

**City Council Meeting  
Optional Public Hearing  
Raymond Pridgen Auditorium  
Tuesday, April 14, 2026  
5:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

1. **Call Meeting to Order & Welcome:** Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson
2. **Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act:**
3. **Pledge Allegiance:**
4. **Public Hearing:**
  - a) First Reading, Ordinance No. 2026-05, "AN ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY AND CORRECT PROVISIONS OF SECTION 02.08.010 (b) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MULLINS, SOUTH CAROLINA"
5. **Adjournment:**

## **NOTICE OF OPTIONAL PUBLIC HEARING AND AGENDA**

**YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE,** that a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Mullins, South Carolina, will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Raymond Pridgen Auditorium of City Hall for the purpose of conducting and Optional Public Hearing on “ORDINANCE #2026-005, AN ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY AND CORRECT PROVISIONS OF SECTION 02.08.010 (b) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MULLINS, SOUTH CAROLINA,”; and,

**PLEASE BE ADVISED,** that this Optional Public Hearing is a limited public forum, for the sole purpose of receiving input from the citizens of Mullins, SC, on the question of whether regular municipal elections for the City be conducted by the nonpartisan election and runoff election method authorized by S.C. Code 1976, §§ 5-15-60(2) and 5-15-62, or the plurality method authorized in S.C. Code 1976, § 5-15-61 which is addressed by the proposed Ordinance as is explained in the Memorandum attached following the Agenda; and,

**PLEASE BE FURTHER ADVISED,** that as this is a limited public forum, Council has determined that in light of the efforts of some to disrupt the orderly conduct of the business of the City, and in order to assure that the business of the City is conducted in a civil, orderly, and respectful manner while providing protection of the First Amendment rights of all of its citizens to be heard, reasonable rules and restrictions concerning the conduct of public hearings shall be put in effect immediately as follows:

- (1) Any citizen of the city wishing to provide input to Council shall complete a form and give it to a staff member at the door at least 10 minutes prior to the Optional Public Hearing. Citizens wishing to provide input will provide their names, addresses, and voting district and provide relevant input in writing addressing the topic upon which the Optional Public Hearing is called.
- (2) To provide fair treatment and an equal opportunity to all concerned citizens, a limit of three minutes will be placed on each individual with an allotted time for public comment not to exceed a total of 25 minutes. The presiding officer shall review each written input form for compliance and relevancy and, if compliant and relevant, shall call upon the citizen providing the input by name and voting district.
- (3) As this is a Limited Public Forum, citizens may provide input only on the specific matter for which the Optional Public Hearing has been called as stated in the Notice of Public Hearing. Other channels provide for city council consideration and disposition of legitimate complaints related to city operations or involving individuals and Optional Public Hearings are not the appropriate forum to air those issues.
- (4) No profanity, vulgar language, or personal abuse against any person will be tolerated.
- (5) Engaging in behavior that impedes, or which stops, the Optional Public Hearing or renders its continuation impractical shall not be tolerated.
- (6) The city council vests in its mayor, or other presiding officer, authority to determine whether the input of any citizen adheres to the rules stated above. A violation of the rules and procedures for Optional Public Hearings shall result in the presiding officer terminating further comments and, should the speaker fail to voluntarily step away from the podium, he or she shall be subject to removal from the auditorium.

**ORDINANCE #2026-005**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY AND CORRECT PROVISIONS OF**  
**SECTION 02.08.010 (b) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF**  
**THE CITY OF MULLINS, SOUTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, Section 02.08.010 (b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mullins, South Carolina, currently makes reference to regular elections pursuant to the plurality method authorized in S.C. Code 1976, § 5-15-61; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Mullins in Section 02.08.010 (a) has specifically elected to conduct regular, municipal elections pursuant to the nonpartisan election and runoff election method authorized by S.C. Code 1976, §§ 5-15-60(2) and 5-15-62; and,

WHEREAS, the potential for conflict of the two provisions having been pointed out to Council by the Marion County Voter Registration and Elections office; and,

WHEREAS, Council wishes to clarify that municipal elections for the City of Mullins are to be conducted pursuant to the nonpartisan election and runoff election method authorized by S.C. Code 1976, §§ 5-15-60(2) and 5-15-62 and specifically not by the plurality method; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that Section 02.08.010 (b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mullins be amended by deleting the reference to elections pursuant to the plurality method and shall hereinafter read as follows:

- (b) *Time.* Regular nonpartisan elections pursuant to the election and runoff election method authorized by S.C. Code 1976, §§ 5-15-60(2) and 5-15-62 shall be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in April in each odd-numbered year. Public notice of each election shall be given in a local newspaper at least 60 days prior to election.

**THEREFORE, IT IS SO ORDAINED.**

ATTEST:

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Clerk

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Mayor

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Members of City Council

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Final Reading and Adoption:  
  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney