

The Smithfield Town Council held its special meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

**Members present:**

Michael Smith - Mayor  
Bill Harris - Vice Mayor  
Steve Bowman  
Mary Ellen Bebermeyer  
Valerie Bulter  
Darren Cutler  
Jeff Brooks

**Members absent:**

**Staff present:**

Michael Stallings – Town Manager  
Lesley King – Town Clerk  
Christopher McKenzie - Sands Anderson, Interim Town Attorney

**Press:**

Stephen Faleski - The Smithfield Times

**Citizens:**

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Mayor Smith welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

**1. Call To Order**

**2. Closed Session**

Mayor Smith stated that they needed a motion to go into closed session for the following purposes:

- a. Closed Session for Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding it facilities in the community, more specifically a new proposal at The Grange Project location, pursuant to 2.2-3711 A5 of the Code of Virginia.
- b. Closed Session for Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an

open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, more specifically a new proposal at The Grange Project location, pursuant to 2.2-3711 A3 of the Code of Virginia.

Councilman Bowman made a motion to go into closed session for the above mentioned topics, pursuant to 2.2-3711 A5 and A3 of the Code of Virginia. Vice Mayor Harris seconded the motion.

Mayor Smith called for the vote. Seven members were on call for the vote. Councilwoman Butler voted aye, Councilwoman Bebermeyer voted aye, Councilman Brooks voted aye, Councilman Cutler voted aye, Councilman Bowman voted aye, Vice Mayor Harris voted aye, and Mayor Smith voted aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Town Council went into closed session at 10:01 a.m.  
The Town Council returned to open session at 11:48 a.m.  
A motion was made to come back into open session.

Councilman Bowman made a motion to certify that only the information previously mentioned pursuant to 2.2-3711 A3 and A5 of the Code of Virginia were discussed.

Council Woman Bebermeyer seconded the motion.

Mayor Smith called for the vote. Seven members were on call for the vote. Councilwoman Butler voted aye, Councilwoman Bebermeyer voted aye, Councilman Brooks voted aye, Councilman Cutler voted aye, Councilman Bowman voted aye, Vice Mayor Harris voted aye, and Mayor Smith voted aye. The motion passed unanimously.

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### **3. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 am.

