

**MINUTES**  
**WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Scheduled Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 12, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Westminster met in a regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Westminster Fire Department with Mayor Brian Ramey presiding. Those in attendance were:

Brian Ramey  
 Jimmy Powell

Daby Snipes  
 Charles Morgan

Dale Glymph  
 Jamie Jones

City Administrator, Kevin Bronson  
 Asst. to the City Admin., Presley Morello  
 City Clerk, Kiley Carter  
 City Attorney, Keith Denny  
 Financer Manager, Ashley Jones  
 Police Chief, Fred Miller  
 Utilities Director, Scott Parris  
 Water/Sewer Supervisor, Chris Todd  
 Recreation Director, Herb Poole  
 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. The Clerk noted the absence of Adam Dunn.

**Invocation and pledge of allegiance**

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

Mr. Bronson introduced Presley Morello as the Assistant to the City Administrator.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Comments from the Mayor and Council**

Mayor Ramey spoke about the National Day<sup>5</sup> of Prayer and thanked everyone who was involved. He

asked Mr. Bronson for an update on the placement of the Trojan statue. Mr. Bronson replied that he and Glenn looked at the fields and that he would like it in the downtown area instead. Mr. Bronson is waiting to hear from Glenn about where to place the statue.

Mrs. Snipes presented Herb with the partners in purpose award and the humble hero community leader award from the United Way.

### **Routine Business**

#### **1. Comments from the Utility Director**

- a. Mr. Parris gave an update on the SCIIP Project- phase 2. He stated that the final portion for this is coming up since they are testing today. Within the next week, paving will begin.
- b. Mr. Parris gave an update on the electric underground project. He stated that this is in a holding phase since we are waiting on materials (cable and switch gear) to come in. All digging work has been completed.
- c. Mr. Parris gave an update on the Lucky/James Street water line project. He stated that Lucky Street is complete except for switching services which is in progress. This project came in well under budget.

#### **2. Comments from the City Administrator**

- a. Mr. Bronson spoke on opening day at Horton Fields. This will be May 16<sup>th</sup>. He spoke about everything that has been done here and there is now enough parking.
- b. Mr. Bronson spoke about additional funds from SCRIA for SCIIP. He stated that the city has been awarded another \$117,000 for this project which goes toward our match.
- c. Mr. Bronson addressed the downtown streetscape project. He stated that this is a mess right now. The week of May 18<sup>th</sup>, the flagging company for the railroad will be here. We will get a revised schedule from the contractor. Our guys will go and install the electrical for the lights here.
- d. Mr. Bronson spoke about the Willam Bartram Statue. We received a grant from Oconee County and a donation from the Lazy Daisies that will help fund a website for this project.
- e. Mr. Bronson explained how the name has changed for the Oconee Cultivation Project and how the lease with them needs to be revised. This is for the garden on Abbey Street. The purpose of the lease is for the Oconee Cultivation Project/Oconee Food Council to be able to apply for grants. Mayor Ramey stated that the whole point of this garden is for people to grow their own food at no costs.
- f. Mr. Bronson hopes to meet soon with the community out at Lazy Acres about the needs for more fire hydrants.

#### **3. Consideration of April 14, 2026 City Council Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes**

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Glymph, the motion to approve April 14, 2026 City Council Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes passed unanimously.

#### **4. Consideration of April 14, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mrs. Snipes, the motion to approve April 14, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

None

**New Business**

5. Consideration of First Reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06-09-01; BUDGET ORDINANCE, AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027**

Mr. Bronson presented a PowerPoint presentation to explain. Please see attached.

Discussion among the city council about this upcoming budget included:

1. Look into charging impact fees to avoid raising rates
2. Take \$20,000 budgeted for the recreation gym floor and reallocate it to refurbish a fire truck
3. Discussion on annual maintenance costs vs. buying a new vac truck and bucket truck

In conclusion, the city council would like Mr. Bronson to come back with updated numbers for different options for purchasing different equipment. They would like to continue the discussion before the next reading.

Upon a motion from Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Glymph, the **motion to approve First Reading of ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06-09-01; BUDGET ORDINANCE, AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER, SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027** passed unanimously.

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

6. Consideration to use **2025 combined utility system bond in the amount of \$98,700 for 6" extension along Mimosa Road; approximately 580 linear feet.**

Mr. Parris explained that this eliminates the need for blow offs and helps fire prevention. This ties Mimosa into Leathers Street.

Upon a motion from Mrs. Snipes and seconded by Mr. Morgan, the **motion to approve using the 2025 combined utility system bond in the amount of \$98,700 for 6" extension along Mimosa Road; approximately 580 linear feet** passed unanimously.

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

**7. Consideration of authorization to use 2025 Combined Utility System Bond proceeds to fund capital equipment at the Water Treatment Plant.**

Mr. Parris explained that a lot of the equipment at the water plant has no back up. That if anything happened to any of the equipment here, that the water plant would be shut down.

**WATER PLANT CAPITAL REQUEST**

Description	Quote
New Raw Pump	\$68,400
New Raw Motor	\$33,600
Filter Backwash Motor	\$15,000
Quantitray Sealer (Samples)	\$ 8,300
Turbidity Meter	<u>\$ 5,500</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$130,800</b>

Upon a motion from Mrs. Snipes and seconded by Mr. Morgan, the **motion to approve using the 2025 Combined Utility System Bond proceeds to fund capital equipment at the Water Treatment Plant** passed unanimously.

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

**8. Discussion regarding Bigfoot cut out from Yousef Mefleh family**

Mr. Bronson explained that placing the bigfoot cutout that is at Yousef's restaurant somewhere in the town is an idea from Mr. Morgan and Mr. Glymph. They explained who Yousef was and where the bigfoot cut out came from. This could maybe be placed at Yousef Field in his memory.

**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 Mrs. Snipes and seconded by Mr. Morgan, the **motion to enter executive session at 8:29 pm with a 10 minute recess** passed unanimously.

**Adjourn**

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Glymph, the **motion to adjourn executive session at 8:50 pm** passed unanimously. No action was taken.

Upon a motion by Mr. Glymph and seconded by Mrs. Snipes, the *motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 pm* passed unanimously.

(Minutes submitted by Kiley Carter)

  
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Mayor Brian Ramey

  
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Date