



## **Colleton County Council Workshop Minutes**

**Date:** May 22, 2026

**Time:** 12:00 p.m.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the news media was notified, and notice was posted 24 hours prior to the meeting.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Biering called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Chairman Scott Biering, Vice-Chairman Bubba Trippe, Councilman Steve Murdaugh, Councilman Johnny Frank and Councilman Phillip Taylor were present at roll call, and Chairman Biering declared a quorum present.

**Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance:** Councilman Taylor gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Biering requested a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Murdaugh made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Frank. The motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Session:** Chairman Biering requested a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the following topic:

- a. Discussion of Contractual and Personnel Matters Related to the FY 26-27 Budget

Councilman Murdaugh made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Frank. The motion carried. Council went into Executive Session at 12:02 p.m.

**Public Session:** Chairman Biering requested a motion to return to Public Session. Councilman Taylor made a motion to return to Public Session, seconded by Councilman Frank. The motion carried unanimously. Council returned to Public Session at 1:13 p.m.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

**Discussion of FY26-27 Budget:** Administrator Higgs provided an update on the FY 2026–2027 balanced budget totaling \$40,984,288.23 and indicated it is ready to proceed to third reading in June.

**Adjournment:** Chairman Biering requested a motion to adjourn. Councilman Murdaugh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Frank. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.



COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL

  
By: Scott Biering, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Martha B. Thompson, Clerk to Council

Approved: 6/1/26

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