

City of Pickens
Special-Called Meeting
September 3, 2026
10:00 AM

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 September 2, 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:

Meagan Nations, City Clerk/Human Resources Director
Braden Wimpey, Police Sergeant
Jonathan Morris, Parks and Recreation 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 special-called council meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Mayor Scipio further gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS MAYOR SCIPIO:

None

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mayor Scipio presented the proposed Standing Committees assignments intended to foster direct Council engagement with department operations under the Council form of government.

The proposed Committee assignments are:

- Administration:
 - Chair: Mayor Scipio
 - Co-Chair: Councilmember Allie Winter
- Codes and Planning:

- Chair: Councilmember Jonathan Baker
- Co-Chair: Councilmember Allie Winter
- Public Works:
 - Chair: Councilmember Cameron Rivers
 - Co-Chair: Councilmember Floyd Rogers
- Finance:
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 - Co-Chair: Councilmember Cameron Rivers
- Recreation:
 - Chair: Councilmember Danny Adams
 - Co-Chair: Councilmember Jonathan Baker
- Police, Fire and Municipal Court:
 - Chair: Councilmember Ray Wilson
 - Co-Chair: Councilmember Danny Adams

Discussion included, but was not limited to:

- The mayor clarified that Committees do not grant individual Council members authority to direct city employees, that operational direction remains with Council as a whole.
- Councilmember Baker asked if we would be discussing this item later on agenda.
- Councilmember Floyd Rogers asked if Council would be meeting with their department individually.
- Councilmember Danny Adams asked if Department Heads would still be attending the Council Work Session each month.
- Discussion on concerns of overstepping.
- Discussion on Council requesting that staff/MASC guidelines defining specific committee roles, limitations and executive session rules be provided before moving forward.
- Discussion on having Council liaisons being beneficial for department heads by providing a clear point of Contact without an active City Administrator.

>>>After more discussion, Councilmember Cameron Rivers made a motion to postpone this agenda item to next regular meeting until formal guidelines are presented to Council. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Danny Adams and the motion carried (5-1), with Councilmember Jonathan Baker opposed.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET ITEMS APPROVED FOR FY 2026-2027

Council reviewed the capital improvement expenditure items previously placed on hold by the City Administrator to determine which projects must proceed for essential operations versus those remaining on hold.

Discussion included but was not limited to:

- Discussion on Fire Department turnout gear purchases
- Discussion on Central Square software costs, taser equipment, AXON contract payments and ERT capital outlay

- Discussion on Restroom Trailer – the trailer has been ordered with expected delivery in early November 2026
- Update on Soccer Field Rehabilitation (\$50,000)
 - Department Head Jonathan Morris provided an update. He stated due to timing and upcoming seasonal frost, he recommends waiting until warmer weather in spring 2027.
 - Discussion on possible County Funding Match
- Discussion on HVAC Systems at Recreation Department
 - Council agreed to allow the bidding process to conclude and review the finalized costs at the next meeting before awarding a contract.
- Discussion on Margaret Street Water Line Replacement

>>>Councilmember Floyd Rogers made a motion to continue with Margaret Street Water Line Replacement Project. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ray Wilson and carried unanimously (6-0).

- Engineering and Design Permitting – Staff clarified that this utility fund line item is essential for operational engineering, design, permitting and construction administration

>>>Councilmember Ray Wilson made a motion to restore the \$50,000 engineering design and permitting budget to available status for utility capital projects. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Floyd Rogers and carried unanimously (6-0).

- Discussion on Sanitation Cart Dumpers and Roll Carts
- Discussion on SCADA System

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to enter in executive session for the following items:

1. Personnel-Section 30-4-70(A)(1):
 - a. Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline or release of an employee, or an appointment to a public body regarding the Administration Department
2. Personnel-Section 30-4-70(A)(1):
 - a. Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline or release of an employee, or an appointment to a public body regarding the Finance Department
3. Contractual-Section 30-4-70(A)(2):
 - a. Discussion of Proposed Sale on Moorefield Memorial Highway (#4181-20-81-5542)

>>>Councilmember Danny Adams 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. Personnel-Section 30-4-70(A)(1):
 - a. Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline or release of an employee, or an appointment to a public body regarding the Administration Department
 - i. Councilmember Floyd Rogers made a motion to continue with process to hire an administrative assistant. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Danny Adams and carried unanimously (6-0).
2. Personnel-Section 30-4-70(A)(1):
 - a. Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline or release of an employee, or an appointment to a public body regarding the Finance Department
 - i. No Action Taken
3. Contractual-Section 30-4-70(A)(2):
 - a. Discussion of Proposed Sale on Moorefield Memorial Highway (#4181-20-81-5542)
 - i. No Action Taken

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilmember Cameron Rivers- Councilmember Rivers recognized Mr. Bill Singleton, who passed away recently.

The mayor asked for a moment of silence for Mr. Bill Singleton.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Mayor Scipio called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilmember Floyd Rogers, seconded by Councilmember Danny Willson and unanimously passed. Pickens City Council stood adjourned at 12:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Meagan Nations
City Clerk/Human Resources Director

Mayor, Isaiah Scipio