

Town of Andrews
Thursday, March 19, 2026
Public Hearing and Town Council Meeting minutes

Public Hearing

Thursday, March 19, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

The Town of Andrews held a public hearing on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 6:04 p.m., led by Ms. Amani Jones, Grants Administrator for the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments.

The public hearing concerned program performance and accomplishments under a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project known as CDBG Project #4-CI-23-001, S. Magnolia Sewer Upgrade, wherein the following activities were undertaken:

The low- and moderate-income (LMI) national objective was met, as this project upgraded approximately 600 linear feet of 8-inch vitrified clay sewer main and associated manholes along S. Magnolia Avenue. All existing sewer service lines were connected to the new main, which was located within the existing right-of-way. Bypass pumping was utilized to allow for the removal of the old sewer line and manholes.

The CDBG grant was awarded in the amount of \$360,000.00. A local match of \$165,188.00 was provided by the Town of Andrews.

Based on income surveys, 69 individuals benefited from the project, of whom 72.9% (50 individuals) are classified as low to moderate income.

The Town has completed financial and programmatic monitoring of the project, conducted by the South Carolina Department of Commerce. The Town is currently completing the final close-out procedures, which include this public meeting regarding program performance and accomplishments.

This meeting provided the public with information regarding the project and its completion. CDBG requires citizen participation; however, there were no public comments.

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110 North Morgan Avenue

The regular monthly meeting agenda was posted on the Town's website and Facebook page. Citizens wishing to provide input were instructed to email townhall@townofandrews.sc.gov no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2026.

Mayor Frank McClary, presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m. The invocation was given by Council Member Angela Anderson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Town Officials Present

Mayor Frank McClary
Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee
Council Member Amy Flagler
Council Member Brian Gary
Council Member James Altman
Council Member Robert Stamper II

Civility Pledge

All Town Council members recited the Civility Pledge in unison.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, February 3, 2026 Town Council meeting/Workshop and the Thursday, February 19, 2026, Town Council Meeting was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Brian Gary; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper II; Yes, and Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes. Motion carried.**

Monthly Bank Statements

The monthly financial statements were included in the Council's packet for informational purposes only.

Financial Report

Brenda Jackson, CPA provided Council with a copy of the Town's Profit Loss Budget vs. Actual (eight months ending February 28, 2026) report in their packets for review.

Appearances

Tyron Wilson, representing St. James Santee Health and Wellness and the South Carolina Cancer Alliance, announced a Community Health Fair to be held on March 28, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event will include vendors, health screenings, and giveaways.

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He also introduced a voucher program titled *"Take a Loved One to the Doctor,"* which covers copays for individuals who have not seen a doctor within the past year or have never visited one.

Community Recognitions

The Town recognized numerous individuals and organizations for outstanding service and contributions, including:

- Girl Scout Troop 2913 and leaders Vermel McCray and Lou Anna Miller
- Bishop James Cooper, Andrews Christian Fellowship
- Dr. Toshawna Mahone and Earnest Houston (RMS Principals)
- Jennifer Coleman (AES Teacher)
- Local youth and recreation teams

Employee Recognitions

- Bobbi Hughes – Municipal Court Clerk
- Wayne Hayes – Employee of the Year
- Police Chief Christopher Cockrell – Leadership Recognition
- Fire Chief Robert Stamper – Honored for 52 years of service (upcoming retirement)

Old Business

Black River United Way Sponsorship. Mayor Pro Tem moved, and Council Member Amy Flagler seconded, to support the Black River United Way Sponsorship. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Brian Gary; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper II; Yes, and Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes. Motion carried.**

New Business

Planning Commission Report: Andre Rivers, Vice Chairman, submitted the Planning Commission Thursday, February 12, 2026 meeting report to Town Council. During that meeting, the Planning Commission unanimously adopted Resolution Number 2026-01, recommending approval and adoption of Comprehensive Plan 2045 by the Town Council.

First Reading Ordinance Number 2026-02: An ordinance to adopt the town of Andrews Comprehensive Plan 2045. Council Member Angela Anderson moved, and Council Member Amy Flagler seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance Number 2026-02. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Brian Gary; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper II; Yes, and Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes. Motion carried.**

Fair Housing Resolution 2026-01: Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee moved, and Council Member Angela Anderson seconded, to approve Fair housing Resolution 2026-01 declaring the month of April as Fair

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Housing Month in the Town of Andrews. **Mayor Frank McClary; Yes, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee; Yes, Council Member Brian Gary; Yes, Council Member James Altman; Yes, Council Member Robert Stamper II; Yes, and Council Member Amy Flagler; Yes. Motion carried.**

Administrator's Report

- Emphasized importance of accurate U.S. Census participation
- FY2027 budget planning underway
- \$7.2 million in grant funding secured for infrastructure improvements
- Manhole project delayed due to DOT liability requirements
- Streetscape project moving forward
- Property insurance secured through April 2027

Upcoming Events:

- Women's History Month Event – March 24, 2026
- Health Fair – March 28, 2026
- Autism Walk – April 11, 2026
- Voting Primary – June 9, 2026 (registration deadline: May 9)

Department Heads Report.

Chief Robert Stamper reported that the department held its monthly fire drill on February 9, 2026. During the drill, routine maintenance checks were performed on all vehicles and equipment. The department has applied for a V-Safe Grant in the amount of \$14,700.00 to purchase the following items:

1. Repair existing apparatus at town hall and install an electric motor.
2. Large diameter hoses for engine 4
3. Large diameter adapters and appliances for Engine 4

The department responded to 20 calls during the previous month; 11 calls were in the Town of Andrews and 6 in Georgetown County.

Andrews Police Chief Christopher Cockrell stated that the APD responded to 48 calls during the previous month and made 15 arrests. Four vehicles were reported stolen however one report was a false report. Two individuals were arrested for these related charges. Citizens were instructed not to leave keys in unattended automobiles.

Public Works Director Jawana McCray reported that the public works department responded to 12 sewer backups, made 1 sewer repair, repaired 5 water leaks, pulled 1 pump, delivered 3 trash cans, installed 1 water and sewer tap and backfilled 3 spots during the month of March.

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Citizens' Comments

Lee Alston – 301 Beech Street

Mr. Alston, a representative of South Carolina Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities provided Town Council and citizens information on youth exposure to “7-OH” products and prevention resources.

Henry Vereen - 71 Persimmon Street

Mr. Vereen stood before Town Council and reported sewer backup concern; Town to investigate.

Council's Report

Council Member Brian Gary

No report. He stated that the recognitions made tonight was a great thing. He further shared where there was no pride, pride was established tonight.

Council Member James Altman

Mr. Altman echoed how the recognitions made tonight were excellent and well deserved. He thanked the Town's employees for doing an excellent job in all departments. He encouraged all to support our youth because they are our future. Lastly, he thanked everyone for coming out in support of the meeting.

Council Member Amy Flagler

Ms. Flagler thanked Lee Alston for the information he provided about 7-OH products. She stated that she has property on Persimmon Street near Mr. Vereen and she's recently experienced a sewer backup at her home but it appeared that there were roots in the line. Mayor McClary stated that the town will investigate the situation.

Council Member Robert Stamper

Mr. Stamper agreed that the recognitions were a great idea and he would like them to occur on a quarterly basis. He referenced how nice the water towers look. He recognized the Andrews Police Department and Fire Department for an outstanding job responding to a cardiac arrest call on West Myrtle Road where an individual received CPA and ADE assistance which played a vital part in his survival.

Council Member Angela Anderson

Thanked Mayor McClary for the recognition he extended to everyone. She solicited help from men who would be willing to assist Michael Frasier with establishing a boy scout Troop here in Andrews. She also solicited volunteers to donate 1 hour a week to the Black River United Way literacy programs. She thanked the town employees for their dedication and hard work.

Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee

Mr. Lee recognized Chaconas Parson Town Clerk for her many years of service to the town of Andrews and its citizens. He noted that her tenure with the Town started in May 2011 serving as Customer Service Representative before being promoted to Billing Clerk and to her current position as the Town Clerk. He shared that Ms. Parson wears many hats and is responsible for many tasks.

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Mr. Lee mentioned that the Town Council members attended a Council Members Orientation on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, facilitated by Charlie Barrineau, Field Representative with the municipal Association of South Carolina. During the session various topics were discussed to include effective municipal leadership, conducting effective meetings and good ethical behavior to mention a few; all helpful in aiding elected officials to better serve in their capacity.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McClary reported that the Town is engaging in conversation with two different agencies offering animal control services. The mayor set March 16 as the deadline for Fire Chief applications at the Andrews Fire Department. The Town Council will fill the position and announce a decision shortly.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Town Clerk Chaconas Parson