

Town of Andrews
Thursday, June 18, 2026
Public Hearing and Town Council Meeting minutes

PUBLIC HEARING

The Town Council of the Town of Andrews, South Carolina, held a public hearing on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. to receive public comments regarding the following proposed ordinances:

1. Proposed ordinance to modify the water and sewer rates for the Town of Andrews, South Carolina.
2. Proposed ordinance to establish a water and sewer utility service fee for the Town of Andrews.
3. Proposed ordinance to modify the comprehensive fee schedule for the Town of Andrews, South Carolina.
4. Proposed FY 2026–2027 Operating Budget Ordinance for the Town of Andrews, South Carolina.

Public Hearing No. 1 – Proposed Water and Sewer Rate Ordinance

Mayor Frank McClary called the public hearing to order at 6:01 p.m. to receive comments regarding the proposed ordinance to modify the Town's water and sewer rates.

Ms. Shanna Ray, a resident of 4 N. Tupelo Street, spoke in opposition to the proposed rate increase. She stated that her current monthly water bill averages approximately \$80.00 despite only two individuals residing in her household. Mayor McClary informed Ms. Ray that Town staff would review her account history on the following Monday and contact her with the results.

There being no further comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 6:07 p.m.

Public Hearing No. 2 – Proposed Water and Sewer Utility Service Fee Ordinance

Mayor McClary called the public hearing to order at 6:07 p.m. to receive comments regarding the proposed ordinance establishing a water and sewer utility service fee.

Mayor McClary explained that the proposed fee would apply when Town employees respond to a homeowner's request to investigate a water or sewer issue and determine that the problem is located on the homeowner's side of the service line and is therefore the homeowner's responsibility to have repaired by a licensed plumber.

Council Member Stamper asked whether the Town had the legal authority to impose such a fee. Mayor McClary responded that the Town has received numerous service requests from the same locations, many of which have resulted in determinations that the issues were the responsibility of the homeowner. In those instances, the proposed service fee would apply.

Mayor McClary further explained that if a homeowner disputes the determination, the matter would be reviewed by a designated review board for a final decision. He also stated that the

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procedures would be reviewed by the Town Attorney to ensure they are legally sound and applied fairly and consistently.

There being no additional comments, the hearing was closed at 6:10 p.m.

Public Hearing No. 3 – Proposed Comprehensive Fee Schedule Ordinance

The public hearing regarding the proposed ordinance to modify the comprehensive fee schedule for the Town of Andrews, South Carolina, was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

No comments were received from the public.

The hearing was closed at 6:12 p.m.

Public Hearing No. 4 – Proposed FY 2026–2027 Operating Budget Ordinance

The public hearing regarding the proposed FY 2026–2027 Operating Budget Ordinance for the Town of Andrews was called to order at 6:12 p.m.

No comments were received from the public.

There being no further business, the public hearing was closed at 6:13 p.m.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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, June 18, 2026.

Mayor Frank McClary, presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:13 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 Robert Stamper
Council Member Brian Gary
Council Member Angela Anderson
Council Member James Altman

NOT PRESENT: Council Member Amy Flagler (Out of Town)

CIVILITY PLEDGE

All Town Council members recited the Civility Pledge in unison.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the Thursday, May 21, 2026 Town Council Meeting was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member James Altman.

Voting in favor: Mayor Frank McClary, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee, Council Member Brian Gary, Council Member Angela Anderson, Council Member James Altman and Council Member Robert Stamper.

MONTHLY BANK STATEMENTS

The monthly financial statements were included in the Council packets for informational purposes only.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Brenda Jackson, CPA, provided Council members with copies of the Town's Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual report for the ten months ending May 31, 2026, for review.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading – Ordinance No. 2026-03: Proposed Ordinance Authorizing Modification of Water and Sewer Rates

A motion to approve the first reading of Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-03, an ordinance to modify the water and sewer rates, was made by Council Member Angela Anderson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee.

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Voting in favor: Mayor Frank McClary, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee, Council Member Brian Gary, Council Member Angela Anderson, Council Member James Altman and Council Member Robert Stamper. **Motion carried.**

Second Reading – Ordinance No. 2026-04: Proposed Ordinance Establishing a Water and Sewer Utility Service Fee for the Town of Andrews, South Carolina

A motion to approve the first reading of Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-04, an ordinance to establish a water and sewer utility service fee for the Town of Andrews, South Carolina, was made by Council Member Angela Anderson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee.

Voting in favor: Mayor Frank McClary, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee, Council Member Brian Gary, Council Member Angela Anderson, Council Member James Altman and Council Member Robert Stamper. **Motion carried.**

Second Reading – Ordinance No. 2026-05: Proposed Ordinance Modifying the Comprehensive Fee Schedule for the Town of Andrews, South Carolina

A motion to approve the first reading of Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-05, an ordinance to modify the Comprehensive Fee Schedule for the Town of Andrews, South Carolina, was made by Council Member Angela Anderson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee.

Voting in favor: Mayor Frank McClary, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee, Council Member Brian Gary, Council Member Angela Anderson, Council Member James Altman and Council Member Robert Stamper. **Motion carried.**

Second Reading – Ordinance No. 2026-06: Proposed Operating Budget Ordinance

A motion to approve the first reading of Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-06, an ordinance to establish the FY2027 operating budget for the Town of Andrews, South Carolina, was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Robert Stamper.

Voting in favor: Mayor Frank McClary, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee, Council Member Brian Gary, Council Member Angela Anderson, Council Member James Altman and Council Member Robert Stamper. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading – Ordinance No. 2026-07: Proposed Ordinance Adopting and Enacting a New Code of Ordinance for the Town of Andrews, South Carolina

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A motion to approve the first reading of Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-07, an ordinance to adopt and enact a new code of ordinance for the Town of Andrews, South Carolina, was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Robert Stamper.

Voting in favor: Mayor Frank McClary, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee, Council Member Brian Gary, Council Member Angela Anderson, Council Member James Altman and Council Member Robert Stamper. **Motion carried.**

Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment: Jarid K. Gibson

A motion to approve the recommendation of Council Member Brian Gary to appoint Jarid K. Gibson as a member of the Town of Andrews Board of Zoning Appeals was made by Council Member Robert Stamper and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee.

Voting in favor: Mayor Frank McClary, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee, Council Member Brian Gary, Council Member Angela Anderson, Council Member James Altman and Council Member Robert Stamper. **Motion carried.**

Planning Commission Appointment: Dorothy Washington

A motion to approve the recommendation of Council Member Brian Gary to appoint Dorothy Washington as a member of the Town of Andrews Planning Commission was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson.

Voting in favor: Mayor Frank McClary, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee, Council Member Brian Gary, Council Member Angela Anderson, Council Member James Altman and Council Member Robert Stamper. **Motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Wilson requested a moment of silence in honor of the Late Retired Honorable Judge Benjamin Dunn. Judge Dunn passed away Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at Prince George Healthcare Center. He served for 23 years as a magistrate judge and several years as a member of the Andrews Town Council. Funeral services will be held at 2 P.M. Saturday, June 20, 2026, at Andrews Presbyterian Church.

Ms. Wilson stated that the Town's S. Morgan Avenue CDBG Project closeout was a success. It was recommended that Town Council give consideration to submitting a new application in the fall to secure funding for a one-block street scape project along Main Street from Farr Avenue to Beech Avenue. The Morgan Avenue to Farr Avenue Street Scape Project is currently undergoing an environmental review process and once that is completed the project can move forward for bids.

SCDOT has given clearance for the contractor to begin the permitting process for the corrective actions on the manholes Project.

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The Town of Andrews Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) will be published next month. It will be available in the newspaper and online.

The Town's CPA, Mrs. Brenda Jackson, is awaiting information from the Georgetown County Tax Auditor's Office that is needed to complete the FY 2024 audit. Once that information is received, Love Bailey & Associates can finalize the FY 2024 audit and immediately begin the FY 2025 audit.

The Republican Primary Runoff is scheduled for June 23, 2026. The results will determine which candidate earns the right to run as the Republican nominee in the state's gubernatorial election on November 3, 2026.

All Town offices will be closed on Friday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth. The Town will host a Juneteenth Information and Conversation event at 30 E. Main Street from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Town offices will also be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day.

The Municipal Association of South Carolina Annual Meeting will be held in Greenville, South Carolina, from July 15 through July 19.

The July Town Council meeting will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Brian Gary was recognized for his successful leadership of the Rising Gents Mentoring Program and for the completion of the program's activities for the past school year.

Ms. Wilson explained that municipalities are required to hold two readings before the enactment of an ordinance. If a public hearing is required, it must be held before the second and final reading. Counties, however, are required to hold three readings before the enactment of an ordinance, and public hearings must occur before either the second or third reading.

Most government agencies operate on a fiscal year, which is a 12-month period used for accounting, budgeting, and financial reporting. A fiscal year does not have to begin on January 1 and may start in any month. The Town of Andrews' fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30 of the following calendar year.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Luther L. Lown – 12 Jones Avenue

Mr. Luther Lown of Jones Avenue spoke regarding Ordinance 2026-07. As a new resident of the Town, he expressed appreciation for having access to the Town's ordinances online. However, he noted that the ordinances are organized by sections rather than numerical order, making them more difficult to locate.

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Ms. Wilson explained that the Town's Code of Ordinances has not been codified since 2003. She stated that this issue will be resolved once the new codified ordinances are completed and published online.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Angela Anderson asked whether funds had been allocated in the FY 2027 budget to purchase iPads for Council Members.

Council Members were reminded that their Town email accounts remain inactive, which would present a problem if iPads were issued. Ms. Wilson stated that a meeting will be scheduled with Ava Generette to assist Council Members with activating their Town email accounts through the South Carolina Department of Administration.

Mayor McClary added that the Town is operating under a very tight budget. If funds are to be allocated for the purchase of iPads, there must be a corresponding reduction elsewhere in the budget. He asked Council Members to review the current budget and recommend potential reductions that could be presented to Council for consideration and a vote.

Ms. Wilson wished Major Dolores Chandler a happy birthday.

Mr. Lee reported that he now has the ability to submit work orders to the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) via email.

Mayor McClary shared that the \$1 million previously announced was requested and approved through the South Carolina Senate. Those funds remain part of the State budget but have not yet been released. Once the funds are received, they will be accounted for and expended in the same manner as other grant funds, consistent with their appropriated purpose of constructing the new municipal complex.

An assessment is currently underway to determine the cost of making the building operational. The Town will still need to seek additional funding for the abatement and demolition of the existing Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson. **Motion carried.**

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Chaconas Parson