

**Mr. Josh Simpson**

*Mayor*

**Ms. Amy Gore**

*District 2*

**Mr. Justin Beardsley**

*District 3*

**Town of Reidville**

**7304 Reidville Rd**

**PO Box 309**

**Reidville, SC 29375**

**October 8, 2025**

**Mr. Bob Jordan**

*Mayor Pro Tem, District 1*

**Mr. James Richard**

*District 4*

## **SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING**

**Location: Reidville Fire Department**

Mayor Josh Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Town Administrator Christine McKaba conducted roll call, confirming the presence of Mayor Simpson, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Jordan, and Council Members Justin Beardsley, Amy Gore, and James Richard. All council members were present.

James Richard offered the invocation, after which the council collectively led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrator McKaba reminded the council that the Town will operate under two separate budgets for 2026:

- Budget “A”: Covers January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026
- Budget “B”: Covers July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 (to be adopted in spring 2026)

Council reviewed departmental budget needs and anticipated expenses, engaging in discussion of items and priorities.

### **Public Works**

- Administrator McKaba reported a quote of \$57,000 for the town-wide sign replacement project. This includes towing, speed limit, and no parking signs, excluding the “Welcome to Reidville” signs.
- The Town has engaged three different sign companies over the past two years in efforts to complete this project.
- Mayor Pro Tem Jordan confirmed no new projects outside those already approved. He will require his standard annual allocation in Budget “B” for general maintenance and unforeseen needs.
- The four-way intersection project, previously approved but not yet funded, will need to be included in Budget “B”.

### **Public Safety**

- Administrator McKaba and Council Member Beardsley reviewed public safety needs in advance.
- No immediate funding is required in Budget “A” aside from staffing for community events.
- The department requests retention of its standard annual allocation in Budget “B”.

### **Administration**

- Administrator McKaba noted a projected increase in employee hours due to expanded part-time staffing needs. She recommended allocating an additional \$30,000 toward employee compensation to accommodate either increased hours or the hiring of an additional part-time employee.
- Mayor Simpson emphasized the importance of expanding the marketing budget to support growing needs in community outreach, sponsorship luncheons, and brand development for the Town of Reidville.

### **Community Development**

- Administrator McKaba proposed increasing the event budget to \$20,000 to accommodate the rising costs associated with hosting more frequent and larger-scale events. Anticipated expenses include public safety staffing, event banners and marketing materials, insurance coverage, and general logistics.
- The council also discussed the value of investing in a reusable backdrop banner to be used at all town events, providing a consistent and professional photo opportunity for attendees and enhancing community branding.

**FINACE:**

- Administrator McKaba reported that the Town received 10 bids for RFP 7304RR2025, with an average cost range of \$1,300,000 to \$1,500,000. She asked the council to determine the amount they intend to expend and the portion they plan to borrow.
- Council Member Richard noted that the quoted costs do not include finishings, which will require additional funding.
- Following discussion, it was agreed that Council Member Richard and Administrator McKaba will explore borrowing \$1,000,000 for the 7304 Reidville Road project.
- The Town will also begin evaluating bonding options for the upcoming 300 College Street project.
- It was agreed that any revenue generated by the new facility will be applied toward the initial repayment of the loan.
- Mr. Richard and Administrator McKaba expressed interest in transferring funds currently held at First Piedmont into a certificate of deposit (CD) account offering a higher yield than the Local Government Investment Pool.
- Mayor Simpson and the council confirmed that the annual council stipend will increase to \$2,000 in 2026, up from \$500. Administrator McKaba noted that this adjustment has been anticipated and included in prior budget planning.

**Action:** At 6:39 p.m. a motion was made by Amy Gore, seconded by Justin Beardsley, to enter into an executive session for the announced and posted reasons. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action:** At 7:16 p.m. a motion was made by Amy Gore, seconded by Justin Beardsley, to come out of executive session and enter into the open session. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Simpson announced that following careful review of all submissions for RFP 7304RR2025, the Town Council would like to invite the following firms and their associated submitting companies to participate in an interview session scheduled for October 14, 2025:

- Mavin and submitted companies
- MarshBell and submitted companies
- Clayton and submitted companies

**Action:** A motion was made by Justin Beardsley, seconded by Bob Jordan to proceed with the interview sessions for the selected RFP 7304RR2025 submitting companies. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Josh Simpson read the public information update to be included in the minutes.

**Action:** At 7:17 p.m. a motion was made by James Richard, seconded by 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.*