

CITY OF MULLINS
Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2026

The Mullins City Council Public Hearing was held at the Raymond Pridgen auditorium on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 5:30 in the afternoon. Council Members present were **Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson, Luke Gasque, Albert Woodberry, Kindra Brewton-Pompey, Terry Davis, Eddie Kitchen, Mayor Miko Pickett, Police Chief Philip Mostowski, Police Captain Justin Turner, City Administrator Holly Jackson, Edla Vaughn, Velma Anderson, and local news reporter.**

Mayor Pro Tem Wilson: This is the city council meeting, held at the Raymond Pridgen auditorium. Tuesday, September 15, 2026. It is 5:30 in the afternoon. This meeting is called to order disclosure that local media has been informed of this meeting pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. At this time, we are going to ask if council man Kitchen would lead us in the pledge and if council man Gasque would lead us in the convocation.

Pledge: Council Man Kitchen

Pray: Council Man Gasque

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: Item number two, on the agenda, consent of agendas A – D. (After reading of minutes), can I get a motion to approve minutes items A – D.

Mayor Pickett: I make a motion

Council Woman Davis: I second

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: It has been moved and second, that we approve the consent agendas A-D. All those in favor let it be known by aye.

All Council: Aye

Council Woman Pompey: Before we move forward, I would like to make a motion to remove item number six old business. And revisit the topic on a later date.

Mayor Pickett: Well just so everybody knows old business is what I put on the agenda; it's the discussion of mayor ceremonial duty suspension. Why are you requesting the agenda be modified to remove the discussion.

Council Woman Pompey: I have made a motion.

Mayor Pickett: We're still in discussion. Today marks two hundred days of what was described as a temporary suspension of ceremonial privileges. Two hundred days, that's not temporary without an ending, without any discussion of an investigation, in which I have been more than open to an investigation by a third party, I have said that over and over again, and now when it's put on the agenda, at the beginning of a meeting we try to remove it from the agenda. So, I ask for a motion to restore my ceremonial duties that have been removed without any cause or justification.

Council Man Kitchen: A motion is on the floor.

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: If I can jump in. Maybe I should have said this early on. Without legal representation we cannot legally discuss this. So, what I propose is that we move this item to a later time, if I can get a motion for that.

Mayor Pickett: That is not true.

Council Man Kitchen: A motion is on the floor to discuss it on a later date.

Mayor Pickett: I hear it, I hear it, that's not true

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: It's been moved and second that we remove the item to another date until the city has representation.

Council Woman Davis: Question. So, if the city doesn't approve representation for another year or so, we have to wait another year? I know I may be out of order but come on.

Mayor Pickett: I don't see where legal representation is needed, I'm asking for a discussion. You've made the decision to, out of order by the way. So, there was no vote on the resolution.

Council Woman Pompey: A motion has been moved and made in effect.

Mayor Pickett: It is up to the chair to make a motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: A motion has been moved to modify. If we can get a motion to move forward.

Council Woman Davis: (addressing audience) while in the process of moving forward, I know I may be out of order or whatever you want to call it. Five people do not rule the city of Mullins, you as the citizens run Mullins. (addressing council) Are you telling me at the next meeting or are we going to have a special meeting? Two hundred days is long enough; we got to keep on waiting for them to decide what they're going to do with Miko. Are you telling me at this point we're going to wait until her term is up, then we'll decide that? This doesn't make any sense. Please let it be stated I am not in favor of these things.

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: All those in favor to moving the discussion to a later date and moving forward let it be known by stating aye.

Council Members Gasque, Woodberry, Brewton-Pompey, Kitchen: Aye

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: Opposers nay?

Council Members Davis, Mayor Pickett: Nay (Followed by several audience members)

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: This is not for the public; this is a council vote. Thank you.

Council Woman Davis: A council that was voted on by the people

Council Woman Pompey: We will not discuss this matter at this time.

Council Woman Davis: A council that was voted on by the people, you've got to keep that in mind. When we allow five people to make all the decisions, no no no if we allow this to happen, it means that you have no say, so in what goes on in your city.

Council Woman Pompey: We will not discuss this matter at this time.

Council Woman Davis: Well, you should have called me, and I wouldn't have to say these things.

Council Man Kitchen: I make a motion that we adjourn

Council Woman Davis: Let the record state two hundred days have already gone by.

Council Woman Pompey: There is a motion on the floor

Council Woman Davis: We won't have a lawyer this month and we probably won't have a lawyer next month. Please keep those things in mind as citizens.

Council Woman Pompey: There is a motion on the floor. May we please move forward

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: Please let the record state it has been properly moved and second this item in old business will continue at a later time. Thank you. Can we get approval of consent minutes.

Council Man Gasque: I make a motion

Council Man Kitchen: I second that motion

Mayor Pickett: Discussion. I do want to point out, when item two was first called I did make a motion to approve and it was ironic that nobody else made the second, Terry made the second, then they jumped in with the removal of discussion item old business, now its back on the table and you've taken a new motion and a second, I just want to point that out for the record it's out of order and I find it ironic, I find it a bit fishy.

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: The agenda has been adjusted

Mayor Pickett: So, we're starting from the top?

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: The agenda is awaiting approval

Mayor Pickett: I understand all that I'm just pointing out the movements

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: Administrator, if you would come with your update.

Administrator Holly Jackson: Drainage project update.

1. Approval to proceed – Met with RIA & Engineer to get a notice to proceed w/ approval
 2. Community meeting – Once the process is started, we will schedule a community meeting to disseminate information and address questions.
 3. Groundbreaking - As soon as we get the green light we will schedule and Groundbreaking ceremony!
 4. Nichols project – The Engineers designing our project in Nichols. I've enclosed a picture of Nichols in your packet, and we just received an invite to the opening of Nichols site on Saturday, September 19th at 10:30am.
- B. Demolition project update – first round of houses**
Second Round (Asbestos) – Bids are due Tuesday, September 29th here at 10 am. You can still find the specs on SCBO or the City Website.
- C. 9/26 Golden Leaf Update – Grab a flyer on your way out! Saturday, September 26, 2026.** Parade starts at 10 and the stage opens at 11. We have an awesome lineup on stage. So far, we have 22 crafters and vendors of all shapes and sizes. But we start off with the great Parade led by the Mullins High School Marching Band and closing with an awesome lineup of Fire Trucks. (Please see attached updates)
Administrator Jackson introduced department heads parks and recreation Allen Floyd, and police chief Phil Mostowski for department updates.

Parks and Recreation: Allen Floyd – new restroom add-on

Police Chief: Phil Mostowski – upcoming events (Halloween)

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: Under new business we have Pee Dee Coalition would you please come now. **PDC report made by Michelle Scott – domestic violence awareness. Item B.** update of city trash pickups and disposal. **Update of city trash pickups and disposal by Council Man Luke Gasque,** concerns of equipment and work conditions. **Item C of new business.** First Reading of ORDINANCE # 27-001 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A TAX ANTICIPATION BORROWING OF THE CITY OF MULLINS, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$750,000, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE

COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR A FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; TO PRESCRIBE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH BORROWING AND THE FORM OF NOTE TO BE EXECUTED EVIDENCING THE SAME; TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO. **Item D of new business. Discussion of Municipal election date changes, citizen petition and next steps by.**

Administrator Holly Jackson: We received and receipted a petition on Wednesday, September 2nd with a request to amend our election Ordinance. Following proper and legal procedures the petition was taken to Marion County Voter Registration on Thursday, September 3rd, receipted, and left for signature verification. We have not received the signature verification. The next step will depend on the findings of Voter Reg.

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: Item C, first reading of ordinance, numbers 27- 001 an ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of tax anticipation, borrowing of the city of Mullins, South Carolina, a principal amount not exceeding \$750,000 in anticipation of the collection of air, the loan taxes for a fiscal year, beginning July 1st, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 to prescribe the terms and conditions of such borrowing in the form of note to be executed, evidence in the same to make provision for the payment thereof and other matters relating here to, would the finance committee like to speak about this topic.

Council Man Gasque: Sure, the TAN is for those that don't know it's a tax anticipation note, and it's pretty much an advance of funds anticipating that revenue that's going to come in at a later time. We did this last year. We're going to run short of funds at the end of October, November, December, but then as property tax comes in you know in middle of January, February, then you have business license fees come in April, you know you're anticipating those funds to come in. So that's all this is when we set this budget at the beginning of the year, you don't get all that money at one time. I mean it comes in throughout the year, and just because we're getting this tax anticipation note does not mean that you know we're going out of budget. We'll still stay in budget, but um we're getting an advance an advancement on those funds. I hope I'm explaining that okay does anybody on council have any questions.

Mayor Pickett: I like to make the motion that we approve the first reading of this ordinance.

Council Man Luke Gasque: Second

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: It's been moved and second that we accept the first reading for ordinance number 27- 001. All those in favor, let it be known by stating aye.

All Council Members: Aye

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: Opposers nay? Now we will move forward to item number 7, mayor's update.

Mayor Pickett: Before mayors update with the discussion of the municipal election day changes, I probably should put that in there. You all have the email from municipal association regarding the state statute to change the elections, Holly has confirmed with the municipal association that we're compliant.

Administrator Holly Jackson: Right

Mayor Pickett: So we're good. We don't need to do anything. On my update. Thank you, appreciate that. We had our second annual 911 ceremony. Since I have been mayor, it was great, we had to move it inside. We planned on moving it outside. Members of the city council were in attendance. I thank you so much for attending. I think it was a really good event. Next on October 3rd, we have the community wide yard sale. This will be the third one. They have been very, very successful and more than just a yard sale, people are able to make money in their front yards, and they're also able to network as a community. So, the next one is October 3rd, and you go to the website. Is it up on the website?

Administrator Holly Jackson: Not yet?

Mayor Pickett: It will be. It'll be up on the website and we'll post the flyers. Because we create a map that the yard saler's know where all the yard sales are. So in order to be on the map, you do have to register. The last thing I do want to add is if you guys' kind of remember if you come to these meetings, you know there's a man and his wife that always sit on the front row right there. His name is Johnny Brown. He was a pillar of our community, and he passed away last week. So more to come on that.

Council Woman Davis: Talking about Johnny Brown on Friday afternoon with Jackie Troy at 5:30, there'll be a little fellowship with the family and friends. On Saturday morning at 11:30 at Palmetto we'll have a memorial service like on. He will be buried at west point. In fact, Johnny Brown was the only one I can think of from Mullins that made it the West point. So that's where we are with that. He definitely will be missed in the community with his involvement and everything he's done. You've probably seen him on the streets, cleaning. He's done so much. It's amazing when you close your eyes, and you hear the things that have gone on, and the things that you've done. So, it pays to be kind and do great things. And that's what he's done. So, if you're not busy on Friday afternoon, or if you're not busy 11:30 on Saturday morning at Palmetto we will have the memorial service.

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: It is now time for public comments, Nolan Anderson, are you present. Please come up. We're going to ask Brian, could you take the time? You have three minutes.

Nolan Anderson: Substance abuse.

Edla Vaughn: Voter's registration, Councils failures to the public needs and concerns.

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: Thank you ladies. If I can get a motion for us to go into the executive session, for contractual matters for our city attorney.

Council Man Gasque: I make a motion.

Council Man Woodberry: Second

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: It has been motioned, and second that we go into executive session.

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: Can I get a motion to return to open session?

Council Man Kitchen: I motion

Council Man Gasque: I second

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: It has been motioned, and second that we return to open session after our executive session, with no action taken. We have two names, two people considered for city attorney, and I will start with district one.

Council Man Gasque: I'd like to make a motion that we hire Robert E. Lee for 27,500.

Council Man Woodberry: I second the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: It's been moved and second that we hire Robert E. Lee for our city attorney. All in favor say aye.

All Council Members with the exception of one: Aye

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: Nays?

Mayor Pickett: Nay

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: Okay, now if we can get a motion to adjourn.

Council Man Kitchen: I make a motion.

Council Man Gasque: I second.

Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Wilson: Meeting adjourned.