

City of Pickens
Special-Called Meeting
June 30, 2026
6:04 p.m.

The Mayor and City Council convened at Pickens City Hall, 219 Pendleton Street, Pickens, S.C. for a Special-Called Meeting. Agendas were posted and sent to media on June 26, 2026.

Council Members in Attendance:

Mayor, Isaiah Scipio
Mayor Pro-Tem, Allie Winter
Council Member Jonathan Baker
Council Member Cameron Rivers
Council Member Floyd Rogers
Council Member Ray Wilson
Council Member Danny Adams (absent)

Staff:

Tim O'Briant, Administrator
Meagan Nations, City Clerk/Human Resources Director
Randal Beach, Chief of Police
Jonathon Morris, Recreation Director
Jeff Guilbault, Zoning Administrator

(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 SCPIO:

Mayor Scipio thanked everyone for being here tonight as we do the business of the city. He stated on behalf of City Council; we welcome everyone to tonight's hearing on the 2026-2027 budget. The Mayor gave a financial overview stating the City of Pickens is entering the FY 2026-2027 budget cycle in a strong financial position, with \$4.5 million currently in the bank and \$13 million in projected revenue, bringing total available funds to \$17.5 million. He stated the proposed budget requires no tax or fee increases and adds zero new debt.

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF PICKENS:

Mayor Scipio gavelled into Public Hearing and asked if there was anyone who would like to speak on this Ordinance.

Seeing none, Mayor Scipio closed Public Hearing.

>>>Councilmember Floyd Rogers made a motion to constitute third reading of this Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ray Wilson. Discussion included:

- Councilmember Jonathan Baker asked if there were any line-item changes since the documents given last. Administrator O'Briant stated not since last meeting.

>>>Seeing no other discussion, the motion carried (4-2), with Councilmember Cameron Rivers and Councilmember Jonathan Baker opposed.

Councilmember Cameron Rivers stated the reason he is not voting to approve this budget is because of our audits, and he feels we should be more conservative until we get caught up on our audits.

Councilmember Jonathan Baker stated he questions the \$350,000 transfer out of the utility fund for the city to essentially rent a building from itself, along with a few other internal transfers. He stated he would like to see all our utility funds being used to go back towards our infrastructures and in general, but he is happy to see the effort to balancing the budget.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06 TO ADOPT A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ZONING DOCUMENT FOR THE SPINX DEVELOPMENT SITE LOCATED AT 2914, 2916, 2918, 2920 AND 2932 GENTRY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY:

>>>Councilmember Ray Wilson made a motion to constitute second reading of this Ordinance 2026-06. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Floyd Rogers. The motion carried (5-1), with Councilmember Jonathan Baker opposed.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05, AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 5-3-150 (3) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, TO ANNEX PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF PICKENS, SOUTH CAROLINA:

>>>Councilmember Floyd Rogers made a motion to constitute second reading of this Ordinance 2026-05. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Allie Winter. Motion carried (5-1), with Councilmember Jonathan Baker opposed.

COUNCIL RULES DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Cameron Rivers made a motion to postpone this agenda item to the next agenda on July 13. Councilmember Jonathan Baker seconded the motion, and the motion failed (2-4), with Mayor Isaiah Scipio, Councilmember Allie Winter, Councilmember Ray Wilson and Councilmember Floyd Rogers opposed.

Councilmember Ray Wilson went into discussion on his proposed Ordinance. Attorney Daniel Hughes stated he took Ray's proposed ordinance and put it in Ordinance format.

Discussion included:

- Explanation from Attorney Hughes of Resolution vs. Ordinance for Council Rules

- Public Comment Rules
- Executive Session Discussion
- Discussion of dedicated area on agenda to allow Council to bring up an item to be placed on the agenda
- Discussion of three council members to request to add an item to the agenda

Council would like to bring this Resolution back to Council meeting on July 13th with draft changes.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilmember Jonathan Baker- Councilmember Baker asked the Mayor for clarification on his statement at the beginning of the meeting regarding the budget, saying we have made all these changes without adding a dollar in debt.

The Mayor stated that we have not taken any bonds out for debt for the City.

Councilmember Cameron Rivers- Councilmember Rivers stated we are missing someone here tonight that he appreciates a lot – Mrs. Donna Owen. He stated this is the first meeting she has not been to in a while, and he said he appreciates everything she has done for this Council. He stated he is excited about our new Clerk, Mrs. Nations, and he appreciates them both.

Councilmember Floyd Rogers- Councilmember Rogers stated he prays that everyone has a wonderful 4th of July Celebration and discussed the City of Pickens event on Friday, July 3rd.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Mayor Scipio called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilmember Ray Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Jonathan Baker, and unanimously passed. Pickens City Council stood adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Meagan Nations
City Clerk/Human Resources Director

Mayor, Isaiah Scipio