

Mr. Josh Simpson

Mayor

Ms. Amy Gore

District 2

Mr. Justin Beardsley

District 3

Mr. Bob Jordan

Mayor ProTem, District 1

Mr. James Richard

District 4



Minutes of Meeting

May 26, 2026

Location: Reidville Fire Department

Mayor Pro Tem Bob Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Town Administrator Christine McKaba conducted roll call, confirming the presence of Mayor Pro Tem Bob Jordan and Council Members James Richard and Justin Beardsley. Stating that Mayor Josh Simpson was out of the country and Amy Gore was out of town both given prior notice of absence. There were 15 people present in the audience.

Councilmember James Richard offered the invocation, followed by the collective recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor ProTem confirmed with Town Administrator Christine McKaba that there was no audience member who signed up to speak in public forum.

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember James Richard, seconded by Councilmember Justin Beardsley, to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2026-02. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Administrator stated the following regarding Ordinance 20226-02- Notice of Adoption per Section 5-17-20 of the South Carolina Code provides that within 60 days following the enactment by the Council of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of general obligation debt, a petition signed by not less than fifteen percent of the qualified electors of the Town may be filed with the Town Administrator requesting that such ordinance be repealed. However, said Section 5-17-20 does not apply in the event the Council publishes notice of the adoption of such ordinance in accordance with the provisions of Section 11-27-40(8) of the South Carolina Code. Under said Section 11-27-40(8), a notice signed by five qualified electors requesting the repeal of such ordinance may be filed with the Town Administrator and with the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Spartanburg County within 20 days of the published notice. In accordance with this provision, the notice prescribed thereby may, with the option of the Mayor or the Administrator, be published subsequent to the second and final reading of this Ordinance.

Mayor ProTem Bob Jordan went to call for motion for executive session and audience members had some follow-up questions and statements.

During the public forum portion of the meeting, Council reminded attendees that public comments must relate to posted agenda items. If a resident wishes to speak on a topic not listed on the agenda, they must submit a request to the Town Administrator by the Wednesday prior to the meeting.

Audience member Lisa Whitter asked for clarification regarding the bond ordinance, specifically wanting to know how much the bond would cost each resident. Council Member Justin Beardsley responded that Town Council will not be adding any additional millage to pay for the bond. Mrs. Whitter then asked whether the bond is intended to fund the Community Facility, including the temporary Town Hall. Council confirmed that it is.

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She further asked whether the Town would have needed a bond if the Triad Town Center proposal had moved forward. Council Member Beardsley clarified that the Triad proposal was a separate project, and the two were never connected.

Town Administrator Christine McKaba concluded the discussion by stating that the Town does not comment on pending litigation.

Audience member Lauren Farmer asked whether, had the previous Town Center project proceeded, the Town Hall would have been a separate building from the community facility currently under construction. Council Member Justin Beardsley explained that the new multipurpose community facility will serve as a temporary Town Hall while the Town continues to grow and evaluates the appropriate timing for constructing a permanent Town Hall. The long-term plan remains for the permanent Town Hall to be located within the new downtown area at 300 College Street, as part of the broader revitalization and master planning efforts. He added that Council is being mindful of growth and financial responsibility. Because a permanent Town Hall will be a significant investment, Council believes it is more fiscally responsible not to take on debt for a building larger or more costly than what the Town currently needs. Using the community facility as a temporary Town Hall allows the Town to continue providing services without overextending financially.

Audience member Robert Whitter asked for clarification at the address of the community facility. Council confirmed the address as 7304 Reidville Road.

Audience member Dory Lewis asked for confirmation that the Town Hall project is not connected to the new downtown development. Council confirmed this, and the Town Administrator reiterated that the community facility will only serve as a temporary Town Hall. Ms. Lewis asked whether this would impact plans for the downtown area. Council Member Beardsley stated that regardless of the plans for 300 College Street, the Town Hall was always going to be a Town-funded project, not one completed by any outside developer.

An audience member asked whether council meetings are intended to be conversational. The Town Administrator explained that meetings operate similarly to a courtroom setting: if an audience member wishes to comment on an agenda item, they must raise their hand, be recognized, state their name, and address Council. Because comments may be spontaneous, staff may not always have an immediate answer. For topics not on the agenda, residents must submit a request by Wednesday prior to the meeting. If the question is simple and can be answered by staff beforehand, it will be forwarded to the appropriate chair or department. If the resident feels the response is insufficient, they may then bring the matter before Council. Council reviewed their chair positions for the audience.

Mayor Pro Tem added that Council members are always willing to answer questions but cannot discuss 300 College Street or the Town Center Project due to pending litigation.

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An audience member asked how they could obtain information on topics that cannot be discussed publicly. The Town Administrator explained that the Town issued three public statements prior to litigation, and any additional information would need to be requested through FOIA. Mr. Jordan added that this includes contracts, MOUs, and similar documents. Council Member Beardsley noted that trade secrets cannot be disclosed. Town Administrator McKaba provided her email, cmckaba@reidvillesc.gov, for FOIA submissions.

Mayor Pro Tem stated that Council is committed to being helpful and transparent, and expressed confidence that the current Council is a strong team acting in the best interest of the Town.

Action: At 6:13 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember James Richard, seconded by Councilmember Justin Beardsley, to enter into executive session for the announced and posted reasons. The motion passed unanimously.

Action: At 7:28 p.m., a motion was made by Justin Beardsley, seconded by Councilmember James Richard, to exit executive session and return to open session. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor ProTem Bob Jordan stated that no decisions were made during the executive session.

Action: A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Bob Jordan, seconded by Councilmember Justin Beardsley, to have attorney Robert Childs to represent the Town of Reidville in litigation versus Triad Development and authorize Christine McKaba to execute the employment agreement for such. The motion passed unanimously.

Action: At 7:29 p.m., a motion was made by Mayor ProTem Bob Jordan, seconded by Councilmember Justin Beardsley, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Attest: Christine McKaba-Town Administrator

This is a generalization of the meeting and not a verbatim transcript.