



**Regular City Council Meeting
Monday December 15, 2025**

Philip T. Glennon Center – Council Chambers 15077
Molokai Drive, Tega Cay, SC

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Chris Gray, Mayor Pro Tempore Carmen Miller, Councilmember Brian D. Carter, Councilmember Scott G. Shirley and Councilmember Thomas S. Hyslip. A quorum was present.

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlie Funderburk, City Manager; Joey Blethen, Deputy City Manager; Chief Joey Crosby, Police Department Chief; Chief Glyn Hasty, Fire Department Chief; Dustin Overton, Parks and Recreation Director; Janet Broome, IT Director; Tim Gillette, Operations Director; Dora Perry, Human Resources Director; Gretchen Kelly, Social Media & Information Specialist; Antonio Maturo, Utilities Director; John Cannone, Police Officer; Nick Cauthen, Development Services Director; Chad Holland, Public Works Superintendent; Chaplin Spencer, Municipal Attorney; and Casey O'Brien, Municipal Clerk.

The public and media were duly notified of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

Mayor Gray called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:30 P.M., led the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence.

ITEM 1 PRESENTATION & REPORTS

A. Recognition of the 2025 Employees of the Year and Mark Slocum Department Head of the Year

Human Resources Director, Dora Perry, presented the 2025 Employees of the Year as Public Works Superintendent Chad Holland and Tega Cay Police Officer John Cannone. Human Resources Director, Dora Perry, presented the 2025 Mark Slocum Department Head of the Year as Nick Cauthen.

B. City Manager's Report

With regards to the Fire Department, City Manager Funderburk noted the department welcomed three new hired who will be attending the SC Fire Academy for necessary training. The Department would like to thank all who donated for Toys for Happiness and encouraged everyone to attend Santa in the Cay on the 20th.

With regards to Parks and Recreation Department, City Manager Funderburk thanked Mayor Gray and Councilman Carter for their participation at the Annual Tree Lighting this year and also thanked our Utilities Department for designing and decorating Santa's mailbox for the letters to Santa. City Manager Funderburk reminded everyone that Youth Sports registration is open for residents and will be open to non-residents on January 1st. Additionally, City Manager Funderburk noted that the beach & swim center registration will be open on January 1st as well. City Manager Funderburk highlighted that the department has completed the irrigation and sod instillation projects at Diamond Head, added irrigation to Catawba Park's playground area and installed a new water bottle fill station at Windjammer Park. City Manager Funderburk thanked the Fort Mill Rotary Club for donating the fill station. It was further noted that the Parks and Recreation team is currently removing and replacing batting cages at Runde Park and will also be working on the next section of turf inside the Catawba Park Baseball/Softball complex as well as updating the tee boxes of the disc golf course.

With regards to the Police Department, City Manager Funderburk noted that the department has compiled their Monthly Crime Statistics for November with 387 calls for service, 34 incident reports, 2,892 property checks, 606 traffic stops, 1 parking citation, 7 vehicle collisions, 18 custodial arrests,

2 DUI arrests, an average response time of 3 minutes and 18 seconds and hosted 2 community events. City Manager Funderburk thanked all who participated in Crafts & Cocoa with the Grinch as well as those who participated or donated to Holiday with Heroes to help make Christmas possible for eight children. City Manager Funderburk reminded everyone that the Lighten Up the Holidays house tour map is available at the police department and on their facebook page for those who would like to take a self-guided holiday light tour. Lastly, City Manager Funderburk noted that the department has made 63 DUI arrests this year and encouraged all to make safety a priority by not drinking and driving.

C. Committee/ Commission Reports

Economic Development Commission Liaison Shirley advised that the Commission met and discussed 2026 initiatives including City promotion of EDC events through the City app and social media (with limitations), updated the EDC messaging, and potential partnerships. Business outreach updates include Hoof & Barrel possibly hosting the February 25th Business Connect meeting, the Outreach to the Grove Developers, and a note that Aboott's is replacing Grand Slam Scoops. Welcome basket ideas were discussed though no EDC budget is allocated. The next EDC meeting is set for January 26th with a focus on outreach to local businesses.

Planning Commission Liaison Carter advised that the Commission met on December 1st and had a quorum. Staff presented an overview of strategies, goals, and objectives for the proposed comprehensive plan elements developed by the City's consultant with input from the public and steering committee. The Commission discussed several key topics, including multi-use paths, the Marina Overlay District, balancing economic development and land preservation, tree protection, lighting, and communication with neighborhood organizations. The Commission also discussed the proposed 2026 Planning Commission meeting schedule, considering holidays and the school district's break schedule.

ITEM 2 PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 1.) Norm Snyder commented commending City Council for their service and thanked Mayor Gray and Councilmember Shirley for what they've accomplished the last four years.
- 2.) Annie Gray commented honoring Mayor Chris Gray and highlighted his contribution over the last four years to the community and the City. Annie Gray encouraged incoming Council to protect the spirit of the community and make a difference.

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 17, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting

MOTION

Councilmember Shirley motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting as they stand, seconded by Councilmember Hyslip and approved unanimously.

ITEM 4 RECOGNITION OF SERVICE FOR MAYOR CHRISTOPHER T. GRAY AND COUNCILMEMBER SCOTT G. SHIRLEY

City Manager Charlie Funderburk alongside City staff, City Council recognized Mayor Christopher T. Gray and his family as well as Councilmember Scott G. Shirley and his family for their dedication and commitment to the City, the community and the residents of Tega Cay. Mayor Gray and Councilmember Shirley were presented with commemorative City flags.

ITEM 5 COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Carter commented thanked the residents who've attended in person and also those

attending virtually. Councilmember Carter thanked City staff for their work decorating for Christmas, congratulated the Employees of the Year as well as the Department Head of the Year, Nick Cauthen. Councilmember Carter recognized Mayor Chris Gray and Councilmember Shirley. Councilmember Carter congratulated Councilmember Shirley for his heart and commitment for doing what's right while on Council and for the City of Tega Cay. Councilmember Carter thanked Mayor Gray for his leadership and commended his passion, dedication, and highlighted Mayor Gray's actions behind the scenes that contribute to our community and residents in a personable and compassionate way. Councilmember Carter highlighted a service Saturday project which Mayor Gray led and contributed to without recognition. Councilmember Carter recognized his mother in the audience and highlighted his son who graduated from USC in

Councilmember Hyslip commented congratulated John Cannone, Chad Holland, and Nick Cuathen for their achievements and thanked the entire City staff for their hard work and making everything within the City possible. Councilmember Hyslip welcomed the new firefighters in their roles. Councilmember Hyslip commended both Mayor Gray and Councilmember Shirley for their commitment and dedication including behind the scenes research and work to aid in making informed decisions. Councilmember Hyslip highlighted his friendship with Mayor Gray and commented on how kind-hearted he has been with a focus on helping those around him and within the community, especially in times of need. Councilmember Hyslip thanked Mayor Gray for his mentorship. Councilmember Hyslip noted it's been a great four years and will miss both Mayor Gray & Councilman Shirley.

Councilmember Shirley commented that over the last four years it has been great, not great, and a tremendous learning opportunity which he is fortunate to have experienced. Councilmember Shirley highlighted his friendships with Council as well as Mayor Gray which has grown and expressed appreciation for Mayor Gray. Councilmember Shirley recognized the numerous projects which he was apart of in accomplishing while on Council including Catawba Park, approving the Main Street development known as the Grove, not raising the millage rate within the City, bringing Google Fiber in the City, allowing golf carts to be driven at night, the deer management program, and the food & beverage agreement. Councilmember Shirley encouraged Council to be like Jesus as they move forward and to be good stewards of the City's money, property, and support the City. Councilmember Shirley thanked former Mayor David O'Neal for encouragement in running for Council, thanked City staff for their hard work in following the goals and strategies which Council has put before them, making the City a place to be proud of. Councilmember Shirley thanked City residents for ensuring Council stays focused on and thanked his family for their support including his wife, Michelle, and his sons.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller commented thanking Officer Cannone, Chad Holland, and Nick Cauthen for their service and stepping up in their leadership to the City and their peers. Mayor Pro Tem Miller recognized the time, mentorship, experience, and the heart that both Councilmember Shirley and Mayor Gray have brought to Council the last four years and expressed gratitude for their impact. Mayor Pro Tem Miller highlighted Councilmember Shirley's passion and desire for wanting what's right for the residents. Mayor Pro Tem Miller highlighted Mayor Gray's heart while having served in his role. Mayor Pro Tem Miller thanked Mayor Gray & Councilman Shirley for what she's learned from both of them.

Mayor Gray commented thanking City staff for the hard work they've done over the holidays as well as the last four years as well as the Tega Cay Fire Department and Police Department for their dedication and their contribution to the City and community through programs such as holiday with Heroes. Mayor Gray thanked former Mayor O'Neal for his encouragement in running for Council and expressed appreciation for City staff as well as Charlie Funderburk, Chaplin Spencer, and Council. Mayor Gray commended Council for the achievements they've made together. Mayor Gray expressed appreciation for the partnership and City staff for their dedication to the community through the various duties. Mayor Gray highlighted his experience in honoring Lt. Lauren Galloway and the character which she possessed. Mayor Gray expressed

gratitude for his experience as Mayor and the opportunity he had while on City Council as well as the appreciation and gratitude for his family's support with remembrance of his father.

ITEM 6 ADJOURNMENT
MOTION

There being no further business, Councilmember Shirley motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Miller and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M
Signature Page to Follow



Respectfully Submitted

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Casey O'Brien, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED:

Mayor Christopher T. Gray
APPROVAL DATE: January 5, 2025

