



City Council Meeting November 10, 2025

Easley City Council met for its regular meeting on November 10, 2025, at 7:00pm in the court room of the LEC. All the members were present except Councilman Jim Robinson. The press was notified of the meeting by email. The agenda was posted on the city's website and in the lobby of City Hall. Jennifer Bradley, City Clerk, served as the recording secretary.

Mayor Talbert called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

The invocation was given by Councilman Tom O'Shields and was immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were approved as written.

Report from Council:

Ward 6: Absent.

Ward 5: Ward 5 will hold a Town Hall on December 2nd at the Kimberly Hampton Library.

Ward 4: Thanks for all that participated in the Veteran's Breakfast this morning and Happy Holidays to all.

Ward 3: Congratulations to all in the recent election. Feels there is a lack of transparency regarding the sale of West End Hall. Advocating for a delay in the vote for this ordinance listed on the agenda. Suggests the Mayor and City Administrator be more transparent.

Ward 2: Glad to see everyone attend the meeting tonight for the inclusive playground. Thanks to all veterans and first responders for their service.

Ward 1: Tries to ride through areas of his ward daily and is glad to see an officer in the area. Ran across something about neighbors that struck him. Everyone in Easley is neighbors and should be on the same team and remember that and conduct ourselves accordingly.

Mayor's Message:

Wonderful turnout this morning at the breakfast for veterans. It is truly an honor to live in the best city in the best state in the country. Happy Birthday to the Marine Corp and a special happy

birthday to Mayor Talbert's favorite veteran, her daddy. Congratulations on the wedding of Easley's Code Enforcement Officer, Anthony Brown and his bride, Erin.

Updates on City Activity:

Tom Couch thanked all staff for their hard work on the veteran's breakfast this morning.

Christman Short mentioned the tree lighting on the City Green on Friday, November 29, at 6pm.

Volunteer Coach of the Year presented to Mr. Eugene Jolly.

Volunteer of the Year presented to Mr. Braxton Sheriff.

Inclusive playground presentation with Carolina Parks & Play was unveiled to the community.

Community Announcements: None.

Citizens wishing to address City Council:

Sam Norris, President of Foothills Playhouse, invited everyone to current program being presented this weekend. Thanked Christman Short and Danielle Hess for their help getting information out on the refreshments given after the tree lighting on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ordinance Second Reading:

- A. Ordinance 2025-13 to amend the FY25/26 Operating Budget to accept the award of \$332,300 from the SC Opioid Recovery Fund and to authorize the hiring of two police officers and purchase two vehicles for the Easley Police Department. Councilwoman Denise Davidson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Tom O'Shields. Councilwoman Denise Davidson thanked Corporal Blinkey and Captain Green on their hard work getting the grant approved for the City of Easley. Motion carried with a unanimous 6-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS: First Reading:

- A. Ordinance 2025-14 to authorize the conveyance of any and all interest in certain real property in the City of Easley located at 201 S. 5th Street and 205 S. 5th Street, Easley, Pickens County, South Carolina. Councilman Tom O'Shields made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman David Jones. Councilman Justin Alexander made a motion to table, seconded by Councilwoman Donna Rainey. Councilman Justin Alexander said that there are unanswered questions and not enough time to review the appraisal. Motion to table failed with a 2-4 vote. Councilmembers Rainey and Alexander were in favor of tabling with Mayor Talbert, Councilmembers O'Shields, Davidson, and Jones opposed. The initial motion to approve the conveyance carried with a 4-2 vote. Mayor Talbert, Councilmembers O'Shields, Davidson, and Jones in favor with Councilmembers Rainey and Alexander opposed.

NEW RESOLUTIONS:

- A. Resolution 2025-17 dedicating city-owned property as the home of an inclusive playground. Councilman Justin Alexander made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Tom O'Shields. Councilman Alexander stated that there was an obvious abundance of work done preparing this project and it has moved him, and he is happy to support it. Councilwoman Denise Davidson stated that it was discussed in the Work Session that all funds for the project will be raised and will not come from the City's operating budget. Motion carried with a unanimous 6-0 vote.
- B. Resolution 2025-18 to accept certain roads from the Pleasant Hill Cottages Homeowners Association into the City of Easley roads network. Councilwoman Denise Davidson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Tom O'Shields. Councilwoman Donna Rainey said that she will be voting no on this item because roads are not in good shape in other city areas and the city shouldn't add more roads to their network until those are addressed. Motion carried with a 4-2 vote. Mayor Talbert, Councilmembers O'Shields, Davidson, and Jones in favor with Councilmembers Rainey and Alexander opposed.

COUNCIL VOTE:

- C. -Approval of the appointment of Mr. Jim Walker to the Planning Commission. Term to expire on December 31, 2028. Councilwoman Denise Davidson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman David Jones. After discussion, Councilwoman Davidson made a motion to table, seconded by Councilman Tom O'Shields. Motion to table carried with a 4-2 vote. Mayor Talbert, Councilmembers O'Shields, Davidson, and Jones in favor with Councilmembers Rainey and Alexander opposed.

With no further business, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilman David Jones, seconded by Councilman Justin Alexander.

The meeting concluded at 7:43pm.

Mayor Lisa Talbert

Jennifer Bradley
City Clerk