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WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL
Regular Scheduled Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2026

The City Council of the City of Westminster met in a regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Westminster Fire Department with Mayor Brian Ramey presiding. Those in attendance were:

Brian Ramey	Daby Snipes	Dale Glymph	Adam Dunn
Jimmy Powell	Charles Morgan	Jamie Jones	

City Administrator, Kevin Bronson
City Clerk, Kiley Carter
City Attorney, Keith Denny
Police Chief, Fred Miller
Utilities Director, Scott Parris
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 a Quorum

Kiley Carter certified a quorum.

Invocation and pledge of allegiance

Mr. Glymph led the council in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Keith Denny explained the rules of public comment.

Public Comments

Mr. Fred Bland voiced his concerns about the streetscape work interfering with businesses on Main Street.

Special Presentation by Skate Upstate

Brandon Cruise spoke on behalf of young citizens striving for a skatepark here in town.

Comments from the Mayor and Council

Mrs. Snipes thanked everyone who helped with Mrs. Betty's Easter egg hunt.

Mr. Morgan addressed Mr. Bland's public comment concerns. He suggested to the council and to Mr. Bronson maybe putting up some directional signs around Retreat, Mimosa, or Isundega Street. Mr. Bronson assured him that we could find some signs to help everyone work around the streetscape.

Mayor Ramey addressed Mr. Bland's concerns. He also talked about not having a cleanup day this year since most of this does take place on Main Street. All of city council agreed. He announced the national day of prayer will be May 7th at noon at Horton. Mayor Ramey spoke about the success of the Braves softball/baseball clinic that happened this past weekend.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Glymph addressed the kids' concerns who showed up to speak for a skate park within the city.

Routine Business

1. **Comments from the Utility Director**

   a. Mr. Parris gave an update on the SCIIP Project- phase 1 and phase 2. He states that phase 1 is complete. Phase 2 is moving through Hwy 123 and 24 in the next week or so. This is going well. There was some discussion about what roads and/or lanes will be open during phase 2.
   b. Mr. Parris gave an update on the electric underground project. He referenced the power outage today due to a dead tree on the right of way of this project to make his point. With the underground project, this would be prevented. All the conduit is in place. They are now going in and setting junction boxes. Cables and wires will be in soon to be pulled through. Control boxes are a few weeks out, so we are still waiting on those and should be well prepared for hurricane season once this project is complete.
   c. J&M Construction is doing the Lucky/James Street water rehab project. We will meet with them next week for a pre-construction meeting. The tie in for this project will be at the intersection for a day or so and this will be the only time traffic is effected for this project.

2. **Comments from the City Administrator**

   a. Mr. Bronson spoke on the live broadcast that we are now taking part in and would like feedback from City Council on this.
   b. Mr. Bronson spoke about Horton Fields. The concession stands are making good progress. We want the certification of occupancy for the concession stands to have the bathrooms open and the monument sign up near the road before we have a ribbon cutting ceremony here. Hopefully this will be in May. Oconee County has given us discounted rock to make additional parking lot here. Mayor Ramey mentioned some concerns here about the electrical outlets, windows, and the space to pull in/park.
   c. Mr. Bronson addressed Fred Bland's concerns. We have been waiting for the right of entry permit from the railroad which we have now received very recently. We will need a flagger for the railroad when the contractor is within a certain distance of the railroad. We will update the streetscape schedule to present to you all.
   d. Mr. Bronson announced there has been a lot of interest in the William Bartam statue that he has worked hard to get here. The Lazy Daisies and the county have given money to support the website for this project. There is a whole subculture of people for this project.
   e. Mr. Bronson spoke about Issaquena's last ride for rotary taking place this coming Saturday along with Music on Main downtown. There will be no stage and there will be food truck for the City's Music on Main event.

3. **Consideration of March 10, 2026 City Council Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes**

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Glymph, the motion to approve March 10, 2026, City Council Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Vote
Ramey		Yes
Glymph	Second	Yes
Powell		Yes
Jones		Yes
Dunn		Yes
Snipes		Yes
Morgan	Motion	Yes

4. **Consideration of March 10, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mrs. Snipes, the motion to approve the March 10, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Vote
Ramey		Yes
Glymph		Yes
Powell		Yes
Jones		Yes
Dunn		Yes
Snipes	Second	Yes
Morgan	Motion	Yes

Old Business
None

New Business

5. **Consideration of RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04-14-01: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LINEWORKER APPRECIATION DAY IN THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER**

Upon a motion from Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Dunn, the **motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04-14-01: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LINEWORKER APPRECIATION DAY IN THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER** passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Vote
Ramey		Yes
Glymph		Yes
Powell		Yes
Jones		Yes
Dunn	Second	Yes
Snipes		Yes
Morgan	Motion	Yes

6. **Consideration of RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04-14-02: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

The City of Westminster designates April 2026 as Fair Housing Month, reaffirming its commitment to ensuring all citizens have access to safe, decent, and equitable housing. The resolution rejects discrimination in housing based on race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, or familial status, in alignment with the South

Carolina Fair Housing Law. The City encourages awareness and support of fair housing principles throughout the community.

Upon a motion from Mr. Dunn and seconded by Mr. Glymph, the **motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04-14-02: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH** passed unanimously.

Member	Motion	Vote
Ramey		Yes
Glymph	Second	Yes
Powell		Yes
Jones		Yes
Dunn	Motion	Yes
Snipes		Yes
Morgan		Yes

7. Consideration of an offer by Mr. Glenn T. Davis and the ’82 Committee to donate and install a Trojan statue.

Mr. Glenn T. Davis, a graduate of Westminster High School, Class of 1982, who is a part of a small alumni group known as the “’82 Committee” to propose a commemorative project honoring all Westminster High School graduates. The group is requesting approval to install a nine-foot bronze Trojan statue in the park located at Main Street and Retreat Street. The statue would include a plaque highlighting the history of the high school and is intended to serve as a lasting tribute for alumni and the community. Additionally, the group requests consideration of naming the park “Trojan Park,” if it is not already designated. All costs associated with the statue and its installation would be fully funded by the ’82 Committee, with no anticipated maintenance required by the City.

Mayor Ramey introduced Glenn Davis who advocated for the Trojan statue to be placed in Westminster since it is a legacy of the town. He thanked Glenn Davis for offering this to the town and asked Kevin for options on placement since the Bartram statue is being placed in Retreat Street Park.

Mr. Bronson explained that the William Bartram statue has to go in Retreat Street Park because that is how the grant is written for this statue. He suggested placing the trojan statue at the new Horton complex since that will see an influx of traffic and maybe even name a field after the Trojans.

City Council and Glenn Davis agreed to look at options to place the statue around the town. Mr. Bronson will get with Glenn Davis about this.

8. Discussion – Consideration of Underground Electric Service Requirements for New Development

Installing electric lines underground is a proven strategy to strengthen community resilience and reduce service disruptions. Unlike overhead lines, underground infrastructure is protected from high winds, falling trees, and ice, resulting in fewer outages during severe weather events. This reliability is especially important for maintaining critical services such as public safety, water systems, and emergency response operations. Underground systems also require less ongoing vegetation management and are less vulnerable to accidents or external damage.

Mr. Bronson spoke about how the main sections coming out of the substation are going underground. He then asked council if they would want to require any new homes/buildings to have underground power at their expense.

After much discussion about the pros and cons of this, city council decided that they are generally open to this. Mr. Bronson will do some additional research and create some policies to bring back to city council to consider.

Executive Session

9. **Consideration of a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency and pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-70.**
    1. To receive legal advice related to a contractual matter regarding an ongoing law enforcement investigation as a result of cyber incidents; and

Upon a motion from Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Glymph, the **motion to enter executive session at 7:21 pm passed** unanimously.

Adjourn

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Glymph, the ***motion to adjourn executive session at 7:42 pm*** passed unanimously. No action was taken.

Upon a motion by Mr. Dunn and seconded by Mrs. Snipes, the ***motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm*** passed unanimously.

(Minutes submitted by Kiley Carter)

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Mayor Brian Ramey Date