

**City of Pickens
FY 2025 /2026 Budget Work Session
Wednesday June 11, 2025
9:00 a.m.**

The Mayor Pro-tem and City Council convened at City Hall 219 Pendleton Street, Pickens S.C. for a Budget Work Session. A Notice was posted and sent to media on June 5 , 2025.

Council Members in Attendance:

Mayor Pro-Tem Cameron Rivers
Council Member, Floyd Rogers
Council Member, John McManus
Council Member, Ray Wilson
Council Member Allie Winter
Absent, Mayor Scipio
Absent, Clerk, Donna Owen

Staff:

Administrator Tim O'Briant
Finance Director, Mandy Hess
Public Works Director, Trey Adams
Recreation Director, Jonathan Morris

(The Pickens City Council convened to discuss the FY 2025/2026 Budget Ordinance. The Council spoke with staff as it relates to the Budget, and no votes were noted with the exception of the vote to adjourn. A full recording of this work session is available in the Clerk's office)

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro-Tem, Cameron Rivers called the Budget Work Session to order. Council Member Floyd Rogers gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION OF THE FY 2025/26 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02:

Council held open discussions as it relates to the FY 2025/2026 Budget.

- Council was positive regarding the progress examining the unreconciled FY2023 audit balance, but desired additional funds be set aside in the event additional forensic audit is needed.
- Discussed addition of two codes compliance positions instead of original one. New structure would focus one on revenue codes compliance and the other on property maintenance and nuisance abatement to ensure clear mission for each and measurable results. Both would be class 3 officers with appropriate law enforcement training and powers.
- Discussed fire fees and the disparity between higher rates paid outside the city by county residents for fire service. Discussed changing fire fee structure to base it on assessed property values instead of existing flat fee and requested staff explore and provide additional information for consideration.

- Discussed reduction of expected FEMA reimbursement from hurricane Helene from \$475,000 to \$150,000 to ensure limited budget impact if anticipated funds fail to materialize.

ADJOURNMENT:

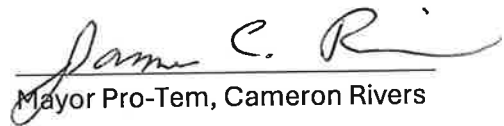
Hearing no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Cameron Rivers called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Council Member Ray Wilson, seconded by Council Member Allie Winter, and unanimously approved to adjourn. Pickens City Council stood adjourned from the Budget Work Session at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Donna F. Owen, City Clerk

Approved:


Mayor Pro-Tem, Cameron Rivers