



City Council Meeting April 13, 2026

Easley City Council met for its regular meeting on April 13, 2026, at 7:00pm in the court room of the LEC. All the members were present. 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 Police Chief Brandon Liner and was immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were approved as amended.

Report from Council:

Ward 6: Attended the Spring Fling and weather was great, food was good, and it went well.

Ward 5: Attended budget meetings to consider the upcoming budget. Ward 5 has been quiet.

Ward 4: Attended opening for Rita's Ice and it is a great addition to Ward 4. Stop signs, beavers, and other requests and issues were brought up by citizens and thanks to those who assisted in addressing these concerns. Thanks to Public Works and Parks & Recreation for their hard work including the events. Working on budget.

Ward 3: No complaints since last month. Have been speaking with City Planner on ideas to address Cherish Ridge.

Ward 2: Thanks to police department for addressing concerns at Pelzer Drive and Public Works for continued efforts. Farmer's Market will open on May 9th.

Ward 1: Couch Lane repairs have made citizens very happy.

Mayor's Message: Spent three days as part of Mayor Riley's Design Fellowship brainstorming ideas for Easley. Held budget workshop that was recorded and is on the city's YouTube channel. Spring Fling was great; thanks to all city teams for their hard work. Awaiting third grandchild this week.

Updates on City Activity: Farmer's Market will begin on May 9th. Civilian Opioid Coordinator has been hired through grant funds, and we are excited to have her join. Open house will be held on Thursday from 4-7pm for SS4A program at Public Works and is open to the public.

Community Announcements:

Ewan Sweeney, Eagle Scout, recognition of project at Nalley Brown.

Citizens wishing to address City Council:

Ruby Chillers had a small fire at her house that required repairs. Permit was issued and then revoked due to technicality. Does not understand why the home is being deemed unfit. Hope to hear what can be done so she can get back to her home.

Gregg Powell has been working with the Recreation department to hold an American Legion 52 baseball game on May 29th and thanks the City of Easley for their support and help.

Ginny McJunkin thanked Mayor Talbert for a post sharing her perspective. Shared her opinion on hearing ideas of differing viewpoints. Working together will show leadership and responsiveness to the public.

Luke Burke represents owners at 301 Pope Field Road on the agenda for rezoning consideration. Feels this application is spot zoning. Does not feel the restrictions or process were followed or valid.

Kimberly Lark Waldera stated her father lives in the home across from the property up for consideration. Neighborhood commercial is a broad zoning designation. Is not against a flower shop but it could become something other than that in the future. Feels the deed restriction is not legal.

Carter Massingill represents the owners of 301 Pope Field Road. Application was approved by Planning Commission. Numerous parcels in the area that have more extensive use than this plan surrounding.

Lisa Bourean said Council is not being respectful. Disagreements happen but you can disagree respectfully. Treat each other with respect. Take arguments to the side and not air that to the public.

Noah Waldera owns the property across from 301 Pope Field Road. Does not feel Neighborhood Commercial zoning there meets the standards of that designation. Doesn't feel that it adds to the surrounding area which is a guideline.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ordinance Second Reading:

- A. Ordinance 2026-13 to rezone approximately 0.56 acres located at 300 Pope Field Road, Easley, SC, identified as Parcel ID 5018-12-97-9461, from General Residential 2 (GR-2) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC). Councilman Tom O'Shields made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Justin Alexander. Councilman Alexander asked City Attorney if the deed restriction expires after 20 years and was told that he was correct in his

understanding. Councilwoman Donna Rainey said the property is not in the proximity of a major roadway. Stated that approving this ordinance is inconsistent and incompatible with the area. Councilman O'Shields said it's all commercial when going around the curve. This rezoning will not be a problem in his opinion. Motion carried with a 6-1 vote. Mayor Talbert, Councilmembers Searcy, Clark, Alexander, and Fedder in favor with Councilmember Rainey opposed.

- B. First reading of Ordinance 2026-14 to amend the UDO by adding Section 7.10.07, Flexible Review District (FRD), and amending Section 5.5, Zoning Districts, to formally establish the Flexible Review District zoning classification. Councilwoman April Searcy made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Bob Fedder. There was no discussion. Motion carried with a 6-1 vote. Mayor Talbert, Councilmembers Searcy, Clark, Alexander, and Fedder in favor with Councilmember Rainey opposed.

NEW BUSINESS: First Reading: None.

Councilwoman Chris Clark raised a point of personal privilege to address an ordinance update and asked the Attorney for an opinion on the matter. Mayor Talbert also raised a point of personal privilege and made comments on some of the items in the proposed ordinance update.

NEW RESOLUTIONS:

A. Resolution 2026-10 to approve Easley Combined Utilities application for State Revolving Funds (SRF) to replace aging sewer infrastructure. Councilman Bob Fedder made a motion to accept, seconded by Councilman Tom O'Shields. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

B. Resolution 2026-11 to accept certain roads from Lenhardt Development, LLC, into the City of Easley roads network. Councilman Tom O'Shields made a motion to accept, seconded by Councilwoman Chris Clark. Motion carried with a 6-1 vote. Mayor Talbert, Councilmembers Searcy, Clark, Alexander, and Fedder in favor with Councilmember Rainey opposed.

With no further business, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Tom O'Shields, seconded by Councilwoman Chris Clark.

The meeting concluded at 8:05pm.

Mayor Lisa Talbert

Jennifer Bradley, City Clerk