

PICKENS COUNTY

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PICKENS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

6:30 PM

Council Chambers, County Administration Facility
222 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens SC 29671

This meeting is being held to conform with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and Council's organizational rules. The public has been notified of the date, time and place of the meeting. Public notice and the agenda was placed on the county website and the bulletin board at the county administration building at least 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Alex Saitta
INVOCATION: Chairman Alex Saitta
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pickens Middle School House Leaders: Ellis Corn, Sydney Griggs, Josee Kelly, Noah Reeves, and London Wakefield, with introduction by Principal James King
2. PUBLIC FORUM.
Comments are limited to 3 minutes per participant. Sign up at meeting if you would like to speak.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - a) August 3, 2026 Council Meeting
 - b) August 17, 2026 Mid-Month Council Meeting
4. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
6. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE
Notification of future meeting dates and/or changes as well as community dates of interest.
7. MOTION PERIOD AND NEW BUSINESS
Matters can be added to the agenda by appropriate motion, second, and unanimous vote of council.
8. ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING AND/OR RESOLUTIONS:
 - a) First Reading of an Ordinance No. 692 Extending Ordinances No. 675 And No. 685 And Continuing, for Three Months, the Temporary Moratorium on the Acceptance and Processing of Permit Applications for Commercial Lodging Establishments, Solar Farms, and Within the Highway 8 Corridor, Major Subdivisions Consisting of Three (3) Lots or More and Multifamily Dwellings (Including Townhomes,

Condominiums, Apartments, Duplexes and Triplexes).

9. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING:

- a) Second Reading of An Ordinance No. 691 to Amend the Pickens County Unified Development Standards Ordinance to Establish Revised Development Standards for Hotels and Other Matters Related Thereto.

10. ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING:

- a) Public Hearing and Third Reading of an Ordinance No. 687 Authorizing (1) the Execution and Delivery of One or More Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreements By and Between Pickens County, and a Project Known to the County at This Time as Project Brothers, Its Sponsor Affiliates, Affiliates, and Related Entities, Pursuant to which the County will Covenant to Accept Certain Negotiated Payments In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes with Respect to Certain Facilities Within the County; (2) the Benefits of a Multi-County Industrial or Business Park to Be Made Available to the Company and the Project; and (3) Other Matters Relating Thereto.
- b) Public Hearing to Establish The Annual Millage Rate To Meet The Budgetary Requirements For The County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026 And Ending June 30, 2027.

11. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:

- a) National Preparedness Month Presentation by Deputy Commander of the S.C. State Guard, BG William Hollingsworth
- b) Airport Equipment Request — Airport Administrator Carlos Salinas

12. CONSENT AGENDA:

Routine matters and resolutions, as well as subject referrals to Council committees, can be accomplished by one vote via the Council's Consent Agenda.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

S.C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-70 (A) allows that specifically delineated and qualifying matters may be discussed outside the presence of the public.

- a) Economic Development - Section 30-4-70(a)(2)
A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO A TEN-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE PHASE TERMINATION DATE FOR THE RELIABLE AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER CO. INC. UNDER ITS FEE AGREEMENT WITH PICKENS COUNTY PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.
- b) Contractual - Section 30-4-70(a)(2)
Lease Agreements for Pickens County Performing Arts Center and Hagood Mill
- c) Contractual - Section 30-4-70(a)(2)
Memorandum of Understanding
- d) Legal - Section 30-4-70(A)(2)
Legal Advice Related to Pending Litigation

14. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS (as needed)

While the SC Freedom of Information Act allows for certain matters to be discussed outside the presence of the public, any votes on such matters can only take place once Council has returned to public session.

15. ADJOURN