

Mr. Josh Simpson

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Ms. Amy Gore

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Minutes of Meeting

June 9, 2026

Location: Rosies In Reidville

Mayor Josh Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Town Administrator Christine McKaba conducted roll call, confirming the presence of Mayor Josh Simpson, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Jordan, and Council Members Amy Gore, James Richard, and Justin Beardsley. The Reidville Town Council was in full attendance. There were 59 people present in the audience.

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

Action: A motion was made by Mayor Josh Simpson, seconded by Councilmember Amy Gore, to approve the council minutes from May 12, 2026, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Action: A motion was made by Mayor Josh Simpson, seconded by Councilmember Justin Beardsley, to approve the special called council minutes from May 26, 2026, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Simpson opened the Public Forum, announcing that two submissions had been turned in to be presented. (Darlene Rozarios/Dory Lewis and Ayana Miller)

Mayor Simpson confirmed that Darlene Rozario and Dory Lewis would have five minutes collectively.

Comments from Ms. Darlene Rozario

Ms. Rozario thanked Council for the opportunity to speak and stated she was there on behalf of the residents of the Reidville Subdivision to vocalize their concerns. She noted the following:

- Concerns that the new Main Street, the road their subdivision connects to, would be torn up or demolished, based on information they received from their developer. She stated that residents would “stand arm in arm” in opposition to prevent this from happening.
- Concerns about unfinished amenities within their neighborhood.
- Desire for walkability from their subdivision to the downtown area.
- Openness to a name change for Main Street if the road is to be built up.

Comments from Ms. Dory Lewis

Ms. Lewis thanked Council for listening and continued outlining concerns from Reidville Subdivision residents:

- Many residents are not originally from the area, and for many, their home represents their life savings and is intended to be their forever home. She noted that they could have purchased the same home plan in another neighborhood for a lower price but were sold a vision of “meet me downtown,” and they want a downtown area they can enjoy.

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- Residents are not concerned with who develops the downtown area, only that the downtown area is ultimately completed.
- The majority of residents are not in favor of a parking garage in the downtown concept plan, though they understand it is no longer included in the final plan. Their concerns relate to crime and safety issues that a garage could bring.
- They would like to see more green space in the downtown area rather than so much retail, stating the current concept plan appears more congested than the original.
- They would like to see an amphitheater included in the final plan, noting it would be a well-used community space.

Comments from Ayana Miller

Mayor Simpson announced the next speaker, Ms. Ayana Miller, and informed her she had five minutes before Council.

Mrs. Miller thanked Council and the community for hearing her regarding the recent petition for a pickleball court within the Town of Reidville. She noted:

- The petition currently has 84 signatures.
- There is a clear need for recreational space, which would bring people of all ages together.
- With Reidville's growth, many residents must travel outside of town to access recreational amenities.
- She asked Council to consider a dedicated pickleball court in future parks and recreation planning.

Mayor Simpson provided closing remarks for the Public Forum, stating:

"Thank you to everyone who took the time to speak this evening. Council appreciates your input and the perspectives that have been shared. As a reminder, Council does not respond during this portion of the meeting. We will take all comments under advisement, review them thoroughly, and confer with staff, fellow Council members, and legal counsel as appropriate. Any matters involving pending or potential litigation will not be discussed or responded to. If responses can be provided following proper review and research, they will be addressed at the July Council meeting. Thank you again for your participation and for your continued engagement in our community."

Councilmember James Richard provided an update on the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) account. He also informed Council that the Town will be moving funds from Truist to First Bank, noting that while the fees are comparable, First Bank will offer an interest percentage.

Action: A motion was made by Councilmember James Richard, seconded by Councilmember Justin Beardsley, to accept the May 2026 Financial Report, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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Council Member Bob Jordan reported that the College Street/Chestnut Street intersection project has been completed, and the road is now open to the public. Mr. Jordan also provided an update on the Reidville Multipurpose Facility, noting that construction is progressing according to schedule and the goal remains to have the facility completed by the end of the year.

Council Member Justin Beardsley informed the community that county parks have recently banned e-bikes, and he hopes this measure will help address concerns related to traffic and safety on park roads. He noted that both county and state legislative bodies are currently working on regulations that would give local jurisdictions clearer authority to restrict such use. An audience member, Ms. Rozario, asked Council if they had any suggestions regarding recent break-ins and vandalism at her subdivision's community pool and bathroom facilities. Mr. Beardsley stated that it would be up to the subdivision to determine how they wish to proceed, but if the damage has a measurable value, it fully warrants contacting the County Sheriff's Office to file a report. Town Administrator Christine McKaba added that, in the Town's past experience, manual labor have often been the most effective approach when law enforcement intervention is not required.

Councilmember Amy Gore informed community members of the remaining Town of Reidville events scheduled for the rest of the year. She stated that the Town is excited to partner with the Copeland family for their annual Back-to-School Bash, which will take place on the first Saturday in August. Mrs. Gore noted that, to make these events successful, the Town is always seeking sponsorships and welcomes support from local businesses and community partners.

Mayor Simpson discussed the Town of Reidville's internship efforts and emphasized the importance of the program. He provided background on the initiative and expressed appreciation to 2025 Intern Yasmina Meydanova for her service to the Town. He noted that Ms. Meydanova will be exiting the program in August as she begins her college career. Mayor Simpson further announced that the Town will be accepting two interns for 2026.

Action: A motion was made by Mayor Josh Simpson, seconded by Councilmember James Richard, to hire Ellison Silver and Jade Liang as the 2026 Town of Reidville interns, for a total of 80 hours each at a rate of \$12.50 per hour. The motion passed unanimously.

Action: A motion was made by Mayor Josh Simpson, seconded by Councilmember Justin Beardsley, to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2026-03 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bob Jordan thanked all community members for attending the Council meeting and encouraged them to remain engaged and continue participating in future meetings. The Council was in full agreement with his statement.

Audience member Ms. Rozario asked whether there is ever a time when information discussed in Executive Session is shared with the public.

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Council members briefly discussed Executive Session procedures, including the process for entering and exiting Executive Session. Town Administrator Christine McKaba explained the state statutes governing Executive Session and noted that there are specific, legally defined guidelines for what may be discussed privately. She emphasized that the reason for entering Executive Session is always listed on the meeting agenda, as required by law.

Administrator McKaba further explained that Executive Session exists so Council can speak freely on matters that cannot be made public initially, such as:

- Personnel issues
- Trade secrets
- Potential or ongoing development matters
- Pending or potential litigation

She clarified that no decisions are made in Executive Session, and any action must occur in open session, where it becomes part of the public record. Administrator McKaba also asked for the public's patience while the Town awaits completion of the new facility. Until then, the Town will continue using alternative locations for meetings, which may not always allow audience members to remain inside the building during Executive Session. She noted that attendees are welcome to wait in their vehicles and will be notified when Council returns to open session.

Action: At 7:02 p.m., a motion was made by Mayor Josh Simpson, seconded by Councilmember Amy Gore, to enter into executive session for the announced and posted reasons. The motion passed unanimously.

Action: At 7:52 p.m., a motion was made by Councilmember James Richard, seconded by Councilmember Amy Gore, to exit executive session and return to open session. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Josh Simpson stated that no decisions were made during the executive session.

Action: At 7:53 p.m., a motion was made by Mayor Josh Simpson, seconded by Councilmember Amy Gore, 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.



In response to the public comments presented during the June Council meeting, the Town of Reidville appreciates residents taking the time to share their concerns, questions, and suggestions. Public input is important to Council and helps guide continued planning efforts for the community.

At this time, there has been no formal submission to the Planning Commission requesting that the newly developed Main Street, which serves the Reidville Subdivision, be altered.

Subdivision amenities are provided by the developer and/or builder. Residents who have concerns regarding amenities within their subdivision should direct those concerns to the appropriate developer and/or builder responsible for the community.

The current Town Council and administration have been, and continue to be, actively working on designs and funding opportunities to make Reidville a more walkable community.

Town Council would also like to remind residents that public statements were issued prior to the pending litigation, and residents are encouraged to review those statements for additional information. Copies may be requested by contacting cmckaba@reidville.sc.gov. The Town appreciates the community's understanding that it cannot provide further comment on matters involving active litigation.

The Town of Reidville is currently working with Davis & Floyd to finalize the master plan for 300 College Street. The final plan will not include a parking garage. Following approval of the final plan by the Planning Commission, the Town will use the adopted master plan to pursue funding for the portions of the project for which the Town will be responsible. Any construction funded with public funds by the Town of Reidville will be publicly bid in accordance with applicable requirements. Portions of the project may also be made available for purchase by private developers or business owners.

Regarding the pickleball petition, the Town will make the petition available to the public and will continue working with business owners and landowners to identify opportunities for recreational spaces where permitted by zoning.

The Town of Reidville remains committed to transparent communication, thoughtful planning, and responsible stewardship of public resources. Council appreciates the continued engagement of residents and looks forward to working together as Reidville continues to grow and improve for the benefit of the entire community.

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June 2026 Financial Report

Revenue	\$ 202,700.46
Expenses	\$ 314,066.08

Bank Balances as of June 1, 2026

Truist-5561 General Account	\$322,326.78
Trusit-5596 Hospitality	\$23,376.53
First Peidmont-8924	\$243,756.91
Truist-2787 Investment Acct	\$4,987.14
Local Government Pool	\$1,424,787.63
Truist-1589 ARP	\$75.80
Multi Bank Securities-4181	\$249,365.00
Account Totals=	\$2,268,675.79