



**Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday January 28, 2026**

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Carmen S. Miller, Mayor Pro Tempore Thomas S. Hyslip, Councilmember Brian D. Carter and Councilmember Heather Jones. 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; Gretchen Kelly, Social Media & Information Specialist; Antonio Maturo, Utilities Director; Nick Cauthen, Development Services Director; Chaplin Spencer, Municipal Attorney; Caroline Hasty, Events Manager; and Casey O'Brien, Municipal Clerk.

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

Mayor Miller 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 PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

A. Proclamation Recognizing the Fort Mill High School Girls Cross Country Team as the 5A Division 2 State Champions

Mayor Miller recognized and commended the Fort Mill High School Girls Cross Country Team for their achievement as the South Carolina High School League 5A Division II State Champions, celebrating their third historic state title. Mayor Miller also recognized Head Coach Lee Whitaker for his distinguished leadership and his selection as the SCTCCCA 5A Division II Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year.

B. Proclamation Recognizing the Fort Mill High School Boys Cross Country Team as the 5A Division 2 State Champions

Mayor Miller congratulated and recognized the coaching staff and the Fort Mill High School Boys Cross Country Team for their remarkable accomplishment in earning their second title as 5A Division II South Carolina State Champions

C. Presentation by Pinnacle as it relates to Memberships and Project Updates

David Taylor and Ty Lefler with Pinnacle Golf Management presented an overview of the current and upcoming projects as well as the memberships options for the golf course. David explained that the pavilion renovation is currently underway and on pace to be completed by the mid to end of April. Additionally, the pro has relocated from the clubhouse over to the tennis shack until the pavilion is completed. Currently the team is in the process of conducted tree work around the Pines nine and beginning February 23rd Eddie Smith & Sons will begin putting down new cart path of pines nine with overlaying occurring on Feb 23rd and the project concluding mid-March. It was noted that there is a storm drain sink hole on hole #7 which will be repaired at the end of February. Following the completion of the renovation of the cart path, beginning in March holes 10, 18 and the chipping green will undergo renovations with projected completion the end of July as long as weather permits. David Taylor noted that all projects are being funded out of golf reserves. Ty Lefler advised that golf currently has reached the cap of 185 memberships and has a waiting list of 94 members. It was clarified that 73 members are residents and 21 are non-residents. In total there are 112 individual members, 36 family members, and 19 senior members. It was clarified that the all-inclusive membership, which included cart, green & range fees is no longer sold. As this was only offered back in 2008 to 2010 to raise funds in winter Pinnacle did not feel it was fair to eliminate the members who did utilize this membership and those

members were grandfathered in with the all-inclusive membership.

D. City Manager's Report

With regards to Administration, City Manager Funderburk noted that applications for the City's boards and commissions will be accepted through the end of February. All currently seated members who wish to be considered for reappointment were reminded that they must reapply through MatchBoard.

With regards to Development Services, City Manager Funderburk reported that The Grove continues installation of its ground infrastructure and is also working toward the commencement of required off-site traffic improvements. Alderwood, located off Dam Road, is planning to begin grading in February. City Manager Funderburk announced that Vickie Isenhour has joined the City team as the new permit clerk. Additionally, thanks were extended to the COG and the Comprehensive Plan steering committee, as a complete draft of the City's new Comprehensive Plan has been posted to the City's website. A joint public hearing will be held during Council's February meeting.

With regards to the Fire Department, City Manager Funderburk explained that last weekend's ice storm prompted activation of the joint Emergency Operations Center in coordination with City staff. While conditions were ultimately less severe than originally forecast, the Emergency Operations Center for Winter Storm Fern was activated for a total of 28 hours, with approximately 100 man hours spent in meetings prior to activation, along with numerous hours dedicated to equipment preparation and street readiness across all departments. Additional staffing included eight Public Works employees split into two 12-hour shifts over 48 hours, TCUD staffing of four employees plus two supervisors for 48 hours, TCPD additional staffing and command staff for 36 hours, and TCFD additional staffing and command staff for 48 hours. City Manager Funderburk thanked residents for staying off the roadways, which allowed first responders and City personnel to work safely and efficiently. Residents were encouraged to test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and replace batteries as a precaution during potential power outages. City Manager Funderburk also announced that the City's new Ladder 1 has arrived and is currently awaiting delayed equipment while crews complete training. A rescheduled Pushing-In Ceremony will be announced soon, and residents were encouraged to follow the Fire Department's Facebook page for updates. It was also noted that Firehouse Stories is scheduled for this Saturday, weather permitting, with the possibility of transitioning to a Facebook Live event if needed. Lastly, residents may see Fire Department personnel around the City throughout February as crews conduct safety inspections and complete building preplans at local businesses.

With regards to Parks and Recreation, City Manager Funderburk reminded residents that this is the final week of registration for Spring Youth Sports and encouraged early registration due to potential waitlists. Weather permitting, Dick's Sporting Goods Shop Day will take place this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Rock Hill location, where residents can receive 20% off their total purchase using the Tega Cay Parks and Recreation coupon available on the City's website. City Manager Funderburk noted that Tega Cay will host a US Quadball National Qualifier on February 21st and 22nd, welcoming teams from Washington, D.C., Chicago, New York, and the Carolinas. City Manager Funderburk also welcomed Ryan Dudney as the City's new Recreation Programmer, who will oversee baseball and softball programs beginning this spring. It was further noted that turf installation inside the baseball and softball complex at Catawba Park has been completed, batting cages at Runde Park are nearing completion, and staff will begin preparing for the upcoming recreation season. Additionally, City Manager Funderburk announced the "Why We Heart Tega Cay" art initiative, inviting children of all ages to submit drawings highlighting what they love about Tega Cay, with submissions accepted at City Hall from February 3rd through February 12th and artwork displayed at the Glennon Center.

With regards to the Police Department, City Manager Funderburk thanked residents for staying off the roadways during the recent winter storm. Badges and Baristas will be held on February 2nd from 7:00 a.m.

to 11:00 a.m. at Tega Cay Coffee Company as a fundraiser benefiting the Special Olympics. The Polar Plunge is scheduled for February 7th at 10:00 a.m. at the Beach and Swim Center, with forecasted temperatures reaching a high of 53 degrees and morning lows around 30 degrees. City Manager Funderburk reported that the Police Department compiled their December Monthly Crime Statistics, which included 403 calls for service, 33 incident reports, 2,665 property checks, 597 traffic stops, 16 vehicle collisions, 10 custodial arrests, three DUI arrests, an average response time of three minutes and 49 seconds, and participation in four community events.

With regards to Wildlife Management, City Manager Funderburk reported that the City concluded its Wildlife Management Program for the 2025–2026 fiscal year. The program included the culling of 80 deer by Lowcountry Wildlife Specialists at a cost of \$42,382. In compliance with the SCDNR permit, the harvested meat was donated to the Catawba Indian Nation, which contributed toward processing fees. Additional information regarding the Wildlife Management Program is available on the City's website.

ITEM 2 PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Nancy Fraise commented seeking clarification on the proposed ordinance for private wells asking if the ordinance was related to new wells and if existing wells would be grandfathered in
2. Judy Rohrs commented to support Council candidate Liz Duda

ITEM 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 5, 2026, Special City Council Meeting

MOTION

Councilmember Jones motioned to approve the minutes for the January 5, 2026, Special City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Hyslip and approved unanimously.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Awarding the Bid for Windjammer Shoreline Stabilization Project Phase 2

MOTION

Councilmember Hyslip motioned to award the bid for windjammer shoreline stabilization project phase 2 to Lake Wylie Dock Construction LLC in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 and authorize the City Manager to issue the notice to proceed, seconded by Councilmember Carter.

Parks and Recreation Director, Dustin Overton provided background information as to the project.

VOTE

Approved unanimously.

B. Consideration of Awarding the Bid for Lawn Maintenance Services

MOTION

Councilmember Jones motioned to table it 4B consideration of awarding the bid for lawn maintenance services, seconded by Councilmember Hyslip. Councilmember Jones requested to have Parks and Recreation Director Dustin Overton explain the rationale for requesting to table the item.

Parks and Recreation Director, Dustin Overton, advised that staff would like to further vet the three lowest competitive bidders to evaluate their abilities to meet the scope of work and performance expectations as the City has never previously worked with any of the entities.

VOTE

Approved unanimously.

C. Consideration of the Introduction and 1st Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt Chapter 54, Article V, of the City's Code as it relates to Private Wells

Utilities Director, Antonio Maturo, provided background as to the reasoning for the ordinance and advised that residents who currently have a well will be grandfathered in and the ordinance would not impact their ability to have a well. The ordinance's purpose is to prohibit new wells and to eliminate the risk of contamination to the City's water system if a cross connection were to occur. Discussion ensued related to irrigation wells not being affected.

MOTION

Councilmember Carter Motion to approve the introduction & 1st reading of an ordinance to Adopt Chapter 54, Article V, of the City's Code as it relates to Private Wells with the adjustment of section 54-26 to read existing wells and remove the word of irrigation, seconded by Councilmember Jones and approved unanimously.

ITEM 3 COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Carter thanked all for being here this evening as the meeting was adjusted due to weather. Councilmember Carter echoed City Manager Funderburk and thanked City staff for their hard work to ensure the public's safety and preparedness over the weekend before and after the winter storm. Councilmember Carter congratulated both FMHS Cross Country teams on their championships. Councilmember Carter encouraged all to join in on the Polar Plunge on February 7th. Councilmember Carter recognized a City staff member who does so much for the City, is appreciated and respected. Councilmember Carter advised that this person handles Council agendas, minutes, packets, trainings, retreats, FOIA requests, and while working with the City this person has developed a comprehensive understanding of each department's operations and a working relationship with everyone. This person has improved public facing resources such as the City website, partnered with South Carolina Women in Leadership to implement MatchBoard for selections for committees, commissions and boards, and advocated for and maintains the City's AI chatbot to better serve residents and reduce call volume for staff. Councilmember Carter recognized Municipal Clerk, Casey O'Brien, who is moving on professionally. Councilmember Carter thanked Ms. O'Brien for all she has done and wished her well.

Councilmember Jones echoed Councilmember Carter's comments regarding the winter storm and City's staff preparedness. Councilmember Jones thanked the residents for the patience and encouraged all to continue maintaining the mentality of safety. Councilmember Jones congratulated Councilmember Hyslip, Mayor Miller, and Councilmember Carter on their completion of the Municipal Association's Municipal Elected Officials training and graduation. Councilmember Jones encouraged all to attend the annual polar plunge and thanked the public comments made. Councilmember Jones encouraged all to apply to their Committees, Commission and Board openings.

Mayor Pro Tem Hyslip thanked those for their participation and attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Hyslip thanked City staff for their hard work over the winter storm and gave a shoutout to Senator Johnson for his support and willingness to assist the City. Mayor Pro Tem Hyslip congratulated the FMHS Cross Country teams and thanked Coach Whitaker. Mayor Pro Tem Hyslip encouraged all to attend the Polar Plunge and or make a donation. Mayor Pro Tem Hyslip also encouraged everyone to apply to the City's committees, commissions, and boards. Mayor Pro Tem Hyslip encouraged all to go out and vote on February 3rd for the special election to fulfill the current vacancy on City Council.

Mayor Miller commented thanking everyone for their preparedness on the previous winter storm and expressed that it was felt within the community that the City was ready. Mayor Miller expressed excitement for the golf projects that are coming up as well as the Garrison's opening. Mayor Miller encouraged all to attend the polar plunge and donate if possible. Mayor Miller congratulated both the FMHS Cross Country teams on their consecutive championships. Mayor Miller encouraged all to apply to be on the City's

Committees, Commissions, and Boards and attend Firehouse stories with the Fire Department. Mayor Miller encouraged all to attend Chat to Council with herself as well as Mayor Pro Tem Hyslip at 6:30 PM at the Tega Cay Police Department Training Room. Mayor Miller welcomed Vickie as well as Ryan in joining the City.

ITEM 6 EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion of Contractual Matters as it relates to the Food & Beverage Agreement**
- B. Legal Advice as it relates to 4067 Triton Drive**
- C. Legal Advice as it relates to the City's Code of Ordinances Section 50-97 (Ord. 581) Abandoned motor vehicles, trailers, watercraft and campers.**
- D. Discussion of Contractual Matters as it relates to the Cell Tower**

MOTION

Councilmember Carter motioned to enter into executive session for a discussion of Contractual Matters as it relates to the Food & Beverage Agreement, Legal Advice as it relates to 4067 Triton Drive, Legal Advice as it relates to the City's Code of Ordinances Section 50-97 (Ord. 581) Abandoned motor vehicles, trailers, watercraft and campers, and for a discussion of Contractual Matters as it relates to the Cell Tower, seconded by Councilmember Hyslip and approved unanimously at 7:37 PM

MOTION

Councilmember Hyslip motioned to come out of executive session, seconded by Councilmember Carter and approved unanimously at 9:43 PM

ITEM 7 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

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

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 PM P.M
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