, which included Fire, Police, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works.

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.

8. BUSINESS

A. Ordinance O-2026-09, Segra fiber franchise agreement
Council held consideration of Ordinance O-2026-09 until the October 27, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting at the request of Segra representatives. No vote was recorded.

B. Ordinance O-2026-12, a proposed ordinance to amend effective date of Ordinance O-2026-10

- Motion by Mayor Shewmaker with a second by Councilmember Roche to enter executive session to receive legal advice regarding ordinances O-2026-10 and O-2026-12 and Resolution R-2026-16 under S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2). Yes – 6. No – 1. Dissenting – Councilmember O'Rear. Motion carried. Council entered executive session at 6:39 p.m.
- Council re-entered public session at 7:17 p.m.
- A motion by Mayor Shewmaker with a second by Councilmember Roche. Yes – 6. No – 1. Dissenting – Councilmember O'Rear. Motion carried, thereby moving Ordinance O-2026-12 to the Business Meeting on October 13, 2026 for first reading.

C. Resolution R-2026-16, a proposed resolution to restore the historic name "Simpsonville City Park"

- Motion by Councilmember O'Rear with a second by Councilmember Rupe. Yes – 4. No – 3. Dissenting – Councilmember Roche, Mayor Shewmaker, and Councilmember Williams. Motion carried, thereby moving Resolution R-2026-16 to the Business Meeting on October 13, 2026.

D. Hudders Creek Way, to place a speed hump midway between Norvin Court and Nakkol Drive and set the speed limit at 20 mph

- Motion by Councilmember Tuso with a second by Councilmember Rupe. Yes – 5. No – 2. Dissenting – Mayor Shewmaker and Councilmember Williams. Motion carried, thereby moving the proposal for a speed hump and setting of 20 mph speed limit on Hudders Creek Way to the Business Meeting on October 13, 2026.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion by Councilmember Williams with a second by Councilmember Rupe to enter executive session to discuss contractual matters related to personnel in the Administration Department, as permitted by S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(1). Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried. Council entered executive session at 7:48 p.m.
- Council did not re-enter public session. No action was taken from executive session.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Shewmaker stated at 8:04 p.m. that Council adjourned the meeting during executive session.

Approved as submitted by Simpsonville City Council on 2026-10-27

Justin Campbell, City Clerk | 2026-10-28