



City of Liberty- Regular Session
August 10th, 2026- 6:45 PM
Rosewood Center- 419 E Main St., Liberty, SC 29657

- **Call to Order @TIME: 6:47 PM**
 - Mayor Andrea Wagner
 - All Council Members Present
- **Invocation**
 - Council Member Jeff Massie
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Public Session**
 - (Speakers are allowed 3 minutes)
 - No Speakers
- Council Member Rhonda Whitaker made a motion to add an executive session to the September 14, 2026, Regular Session agenda for the purpose of discussing the hiring of a City Administrator and the deletion of the Deputy Administrator position. The motion also requested that only Council, Mayor Wagner and City Attorney Mary McCormac be in attendance for the Executive Session. The motion was made and seconded by Council Member Gerald Wilson to add the item. The motion passed by a vote of 5 in favor and 2 opposed.
- Council Member Jon Humphrey requested that a separate presentation on downtown revitalization and economic development be added to the current agenda rather than included within Council comments. The motion was made and seconded by Council Member Gerald Wilson to add the presentation. The motion passed by a vote of 6 in favor and 1 opposed.
- **Department Head Reports**
 - Josh Black- Parks and Recreation Director
 - **Monthly Report:** The Recreation Department reported continued work on facility maintenance and field improvements. Fall sports registration totaled 328 participants. New lighting was installed at Morris Field, sponsorship renewals were underway, and the Rosewood Center and City Gym continued to host community and athletic activities.
 - **Council Ticket Updates:** Installed the TV at the Rosewood Center
 - **Parks and Recreation Procurement:** No Procurement



- Adam Manley- Public Works Director
 - **Monthly Report:** Public Works reported 3 water main repairs during July, along with sewer line repairs and replacements.
 - **Council Ticket Updates-** Public Works reported completing 43 tickets during July.
 - **Public Works Procurement:** No Procurement
- Vic Tetters- Police Chief
 - **Monthly Report:** The Police Department reported 59 calls for service, 11 citations, and numerous traffic warnings during July. Officers provided traffic and parking support for the Fourth of July event; participated in a dunk-tank fundraiser that raised \$300 for Shop with a Cop; assisted with the Liberty Community Exchange back-to-school shopping event; and attended regional safety and law-enforcement meetings.
 - **Council Ticket Updates:** No Ticket Updates
 - **Police Department Procurement:** No Procurement
- Katie Sizemore- Deputy Administrator
 - **Monthly Report:** Deputy Administrator Sizemore reported continued work on conceptual planning and grant funding for City projects, including possible playground and park improvements. Staff continued interviewing candidates for the Clerk to Council position. Alex Whitlock, the new utility clerk, completed SmartFusion training and attended municipal Set-off Debt training. The Community Partnership Funding Program was used to support the recent Car Cruise on Commerce, and thanked Councilmember Cooley, Ciera Wilson, participating downtown businesses, and Public Works employees, and the Police Department for their assistance.
 - **Council Ticket Updates:** No Ticket Updates
 - **City Hall Procurement:** No Procurement
- **Presentation:**
 - Council Member Jon Humphrey: Downtown Liberty
- **City/Financial Report**
 - See Council Packet



- **Approval of Minutes**

- June 16th, 2026, Special Called Session

- **Motion:** Council Member Mikail Cantley
- **2nd:** Council Member Gerald Wilson
- **Discussion:** No Discussion
- **All in Favor:** 7
- **All Opposed:** 0

- August 4th, 2026, Special Called Session Followed by Work Session

- **Motion:** Council Member Bo Cooley
- **2nd:** Council Member Mikail Cantley
- **Discussion:** No Discussion
- **All in Favor:** 6
- **All Opposed:** 1

- **New Business: (1st Readings/ Resolutions)**

- Resolution to Approve Three Facade Grant Awards in the Total Amount of \$15,000

- Pendleton Candy Company- \$5,000
- 28 W. Front Street- \$5,000
- Southern Smiles - \$5,000

- **Motion:** Council Member Rhonda Whitaker
- **2nd:** Council Member Mikail Cantley
- **Discussion:** No Discussion
- **All in Favor:** 7
- **All Opposed:** 0

- Resolution to Amend the Procurement Policy (Increase Purchasing Threshold from \$2,500 to \$4,000, Eliminate Three-Quote Requirement, and Add Recreation Uniforms to Exemption List)

- **Motion:** Council Member Jeff Massie
- **2nd:** Council Member Gerald Wilson
- **Discussion:** Council discussed the proposed changes to the procurement policy, including the increase in the purchasing threshold and elimination of the three-quote requirement. Concerns were raised regarding whether the policy would continue to provide



an appropriately competitive purchasing process as required by state law. Council agreed to review procurement policies from other municipalities and discuss the matter further at the September Work Session.

- **All in Favor: 2**
- **All Opposed: 5**

- Rezoning of Hamp Rogers Rd (Request from 500 to 501 (a).)
 - **Motion:** Council Member Mikail Cantley
 - **2nd:** NO SECOND MOTION
 - **Discussion:** No discussion
 - **No vote taken because there was not a second motion.**

- **Old Business: (2nd Readings)**

- Zoning Ordinance 2025-2026
 - **Motion:** Council Member Jeff Massie
 - **2nd:** Council Member Jon Humphrey
 - **Discussion:** Discussion focused on minimum square-footage requirements and restrictions on the number and use of accessory structures. Members discussed housing for family members, building-code requirements, enforcement, lot size. A motion was made to approve with amendments. Amendment: remove the square-footage restrictions applicable to accessory dwelling units.
 - **All in Favor: 7**
 - **All Opposed: 0**

- **City Council Comments**

- Council Member Jon Humphrey (At-Large)

Council Member Humphrey reported attending recent Planning Commission meetings, described them as informative, and encouraged others to attend.

- Council Member Rhonda Whitaker (At-Large)

Councilmember Whitaker reported a drainage concern beginning near Calumet Church and continuing toward Jackson Street. She stated that overgrowth and drainage obstructions may be causing water to flow across private property and driveways during heavy rainfall.



- o Council Member Mikail Cantley (Ward 1)

Council Member Cantley said she plans to meet with Mrs. Peggy Edwards regarding a cleanup-grant. She also stated that she had contacted the owner associated with the mill property. She also shared information about Cat Garage Rescue. She stated that several cats within the city limits had already been registered and that proceeds from the Love My Liberty Lager fundraiser would help provide services.

- o Council Member Gerald Wilson (Ward 2)

Council Member Wilson asked for an update regarding the golf cart ordinance being reviewed by the City Attorney. Staff advised that additional information was expected to be available for the next meeting.

- o Council Member William “Bo” Cooley (Ward 3)

Council Member Cooley requested that debris, exposed wire, overgrowth, and tree branches near the CVS entrance need to be addressed. He thanked Ciera Wilson for assisting with the recent Car Cruise and noted that the event brought significant activity to Downtown Liberty. He also thanked Adam Manley for his service and congratulated Seth Chappell on becoming the new Public Works Director.

- o Council Member Jeff Massie (Ward 4)

Council Member Massie reported receiving complaints regarding Black Bottom Rd. He also asked whether the City could establish a water-bill adjustment policy for customers who live within the City but are not connected to the sewer system. Council Member Massie also thanked Brian Reed in Public Works for fixing the damaged meter-box lid that had previously been reported as a safety concern.

- **Mayor’s Announcements**

Mayor Wagner reported on the Liberty Community Exchange back-to-school shopping event, the Brownfields grant extension and ongoing environmental assessment work, a volunteer cleanup at Liberty Elementary School, Finance Director interviews, participation in the Senior League World Series, and the upcoming Strategic Planning Retreat on August 29th.

Adjournment: @ TIME: 9:03 PM

Motion: Council Member Rhonda Whitaker

2nd: Council Member Gerald Wilson



Discussion: No Discussion

All In Favor: 7

All Opposed: 0

Date Approved: 09.14.2024

Mayor, Andrea Wagner: Andrea K Wagner