



**Special City Council Meeting  
Monday January 5, 2026**

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

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

**Councilmembers Absent:** Councilmember Brian D. Carter

**Councilmembers Sworn-In:** Councilmember Heather Jones

**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; Nick Cauthen, Development Services Director; Chaplin Spencer, Municipal Attorney; and Casey O'Brien, Municipal Clerk.

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**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 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. December 15, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting**

**MOTION**

Councilmember Shirley motioned to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Hyslip and approved unanimously.

**ITEM 2 OATH OF OFFICE**

**A. Carmen Miller, Mayor**

Carmen Miller was sworn in by Chief Municipal Judge Kebra Simpson to serve as the City's Mayor from January 5, 2026 to January 5, 2030.

**B. Thomas S. Hyslip, Councilmember**

Thomas S. Hyslip was sworn in by Chief Municipal Judge Kebra Simpson to serve as a City Councilmember from January 5, 2026 to January 5, 2030.

**C. Heather Jones, Councilmember**

Heather Jones was sworn in by Chief Municipal Judge Kebra Simpson to serve as a City Councilmember from January 5, 2026 to January 5, 2030.

**ITEM 3 ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

**MOTION**

Councilmember Jones motioned to nominate Councilmember Thomas S. Hyslip as Mayor Pro Tempore, seconded by Mayor Miller and approved unanimously.

**ITEM 4 APPROVAL OF 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

Councilmember Hyslip motioned to approval the 2026 Regular Council meeting schedule as presented, seconded by Councilmember Jones and approved unanimously.

**ITEM 5 COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Hyslip commented thanking all who attended and expressed gratitude for being able to serve another four years. Mayor Pro Tem Hyslip congratulated Councilwoman Heather Jones.

Councilmember Jones commented thanking Mayor Gray & Councilmember Shirley for their service to the City and thanked all for her support and those who ran during the general election. Councilmember Jones expressed hope of living up to the honor of being elected and thanked her husband for his support. Councilmember Jones thanked City staff and expressed excitement over being able to be apart of the next one.

Mayor Miller commented thanking the public for participating in the process of the election, making the City better and voicing concerns or ideas and being apart of what makes Tega Cay special. Mayor Miller expressed being grateful to have earned the public's trust and being apart of a team to lead us as a City forward. Mayor Miller expressed a desire to have all lines of communication open and public involvement. Mayor Miller expressed excitement over the next four years and expressed gratitude for Mayor Gray and Councilmember Shirley's service, time & dedication. Mayor Miller highlighted how phenomenal City staff is and expressed being proud of working alongside of City staff. Mayor Miller thanked all for being present tonight and for entrusting this Council.

**ITEM 6**                    **ADJOURNMENT**  
**MOTION**

There being no further business, Councilmember Hyslip motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Jones and approved unanimously.

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 P.M*  
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