

**MINUTES  
WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Scheduled Meeting  
Tuesday, September 9, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Westminster met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Westminster Fire Department with Mayor Brian Ramey presiding. Those in attendance were:

Brian Ramey	Ruth May	Daby Snipes
Jimmy Powell	Dale Glymph	Adam Dunn

City Administrator, Kevin Bronson  
Assistant City Administrator, Reagan Osbon  
City Clerk, Kiley Carter  
City Attorney, Keith Denny  
Police Chief, Fred Miller  
Utility Director, Scott Parris  
Fire Chief, Michael Smith  
Members of the public and press

*Notice of the meeting and the agenda was posted on a window at the Fire Department and at westminstersc.org twenty-four hours prior to the meeting and all persons, organizations and local media requesting notification and the agenda were notified by email.*

**Call to Order**

Mayor Ramey called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Certification of Quorum**

Kiley Carter certified a quorum.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Dale Glymph led the Council in the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Proclamation for the West-Oak Middle School Future Farmers of America Three Star Chapter**

Mayor Ramey presented a proclamation to the West-Oak Middle School FFA chapter.

### **Public Comments**

Angelia Davis spoke about her property potentially being annexed into the City at 427 Hobson Street. She spoke against it. She feels that she was forced to sign the covenant. A mobile home is here now and if something happened to it and she was annexed in, she would not be able to replace the previous with another mobile home. She asked the council what she gained from being annexed in. The Mayor stated that this was a time for her to speak.

Mario Suarez lives in Seneca and spoke about his life journey. He extended an invitation to everyone to his musical play based on his life.

Jessica Glymph spoke about the Bigfoot festival and invited everyone to come.

### **Comments from the Mayor and Council**

- a. Mr. Glymph spoke about the success of Apple Festival.
- b. Mrs. Snipes spoke about the rotary luncheon and thanked everyone who made it possible.
- c. Mayor Ramey spoke about a DAR event that was upcoming along with the community garden. He also responded to Angelia Davis's question about what she gained from being annexed in. He explained that this has to happen for the town to grow. If we do not annex in, then property taxes have to increase. With annexation comes lower utility rates, lower recreation fees, and one also gets to vote or run for council.

### **Special Presentation**

Mr. Bronson presented a PowerPoint to council about the OJRSA. This is attached. Mr., Bronson reminded everyone that the ad hoc committee meeting is September 11, 2025 at 9 am.

## Public Hearings

- 1) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)– W.P. Anderson Park Grant Closeout
  - a. Mr. Bronson introduced Arlene Young as the grant administrator and explained that this process is necessary to close out the grant for Andersen Park and the SC Department of Commerce final report.
  - b. Mayor Ramey opened the public hearing with a motion from Mr. Glymph and a second from Mr. Dunn. All city council were in favor.
    - i. Mrs. Snipes spoke and thanked everyone for what was accomplished and stated that it is a big blessing to the city.
  - c. Mayor Ramey closed the public hearing with a motion from Mr. Dunn and seconded by Mr. Glymph. All city council were in favor.
  
- 2) Discontinue the use of Floride in the water treatment process
  - a. Mayor Ramey opened the public hearing with a motion from Mrs. Snipes and seconded by Mr. Dunn. All city council were in favor.
    - i. Mr. Bronson and Mr. Parris explained that Seneca and Walhalla have removed this from their water systems. Pioneer also does not have this in their water. There is a local dentist that called to express his concerns. Fluoride seals off pores in your teeth.
  - b. Mayor Ramey closed the public hearing with motion from Mr. Glymph and seconded by Mrs. Snipes. All city council were in favor.

## Routine Business

1. Comments from Utility Director
  - a. Mr. Parris informed the council that phase 1 of the SCIIP project has completed testing of everything except for Mimosa. That still must be finalized. For phase 2 of the SCIIP project, contractors are making their way over to Oak street and making good progress. They are 2 weeks out from having this completed. Next, they will go to the intersection of Hwy 24 and 123 in front of Ingles. We are currently working on alternatives for traffic while this is taking place. There will be traffic controls, but the traffic will keep flowing. There is no start date for this just yet.
  
2. Comments from the City Administrator
  - a. Mr. Bronson gave an update on the Horton Outdoor Recreation Center. There is still a lot of activity-all the lights are up. Concession stands/bathrooms have been framed. We are waiting for a transfer of permit from Mammoth to AMW to see

activity on the building here. There is a different type of soil being brought in with less organic matter. Fencing continues, currently hydroseeding is taking place. Irrigation is in and once the soil is down, the grass will then go down.

- b. Mr. Bronson gave an update on the streetscape for Downtown. This is being paid for by local bond money, C- Funds, ARC, and CDBG funds. This is out for bid and the city will be looking for approval of the bid at the October council meeting. A pre-bid meeting was held a week or so ago, at least 10 contractors attended from the upstate. The list of these will be in the admin report. This project will be under construction by December 5<sup>th</sup> which is the Christmas parade and arbor day. It is very likely that the city parade will need an alternate route, but the city has a plan and we are actively working on it. Council will need to also decide where to put the Retreat Street Christmas tree this year since that will be inaccessible during the holidays. Mr. Bronson stated that the city will bring council a list of options to put the tree. Of course, all of this will depend on the construction schedule from the awarded bid.
- c. Mr. Bronson turned this over to Mr. Osbon to explain the walkability grant. This was requested by Herb to fix the crosswalks near the middle school that are so heavily used by his kids. These were put in today. Mr. Osbon thanked Council for their support in this and everyone who was involved.

### **Consent Agenda**

3. **Approval of August 12, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**
4. **Consideration of Second Reading of Ordinance 09-09-2025-03: AN ORDINANCE TO ASSIGN ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY TO A CERTAIN PARCEL IN THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER.**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Snipes and seconded by Mrs. May, the *motion to approve the Consent Agenda* passed. Mr. Dunn recused himself since he was not at the August meeting.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Ramey		Yes
Glymph		Yes
Powell		Yes
May	Second	Yes
Dunn		Recusal
Snipes	Motion	Yes

### **Old Business**

5. **Consideration of Second Reading of Ordinance 09-09-2025-01: AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING PROPERTY UNDER 100% ANNEXATION METHOD AND ASSIGNING ZONING CLASSIFICATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

151 Standridge Drive (TMS # 243-00-06-004)

- a. Mayor Ramey explained that this is 40 acres across from Orchard Park Elementary.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Snipes and seconded by Mrs. May, the **motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 09-09-2025-01: AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING PROPERTY UNDER 100% ANNEXATION METHOD AND ASSIGNING ZONING CLASSIFICATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO** failed.

Member	Motion	Vote
Ramey		No
Glymph		No
Powell		Yes
May	Second	Yes
Dunn		No
Snipes	Motion	Yes

- 6. **Consideration of Second Reading of Ordinance 09-09-2025-02: AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING PROPERTY UNDER 100% ANNEXATION METHOD AND ASSIGNING ZONING CLASSIFICATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

427 Hobson Street (TMS # 234-00-05-019)

No action could be taken on this item due to this property only being contiguous due to 151 Standridge, which failed second reading.

**7. Presentation and Consideration of Acceptance of Changes to the Commercial Building Improvement Grant (CBIG) by the Local Economic Development Corporation (LDC).**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Snipes and seconded by Mrs. May, the **motion to approve Changes to the Commercial Building Improvement Grant (CBIG) by the Local Economic Development Corporation (LDC)** passed unanimously.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Ramey		Yes
Glymph		Yes
Powell		Yes
May	Second	Yes
Dunn		Yes
Snipes	Motion	Yes

**New Business**

**8. Consideration of Resolution 09-09-2025-01: ARESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF, AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AD HOC REGIONAL FEASIBILITY STUDY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Snipes and seconded by Mrs. May, the **motion to approve Resolution 09-09-2025-01: A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF, AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AD HOC REGIONAL FEASIBILITY STUDY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO** passed unanimously.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Ramey		Yes
Glymph		Yes
Powell		Yes
May	Second	Yes
Dunn		Yes
Snipes	Motion	Yes

**9. RESOLUTION 09-09-2025-02: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF FLUORIDE FROM THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER WATER TREATMENT PROCESS**

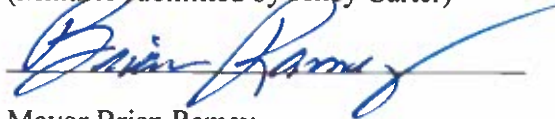
Upon a motion by Mr. Dunn and seconded by Mr. Glymph the **motion to approve RESOLUTION 09-09-2025-02: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF FLUORIDE FROM THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER WATER TREATMENT PROCESS** passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Vote
Ramey		Yes
Glymph	Second	Yes
Powell		Yes
May		Yes
Dunn	Motion	Yes
Snipes		Yes

**Adjourn**

Upon a motion by Mr. Dunn and seconded by Mr. Glymph, the *motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm* passed unanimously.

(Minutes submitted by Kiley Carter)



Mayor Brian Ramey

10-14-25

Date