

The Smithfield Town Council held a Special Meeting on Monday, May 18th, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Members present:

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

Members absent:

Darren Cutler

Staff present:

Michael Stallings – Town Manager
Lesley King – Town Clerk
Tammie Clary – Community Development & Planning Director
Laura Ross – Treasurer
Chris Meier – Deputy Chief, Smithfield Police Department
Steve Clark - Grounds Attendant

Legal Representation:

Chris MacKenzie - Interim Town Attorney, Sands Anderson (via video)

Press:

Stephen Faleski - The Smithfield Times

Citizens:

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Mayor Smith welcomed all attendees to the meeting and asked all present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Call To Order**
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance**
3. **Upcoming Meetings And Activities**

May 19th - 6:30 p.m. - Board of Historic and Architectural Review
May 19th - 7:30 p.m. - Board of Zoning Appeals
June 2nd - 6:30 p.m. - Town Council Meeting

4. **Public Comments**

Mayor Smith confirmed that there were no members of the public signed up to comment and that there was no one present who wished to speak.

5. **Council Comments**

Mayor Smith confirmed that there were no members of the Council who wished to comment.

6. **Action Items**

- a. **Public Hearing: Proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget**

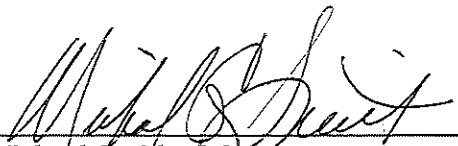
The Town Manager reported that the Fiscal Year Budget 2026-2027 had been made available online for the public's review, and no comments had been received on the matter. He summarized that there were no proposed tax increases, but there was a 25¢ water rate increase per thousand gallons. He continued that the contributions requested from community groups were included at the rates that had been proposed.

Mayor Smith opened the public hearing and asked if anyone present wished to speak on the matter. Hearing and seeing none, he closed the public hearing.


The Town Manager stated that if there were no additional comments, then the budget would appear as an agenda item at the June Town Council Meeting.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.



Michael Smith - Mayor



Lesley King - Town Clerk