



City of Liberty- Regular Session

April 13th, 2026 – 6:45 PM

Rosewood Center- 419 E Main St., Liberty, SC 29657

- **Call to Order**
 - Mayor Andrea Wagner
 - TIME: 6:46 PM
 - All Council Members Present
- **Invocation**
 - Council Member Gerald Wilson
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Public Session**
 - (Speakers are allowed 3 minutes)
- **Presentation:**
 - Harper General Contractors (Builders)
 - Love Bailey CPA 2024/2025 Audit Presentation - Will Wallis
- **Approval of Minutes –**
 - **December 8th, 2025- Regular Session**
 - Motion: Council Member Jon Humphrey
 - 2nd: Council Member Rhonda Whitaker
 - Discussion:
 - Vote: 7-0
 - **March 9th, 2026- Regular Session**
 - Motion: Council Member Mikail Cantley
 - 2nd: Council Member Jeff Massie
 - Discussion:
 - Vote: 7-0

- **March 30th, 2026- Special Called Session**
 - Motion: Council Member Rhonda Whitaker
 - 2nd: Council Member Jon Humphrey
 - Discussion:

- Vote: 7-0

- **April 7th, 2026- Work Session**
 - Motion: Council Member Gerald Wilson
 - 2nd: Council Member Jeff Massie
 - Discussion:

- Vote: 7-0

- **New Business: (1st Readings/ Resolutions)**
 - Special Event Ordinance
 - AN ORDINANCE CREATED FOR LIMITED-TIME SPECIAL EVENTS.
 - Motion: Council Member Cooley
 - 2nd: Council Member Cantley
 - Discussion:
 - 1st: Remove fees and add as appendix in budget
 - 2nd: Remove “This keeps short-term series (like a 2–3-week market) simple.”
 - 3rd: Require Liability Insurance naming the City as a third-party insurer
 - 4th: Extract: Depending on the size and type of event, the City may require personnel including Police and/or Public Works to work the event. All City personnel involved during the day(s) of the event will be charged back to the event organizer. The City shall determine the personnel numbers necessary to ensure the safety of participants, minimize the inconvenience to City residents, and reduce any potential public liability exposure to the event organizer, as well as the City.”

- Motion to Amend: Council Member Jon Humphrey
- 2nd: Council Member Gerald Wilson
- Vote: 7-0

- Vote for 1st reading with amendments:
 - Vote: 7-0

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

- **City/Financial Report**

- **Department Head Reports**

- Josh Black- Parks and Recreation Director
- Adam Manley- Public Works Director
- Vic Tetters- Police Chief

- **City Council Comments**

- Council Member Jon Humphrey (At-Large)

Thanked the Police Department for their quick response and recognized recent improvements at Mills Park, including mulch and barriers. Council Member Humphrey shared that SC Waffle Fest was a great success, with a packed crowd and strong community presence. He appreciated seeing citizens coming and going throughout the day and the overall sense of community.

- Council Member Rhonda Whitaker (At-Large)

Council Member Whitaker shared that SC Waffle Fest was a great event and believes it will continue to grow. She also enjoyed meeting the new football coach, Bobby Ruff. She spoke about the Liberty Community Scholarship is hosting a fundraiser, with a portion of proceeds going toward scholarships to be awarded at the end of the school year for Liberty students and the career center.

- Council Member Mikail Cantley (Ward 1)

Provided an update on Beattie Street, noting a letter has been sent and they are awaiting a response. Will be meeting with Terracon on Friday, April 17, alongside

Mayor Wagner for further evaluation. Thanked Cat's Garage for helping over 62 cats. Council Member Cantley acknowledged Adam Manley and Public Works for their outstanding work clearing brush and trees. Also shared that a new sign has been ordered. Thanked staff, Recreation, Police, and the US Waffle Company for their work on SC Waffle Fest.

- Council Member Gerald Wilson (Ward 2)

Council Member Wilson received a call regarding a pothole on Hillendale Road. He will miss both meetings in May. Referenced an article shared by Councilmember Cooley and raised questions about what services the City is entitled to from the County, noting that city taxes should reflect premium services. Requested our Attorney, Mary McCormac to look into this. Mentioned the upcoming Pickens Joint Regional meeting and will report back. He also thanked those who attended recent events.

- Council Member William "Bo" Cooley (Ward 3)

Thanked Harper Builders for their continued support and involvement on planning for the new police building and City Hall. Highlighted the recent car show hosted by Buddy Philips and the strong turnout. Council Member Cooley addressed ongoing concerns about school crossing safety at Summit Drive and Highway 93 and suggested possibly placing an officer there to assist with traffic in the morning. Announced Diamond Day this Saturday at Dugout Park, the first in several years, with vendors and children's activities planned. Also shared that a Jeep show is coming up in June, with trophies featuring the 150th anniversary logo.

- Council Member Jeff Massie (Ward 4)

Thanked Councilmember Cooley for the car show. Shared concerns from residents in Lakewood Heights regarding frequent fender benders at intersections and asked about the possibility of additional signage or flashing signals to improve safety. Mentioned observing flushing crews and noted there were none currently operating. Attended Easley's Spring Fling, described it as a large event, and connected with vendors to encourage participation in Liberty events. Thanked Mayor Wagner and staff for their continued work.

- **Mayor's Announcements**

Mayor Wagner shared that it has been a busy few weeks, with a successful SC Waffle Fest and continued work. Gave a special thank you to Ciera Wilson and everyone involved in making SC Waffle Fest a success. Following the event, the City hosted a

budget retreat, spending several hours working through priorities and planning ahead. Also attended a kickoff meeting with REWA and met with Century Concrete to discuss opportunities for better use of Sarlin Park. Met with Duke Energy to explore the addition of Tesla charging stations (Sarlin Park) as part of ongoing efforts to bring more business and activity into downtown. Expressed appreciation for all partners involved in these recent initiatives. Noted that City staff have been hard at work over the past few weeks managing daily responsibilities while also supporting these larger efforts. Shared that the public hearing for the budget will take place next month in May. Provided an update on Sarlin Park, where cleanup efforts are underway and Public Works has begun planning for the garden space.

- **Motion to Enter Executive Session**

- Motion: Council Member Cantley
- 2nd: Council Member Whitaker
- Discussion:
- Vote: 7-0

- **Pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70(A)(2)**

- For the purpose of discussing potential negotiations incident to contractual arrangements, proposed sale or purchase of real property, and the receipt of legal advice regarding same.
- Council will discuss two matters regarding real property and City facilities.

(After returning to regular session, Council may or may not vote or take action on the matter discussed in executive session.)

- **Motion to Exit Executive Session**

- Motion: Council Member Massie
- 2nd: Council Member Humphrey
- Discussion:
- Vote: 7-0

- **Motion to Approve (Mills Ave Location for City Hall/Police Building)**
 - Motion: Council Member Cantley
 - 2nd: Council Member Massie
 - Discussion:

 - Vote: 7-0
- **Motion to Approve (Purchasing the Pickens County Performing Arts Center)**
 - Motion: No Motion
 - 2nd: No 2nd
 - Discussion:

 - Vote: 0-0
- **Adjournment**
 - Motion: Council Member Whitaker
 - 2nd: Council Member Humphrey
 - Discussion:

 - Vote: 7-0
 - Time: 8:49 PM

Date Approved: 5/20/26

Mayor, Andrea Wagner: Andrea H Wagner