

Town of Andrews
Thursday, July 23, 2026
Town Council Meeting minutes

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, July 23, 2026.

Mayor Frank McClary, presiding in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Jerome Johnson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Mayor Frank McClary requested a moment of silence in honor of the Late Senator Lindsey Graham who died July 12, 2026.

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Frank McClary
Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee
Council Member Robert Stamper
Council Member Amy Flagler
Council Member Angela Anderson

NOT PRESENT: Council Member James Altman (Work Conflict)
Council Member Brian Gary (Health Issue)

CIVILITY PLEDGE

All Town Council members recited the Civility Pledge in unison.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the Thursday, June 18, 2026 Town Council Meeting was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Amy Flagler.

Voting in favor: Mayor Frank McClary, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee, Council Member Angela Anderson, Council Member Amy Flagler and Council Member Robert Stamper. Motion carried.

MONTHLY BANK STATEMENTS

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Frank McClary provided Council members with a review of the Town's Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, for review.

OLD BUSINESS

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

A motion to approve the second reading of Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-07, an ordinance to adopt and enact a new Code of Ordinances 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 Angela Anderson, Council Member Amy Flagler, and Council Member Robert Stamper. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Town of Andrews Seat Belt Policy No. 2026-03

A motion to approve the Town of Andrews Seat Belt Policy No. 2026-03 was made by Council Member Angela Anderson and seconded by Council Member Robert Stamper.

Voting in favor: Mayor Frank McClary, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee, Council Member Angela Anderson, Council Member Amy Flagler, and Council Member Robert Stamper. Motion carried.

Town of Andrews Safety Resolution No. 2026-04

A motion to approve the Town of Andrews Safety Resolution No. 2026-04 was made by Council Member Amy Flagler and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee.

Voting in favor: Mayor Frank McClary, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee, Council Member Angela Anderson, Council Member Amy Flagler, and Council Member Robert Stamper. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Wilson stated that the Manhole Project is nearing completion and that an official review of the entire project will occur within the next 30 to 60 days.

It was shared that the CDBG Streetscape Project Environmental Review process has been completed and the project is now in the public comment phase. Information has been posted on the Town's Facebook

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page and app for those who would like additional information regarding the project, what it will accomplish, and any associated costs. Public comments will be accepted over the next 18 days.

The annual CDBG Needs Assessment was held on Monday, July 23, 2026, as required, to apply for federal funding. The next steps will be to advertise for bids and award the contract to the selected contractor.

In the fall, the Town will submit a CDBG application for a revitalization streetscape project and an RIA application for infrastructure projects to rehabilitate and/or eliminate several pump stations. The Wire Mill, Public Works, and Fuel Depot pump stations are on the list.

Regarding the Town's audits, the Georgetown County Treasurer finally responded to the CPA's request for information after several months. The auditors will soon complete the FY 2024 audit and move forward with the FY 2025 audit. The goal is for the Town to be back on track with its audits before the end of this calendar year.

Funds from the Capital Sales Tax Project should be received soon for the Town's water improvement projects. The engineers will begin developing the schematics, which will enable them to move to the next phase of the project.

The Town's 2025 Consumer Confidence Report for the water system from DES has been completed and was posted on the Town's website on July 9. It was explained that the Town's water supply has no water quality issues.

Ms. Wilson shared that all water bills are generated, printed, and mailed on the last business day of each month. She further explained that the Town continues to receive numerous calls from customers who have not received their monthly bills. All bills are taken to the post office and mailed at the same time. It has been reported that a person observed the Town's mail sitting in a corner at the post office. Citizens were encouraged to contact the Columbia or Georgetown Post Office to address any mail-related concerns.

The Town Administrator, along with Mayor McClary, Council Members Flagler and Anderson, and Council Member Gary, recently attended the MASC Annual Meeting in Greenville, South Carolina. The event was described as a great overall experience.

Mayor McClary was nominated and appointed President of the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) for the next year. He is the second mayor of Andrews to hold this position in the 90-year history of the Association.

The Andrews Library will host an event, "Andrews 1976 Time Capsule Film Premiere," on Tuesday, August 18, at 5:30 p.m. The documentary was created by the late Lee Parsons and will feature an introduction by his grandson, Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Bill Wisneski. Everyone was invited to attend.

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A special primary election will be held following the death of the Republican Party nominee for U.S. Senate, Lindsey Graham.

The nominee resulting from this special primary will be a candidate on the November 3, 2026, General Election ballot.

Important Dates

- Candidate filing: July 21–28
- Deadline to apply for an absentee ballot: July 31
- Early voting: August 5–7
- Special Republican Primary: August 11
- Runoff, if necessary: August 25

On Saturday, August 1, the Town will host its Annual Pasty R. Greene Back-to-School Bash at the Game and Grill Restaurant from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Town Council members were reminded of an invitation in their packets from the Jerusalem Missionary Baptist and Educational Association. Those interested in attending were asked to inform the Clerk to RSVP.

The Andrews Fire Department is seeking volunteers, and training will be offered in the fall. All interested persons were encouraged to contact Fire Chief Robert Ulrich.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens signed up to provide comments.

Mayor Frank McClary presented a proclamation to James Allen Marshall, a 12-year-old sixth-grade student, in recognition of his appointment as Junior Museum Coordinator.

It was noted that James possesses exceptional maturity, creativity, and a heart for public service beyond his years. He has specific ideas to revitalize the Historic Museum and a sincere desire to help the community and improve the quality of life for others.

The citizens of Andrews were called upon to join the mayor in congratulating James and supporting the youth of Andrews as they work to make the community stronger.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Angela Anderson

Council Member Angela Anderson gave a report on the advantages of having an iPad at Council meetings instead of using paper documents.

- Instant access to information
- Real-time updates
- Reduced paper and printing costs
- Easy note-taking
- Better organization
- Environmental benefits
- Enhanced presentations
- Security and backup

In conclusion, she stated that an iPad would save money over time, improve efficiency, and make it easier to access and organize meeting materials compared with relying solely on paper documents.

In response, Mayor McClary requested that she provide a cost-benefit analysis.

Council Member Amy Flagler

Council Member Amy Flagler reminded everyone of the dangers of working in extreme heat and stated that the Town should, if it is not already doing so, provide employees with ice and Gatorade throughout the day to help keep them hydrated.

She also thanked the employees for their hard work under extreme temperatures and recognized the increased presence of APD law enforcement officers in the Town.

Council Member Robert Stamper

Council Member Robert Stamper congratulated Mayor Frank McClary on his appointment as President of the Municipal Association of South Carolina.

He also shared the same concerns about ensuring that Town employees remain hydrated while working outdoors in very humid conditions.

Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee

Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee began his report by acknowledging James Allen Marshall for his wisdom and enthusiasm in making Andrews a better place for all to live.

He also congratulated Mayor McClary on his outstanding leadership and appointment as President of the Municipal Association of South Carolina.

Mr. Lee noted that an individual or individuals displayed disrespect towards Mayor McClary by posting a sign in town that read "Impeach The Mayor."

Mr. Lee informed everyone that state statute 1-3-240 allows the Governor to remove certain state and county officers for malfeasance or misconduct but does not extend to unilaterally removing a city mayor.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee stated that Mayor McClary is and has always been responsible for all the citizens of Andrews. He noted that Mayor McClary gave up a prestigious job opportunity at the Pentagon with an excellent salary to return to his hometown to serve and improve the lives of the citizens of Andrews, South Carolina.

In closing, Mr. Lee stated that Mayor McClary has integrity, self-discipline, and is an honest man.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor McClary stated that it is an honor to serve as President of the Municipal Association of South Carolina. He explained that the Association provides a tremendous number of resources and support to the 271 municipalities across the state.

The Association currently has a \$27 million fund balance. The Board members have directed the Executive Director to provide funds and resources to municipalities across the state that do not have sufficient revenue to manage their finances and remain in good standing with the state, as certain funds may be withheld due to delinquent audits.

The Association is working to hire certified public accountants to assist municipalities with financial management issues.

Mayor McClary informed the citizens that there is discussion at the state level regarding the elimination of property taxes and the possibility of having small water and sewer systems managed by regional districts. He stated that this could have a negative effect on the budgets of small municipalities such as Andrews.

Council Member Brian Gary was recognized for a job well done as the Director of the YMCA in Andrews. He was the leader of the local youth mentorship program, "Rising Gents."

Mr. Gary resigned from his position with the YMCA due to concerns regarding the operation of the program. He has since returned to the school system to work in the classroom.

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Town officials are in communication with the leadership of the YMCA to ensure that the “Rising Gents” program remains active in Andrews.

Mayor McClary recognized Police Chief Christopher Cockrell for his work with the Andrews Police Department over the last four years. The mayor stated that Chief Cockrell had done a tremendous job with a small but very effective team. He was successful in bringing the department up to its authorized staffing level. Chief Cockrell left his family in Saluda County to work in Andrews. He recently accepted a position near his hometown in Johnson, South Carolina. His tenure with the Town of Andrews will end on July 30, 2026.

Chief Cockrell thanked everyone for the support he received while working for the Andrews Police Department and stated that it was an honor to serve the Town and its citizens.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. was made by Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Lee and seconded by Council Member Angela Anderson. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Chaconas Parson