



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED JOINT MEETING
with the
City of Hardeeville City Council
City of Hardeeville Council Chambers
205 Main Street, Hardeeville, SC 29927
Monday, February 9, 2026
MINUTES

Jasper County Officials Present: Vice Chairman Joseph Arzillo, Councilman Chris VanGeison, Councilman Joe Arzillo, Councilman John Kemp. Absent and recused from this meeting was Chairman Joey Rowell.

City of Hardeeville Officials Present: Mayor Harry Williams, Councilmember Bo White, Councilmember John Carroll, Councilmember Valarie Guzman, and Councilmember Steve Meersman

Staff Present: County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Wanda Giles, and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

1. Call to Order of the Jasper County Council Meeting by Vice Chairman Joseph Arzillo
(Note: Chairman Rowell had recused himself from this Executive Session)

Vice Chairman Arzillo asked the Clerk to Council, Wanda Giles to read the Clerk's Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act. The Report of Compliance was read as follows: In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, notification of the meeting and the meeting agenda were posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting on the County Council Building at a publicly accessible place, on the county website, and a copy of the agenda was provided to the local news media and all person's or organizations requesting notification, as well as the City of Hardeeville's was also.

2. Pledge to the Flag and Invocation

The Pledge to the Flag was given and the Invocation was given by Councilman VanGeison

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: Councilman Ceccarelli

Second: Councilman Guzman

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Vice Chairman Arzillo read the information for the Executive Session.

4. Executive Session SECTION 30-4-70.

(a) A public body may hold a meeting closed to the public for one or more of the following reasons:

(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contract arrangements and proposed purchase or sale of property, the receipt of legal advice, where the legal advice related to 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 of a claim – (1) Intergovernmental Agreements

Motion to go into Executive Session: Councilman VanGeison

Second: Councilman Kemp and Councilmember Guzman

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTER ON WHICH DISCUSSION HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED MAY HAVE DISCUSSION SUSPENDED FOR PURPOSES OF BEGINNING THE OPEN SESSION AT ITS SCHEDULED TIME, AND COUNCIL MAY RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEMS. PLEASE BE ADVISED THERE MAY BE VOTES BASED ON ITEMS FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Return to Open Session:

The meeting returned to Open Session.

5. Action coming out of Executive Session:

There was no action that came out from Executive Session.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.

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Respectfully Submitted:



Wanda Giles, Clerk to Council



W.J. Rowell III, Chairman