

City of Pickens
Regular Meeting
July 13, 2026
6:00 p.m.

The Mayor and City Council convened at Pickens City Hall, 219 Pendleton Street, Pickens, S.C. for a Regular Called Meeting. Agendas were posted and sent to media on July 9, 2026.

Council Members in Attendance:

Mayor, Isaiah Scipio
Council Member Danny Adams
Council Member Jonathan Baker
Council Member Cameron Rivers
Council Member Floyd Rogers
Council Member Ray Wilson

Council Members Absent:

Mayor Pro-Tem, Allie Winter

Staff:

Tim O'Briant, Administrator
Meagan Nations, City Clerk/Human Resources Director
Chris Elrod, Fire Chief

(The minutes are a synopsis of the meeting, and they are not a verbatim discussion. Full viewing and recording of the meeting is available on the City of Pickens Web-page and Facebook. Also, the full agenda packet with all departmental reports are available in the City Clerk's office.)

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Scipio called the council meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Mayor Scipio further gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS MAYOR SCIPIO:

Mayor Scipio spoke regarding the passing of Senator Lindsey Graham. He remembered Mr. Graham for his service and stated it will never be forgotten. He asked for a moment of silence remembering Senator Graham.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Dusty Massey- Mr. Massey addressed Council regarding concerns with the City's permitting process, announced a complaint against the Chief of Police and expressed concerns about accountability within City administration. Mr. Massey urged Council and the Mayor to address the issues and thanked Council for allowing him to speak.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

- June 22, 2026 – Regular Meeting
- June 30, 2026 – Special-Called Meeting

>>> Motion was made by Councilmember Floyd Rogers and seconded by Councilmember Ray Wilson. Discussion included:

Councilmember Cameron Rivers stated on page 7 of the June 22, 2026 meeting minutes, Floyd's last name is incorrect. It should be Floyd Rogers, not Rivers.

>>> Councilmember Floyd Rogers amended the motion to update his last name on page 7 of the June 22, 2026 meeting minutes. Councilmember Cameron Rivers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- Recognition of Debbie Gravely – Debbie has been devoted to being an events coordinator for the City of Pickens the last few years. He applauded Debbie for everything she has done for our City.
- Update on the Fuel Farm – the Fuel Farm is now up and running. It was installed right at the end of the fiscal year. All Key fobs have been distributed to various department, and this will be considered a cost savings.
- The auditors work continues our previous audits. They are examining the books and working on the 2025 audit, which will get us completely caught up. It is expected to be delivered to Council in August.

Council Questions for the Administrator:

- Question regarding the Fuel Farm being accessible for all city vehicles – CM Rivers
- Question regarding the new accounting company/team – CM Rogers
- Question regarding an update on meters situation – CM Rivers
- Question regarding the bricks on wall at Public Works – CM Rogers

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R6 OF THE CITY OF PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE PREPERATION, SUBMISSION, AND PUBLICATION OF CITY COUNCIL AGENDAS.

Councilmember Cameron Rivers asked why this is a Resolution and not an Ordinance. The Mayor stated that our Attorney told us last meeting that it could be changed easily if it is a Resolution.

Councilmember Ray Wilson made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-R6. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Floyd Rogers seconded the motion. Discussion included:

- Councilmember Cameron Rivers stated he disagrees that it should be three council members to put an item on the agenda. He believes it should only be one member as all of Council are all elected officials and Council should be able to ask for something to be on the agenda.

- The Mayor stated if a Councilmember wants something on the agenda, he will put it on the agenda.
- Councilmember Jonathan Baker expressed concerns that the proposed agenda process would reduce transparency by requiring support from other Council members before an item could be placed on the agenda. He stated that public issues should be debated openly rather than through private discussions and expressed the opinion that a single council member should be able to place an item on the agenda for public consideration.

>>>After more discussion, an amended motion was made by Councilmember Floyd Rogers and seconded by Councilmember Cameron Rivers to remove the last sentence in Section 2(C) and approve the Resolution 2026-R6. Motion carried 4-2, with Councilmember Ray Wilson and Councilmember Jonathan Baker opposed.

DISCUSSION OF APPROVAL OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROPOSAL FROM MCMILLAN PAZDAN SMITH FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT SITING STUDY.

Mr. O'Briant reviewed the history of the proposed fire station study, explaining that it originated from discussions about the Fire Department's future facility needs and was previously considered but not approved. The current budget includes \$50,000 for either a site study or storage improvements, with Council to determine the final use.

Fire Chief Elrod described to Council the department's lack of space for personnel and equipment, stating that while additional storage would help, a new or expanded fire station is needed to support future growth. He recommended proceeding with the study only if Council intends to pursue construction, to not waste the money on a study if they are not serious about construction.

Discussion included:

- Discussion on company willing to look at up three additional property sites for \$5,000 more
- Discussion regarding the City's fire rating – ISO Class 3
- Discussion regarding next steps after study, and how we would pay for a new building re: grants, etc.
- Discussion regarding a meeting with McMillian Pazdan Smith to ask questions to the Engineer/Architect
- Discussion regarding the importance of planning for the city's long-term needs, that a new facility should be designed with a 30+ year outlook rather than only the next 5 years.
- Discussion on whether a future project should be limited to a new fire station or expanded into a consolidated municipal complex to house fire, police, city hall and other municipal facilities
- Discussion on the storage shed option on budget line item

>>>After more discussion, Councilmember Ray Wilson motion to approve this study with amendment of removing the site assessment cost of \$5,200. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Floyd Rogers.

After more discussion, Councilmember Ray Wilson made a motion to withdraw his motion. Motion was seconded by CM Floyd Rogers.

>>>Councilmember Cameron Rivers made a motion to postpone approving this study until Council receives more information. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Floyd Rogers and carried unanimously.

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to enter in executive session for the following items:

1. Board and Commissions-Section 30-4-70(A)(1)
 - a. Planning Commission Appointments

>>>Councilmember Floyd Rogers moved to convene into executive session for the stated purposes. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Cameron Rivers. Motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion was made by Councilmember Floyd Rogers to reconvene into Public Session, seconded by Councilmember Ray Wilson and unanimously passed.

ACTION AS IT RELATES TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Board and Commissions-Section 30-4-70(A)(1)
 - a. Planning Commission Appointments
 - i. Council would like to open for applicants to apply to three boards – deadline for applications will be August 3. Council will review the applications at the August 10 meeting.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Mayor Scipio called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilmember Floyd Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Ray Wilson and unanimously passed. Pickens City Council stood adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Meagan Nations
City Clerk/Human Resources Director

Mayor, Isaiah Scipio