

**MINUTES  
WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL  
Special Called Meeting  
Friday, January 16, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Westminster met in a special called meeting for a planning session on Friday, January 16, 2026, at 8:00 am at the Westminster Depot with Mayor Brian Ramey presiding. Those in attendance were:

Brian Ramey  
Jimmy Powell

Daby Snipes  
Dale Glymph

Charles Morgan  
Jamie Jones

City Administrator, Kevin Bronson  
City Clerk, Kiley Carter  
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 door at the Westminster Depot 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 8:00 am.

**Certification of Quorum**

Kiley Carter certified a quorum. The City Clerk noted the absence of Adam Dunn.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**New Business:**

1. Planning Session Workshop
  - a. City Council discussed the ideas attached for the upcoming budget year.

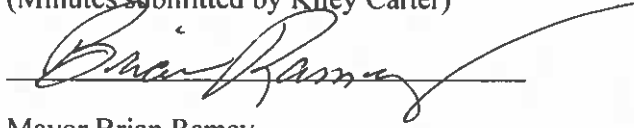
*Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Glymph, the motion for a five-minute recess at 9:00 am passed unanimously.*

*Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mayor Ramey, the motion for a ten-minute recess at 10:10 am passed unanimously.*

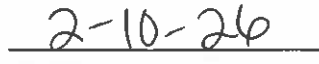
**Adjourn**

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mrs. Snipes, the *motion to adjourn at 11:50 am* passed unanimously.

(Minutes submitted by Kiley Carter)

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Mayor Brian Ramey

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Date

## **MUST DO**

COLA for employees

One mil tax reduction in budget

Keep 5% utility franchise fee (from WUD to GF)

Find ways to generate additional revenue without raising taxes or fees

## **SHOULD DO**

Push for additional funding from Oconee County to get to \$850,000 in annual funding

Walking trail from Horton to downtown

Update and upgrade city vehicles

Replace current gym floor and have extra storage space

## **COULD DO**

Finish Anderson Park with playground equipment, rubberized turf, and trees

Communication- create a narrative of who we are- livestream city council meetings on Youtube

Pave underpasses

Veterans Memorial- Upgrade the current park or move it somewhere else-Honor fallen officers/firefighters- Rename police building in memory of fallen police officer

## **OTHER IDEAS**

Campaign to highlight the volunteer firefighter program (West Oak High/TCTC)

Improve sidewalks (tie this into Horton fields)

Lighting at the Depot parking lot

Implement Hwy 123 corridor study

Large flag at the sign at Walgreens

Coming in from the West- have welcome signs

Have a "mice on main" type of project

Bring back special events committees

Recreation subsidy from Oconee County to match the City's cost

QR code to communicate what the City does- includes grants (how/why we get them)- use on individual projects

Build a spec building for commercial use

Push to give more building grants- focus on the Hwy 123 side

Police and Fire fundraisers (tug of war) or some type of special events

City Council- official shirts with City logo

Increase marketing efforts

City Council take an annual field trip to other cities that are successful to get ideas

Trail that connects the cities

Coming in from the West- have welcome signs

Capitalize on walkers in the town

Tax and fee freeze for two years (Do not raise fees or taxes)

Communication within the town- electronic sign in place of the sign at Walgreens- Yard signs for council meetings- newspaper- utilize business electronic signs

Increase in staffing for fire and police

Track work that the city workers perform that saves city funds

New events at Anderson Park- Partner with library and others- Have more organized events at the park  
Would like to know from each deaprtment what is needed for them  
Hall Street- shade trees and splash pad  
Budget \$50,000 for dilapidated structure removal  
Depot- paint on the inside- add a wreath holder in the area where the time capsule was located- signage  
Have spare parts and inventory for utilities  
New City Hall- paint back of existing city hall  
Put pickleball courts at old tennis courts  
Keep equipment maintained so that city employees do not have to be mechanics  
Electrical- Prioritize areas for improvement  
Communciations with local businesses- enhance relationships/connections, make routine  
Purchase and demolish College St. School- use the property for recreation OR remediate building by current property owner  
Computer/hardware updates- especially police  
Attract more medical facilities (24 hour)  
Cottages on city property near Chau Ram  
Catalog Airbnb/vrbo's in Westminster  
New police department (not piece-mealed)