



SOUTH HILL TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026, 7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Hill Town Council was held on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the temporary Council Chambers of the South Hill Town Hall located at 111 E. Danville Street, South Hill, Virginia 23970.

I. OPENING

Honorable Mayor Mike Moody called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Moody called upon Clerk of Council Leanne Feather to call the roll, which was as follows:

A. Council Members

Randy Crocker
Gavin Honeycutt
Michael Smith

Lillie Feggins-Boone
Delores Luster

Ashley Hardee
Carl Sasser, Jr.

Councilor Hardee attended the meeting remotely from out of state by telephone due to a previously scheduled vacation. Councilor Jenifer Freeman-Hite was absent.

B. Staff in Attendance

Keli Reekes, Town Manager
Leanne Feather, Admin. Asst./Clerk
Dahlis Morrow, Dir. of Fin. and Admin.

Ryan Durham, Chief of Police
Kristine Martin, Human Resources Mgr.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Honeycutt, second by Councilor Luster, to approve the agenda for July 13, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Donna Burch, South Hill Police Department: 40 Years of Service

Mayor Moody read a biography of Donna Burch, and Chief Durham presented her with a plaque recognizing her 40 years of service to the South Hill Police Department.

B. Dahlis Morrow, Director of Finance: Office Accreditation

Town Manager Keli Reekes recognized Director of Finance Dahlis Morrow for her efforts in obtaining accreditation for the Finance Department, marking the first such accreditation in the Town's history.

IV. CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

At this time, the following citizens addressed Council:

- **Paul Duffer** expressed concerns regarding property owners' responsibility for tenants' delinquent water bills, a recent past-due Town utility payment, and the amount of truck traffic in Town.
- **Wade Crowder** commented on a recent past-due Town utility payment, potholes throughout Town, and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to address Town Council.
- **Karissa Phillips** expressed concerns regarding a business operating in a residential area, including the parking of commercial vehicles and vehicles under repair on public streets within her neighborhood.
- **Yvonne Alexander** announced an upcoming celebration marking the 25th anniversary of local food bank operations and extended an invitation to Town Council and staff to attend. She also expressed concerns regarding possible gang-related activity in Town.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes

- a. **June 8, 2026 Regular Meeting**
- b. **June 8, 2026 Special Meeting**

2. Monthly Financial Report

Director of Finance and Administration Dahlis Morrow submitted the financial report as follows:

Petty Cash	\$750.00
Checking Accounts	\$5,019,997.32
Investments	\$29,920,961.20
Restricted/Committed Funds	\$1,419,797.41
Total of all Funds	\$36,631,505.93

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Honeycutt, second by Councilor Sasser, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Items for Approval

1. Town Manager Report

a. Financial Policy Updates

Town Manager Keli Reekes presented proposed updates to the Town's Financial Policy Guidelines to align with current accounting standards and clarify existing budget variance and fund balance policies.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Honeycutt, second by Councilor Luster, to approve the updates to the Town's Financial Policy Guidelines as presented. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Crocker – Aye
Councilor Hardee – Aye
Councilor Luster – Aye
Councilor Smith – Aye

Councilor Feggins-Boone – Aye
Vice Mayor Honeycutt – Aye
Councilor Sasser – Aye

b. Reimbursement Resolution

Mrs. Reekes presented a resolution preserving the Town's ability to reimburse eligible capital project expenditures from future tax-exempt financing, if pursued. She noted the resolution does not authorize debt issuance but maintains flexibility for future funding of capital improvement projects.

A motion was made by Councilor Luster, second by Councilor Sasser to approve the resolution declaring the Town's intent to reimburse itself for eligible capital expenditures from future debt proceeds. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Crocker – Aye
Councilor Hardee – Aye
Councilor Luster – Aye
Councilor Smith – Aye

Councilor Feggins-Boone – Aye
Vice Mayor Honeycutt – Aye
Councilor Sasser – Aye

c. Schedule Public Hearing – Additional Appropriation

Mrs. Reekes reported that staff is requesting a public hearing for the August 10, 2026 regular meeting to consider an appropriation for preliminary engineering costs associated with the Country Lane/Route 58 Intersection Improvement Project.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Honeycutt, second by Councilor Luster to schedule a public hearing for the August 10, 2026 regularly scheduled Town Council meeting. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Crocker – Aye
Councilor Hardee – Aye
Councilor Luster – Aye
Councilor Smith – Aye

Councilor Feggins-Boone – Aye
Vice Mayor Honeycutt – Aye
Councilor Sasser – Aye

d. VDOT Resolution of Support

Mrs. Reekes presented a resolution supporting the Town's SMART SCALE application for improvements along the U.S. 58 corridor and reaffirming the Town's previously discussed \$1 million project contribution.

Discussion included questions regarding traffic impacts, proposed truck routing changes, the Town's role in the project design, and the proposed \$1 million Town contribution. Mrs. Reekes and Chad Neese of the Southside Planning District Commission clarified that the project is in the preliminary stages, the design remains subject to change, and the resolution simply expresses Council's support for transportation improvements along the corridor.

A motion was made by Councilor Luster, second by Councilor Smith to approve the Resolution of Support for the Town of South Hill's SMART SCALE application. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Crocker – Aye
Councilor Hardee – Aye
Councilor Luster – Aye
Councilor Smith – No

Councilor Feggins-Boone – Aye
Vice Mayor Honeycutt – No
Councilor Sasser – No

A motion was made by Councilor Crocker, second by Councilor Hardee to include a \$1,000,000 commitment in the Town of South Hill's SMART SCALE application. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Crocker – Aye
Councilor Hardee – Aye
Councilor Luster – Aye
Councilor Smith – Aye

Councilor Feggins-Boone – Aye
Vice Mayor Honeycutt – No
Councilor Sasser – No

C. Reports to Accept as Presented

For efficiency, the following reports for June 2026 were presented as a group to accept as presented.

1. Police Report

Chief of Police Ryan Durham submitted the monthly police report. He reported there were 207 Activity incidents, 40 reportable criminal offenses, 575 calls for service, and \$11,457 in property recovered. Administrative news was shared.

2. Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Michael Vaughan submitted the Fire Department report, highlighting FY 2026 call volume, quarterly training activities, fundraising efforts, and other departmental administrative updates.

3. Municipal Services Report

C.J. Dean submitted the Municipal Services report noting completion of the milling and repaving project, progress on several water and sewer infrastructure projects, and ongoing efforts to acquire easements for future utility improvements.

4. Parks, Facilities and Grounds

Jason Houchins submitted the Parks, Facilities and Grounds report, noting continued progress on the Town Hall renovation project, completion of several facility and electrical improvements, and ongoing building system upgrades. He also recognized the Parks Department for its efforts in supporting the Dixie Boys State Tournament and Sparks in the Park.

5. Code Compliance Report

a. Report of Activity

David Hash submitted the report of activity as follows:

Inspections Completed	117
Permits Issued	36
Fees Collected	\$20,988.74

UEZ Exemption	\$0
Rehab Exemption	\$0
General Exemption	\$8,125.01
Work Value	\$7,029,327.43

New business licenses in the Town of South Hill in June 2026:

T. T.	935 W Atlantic St.	Flea Market Vendor
Rebuilding Transformation Center	1163 E. Atlantic St.	Mental Health Agency
Evie Closet	935 W Atlantic St.	Flea Market Vendor

b. Dilapidated Properties

Along with the list of completed dilapidated properties, a report on the status of approximately 45 dilapidated properties was also presented.

6. Business Development Report

Brent Morris submitted the Business Development report, highlighting ongoing economic development efforts, progress on wayfinding signage, grant applications, and collaboration with existing and prospective businesses. He also provided updates on planning for the 2026 Hometown Christmas celebration and other community development initiatives.

7. Human Resources Report

Kristine Martin submitted the Human Resources report, noting successful completion of employee benefits enrollment, recognition of employee service milestones, the hiring of a new Facilities Maintenance Lead Technician, and ongoing recruitment for open positions.

A motion was made by Councilor Feggins-Boone, second by Vice Mayor Honeycutt to approve the reports as presented. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows:

Councilor Crocker – Aye
Councilor Hardee – Aye
Councilor Luster – Aye
Councilor Smith – Aye

Councilor Feggins-Boone – Aye
Vice Mayor Honeycutt – Aye
Councilor Sasser – Aye

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor Smith read a letter expressing concerns regarding the Town's enforcement of the Virginia Code provision allowing recovery of delinquent tenant utility bills from property owners. Discussion included concerns about impacts on public perception and investment, while Mrs. Reekes clarified that staff is reviewing longstanding finance procedures and developing potential utility deposit revisions for future Council consideration.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

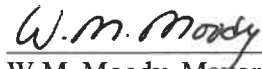
There being no further business matters before the South Hill Town Council, Mayor Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

VALIDATION

Minutes approved this 10th day of August, 2026.



Leanne Feather, Clerk of Council



W.M. Moody, Mayor

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH HILL, VIRGINIA
DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FROM
THE PROCEEDS OF ONE OR MORE TAX-EXEMPT FINANCINGS FOR CERTAIN
EXPENDITURES MADE AND/OR TO BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH UTILITY
AND OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE TOWN**

WHEREAS, the Town of South Hill, Virginia (**the “Town”**) is a political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia;

WHEREAS, the Town has paid, beginning no earlier than (60 days prior to adoption of this resolution), or will pay, on and after the date hereof, certain expenditures (**the “Expenditures”**) in connection with capital improvements identified in the Town’s capital improvement plan, including, but not limited to, police facility renovations and improvements and water and sewer construction and improvements (**together, the “Project”**); and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town (**the “Council”**) has determined that those moneys previously advanced no more than 60 days prior to the date hereof and to be advanced on and after the date hereof to pay the Expenditures are available only for a temporary period and it is may be necessary to reimburse the Town for the Expenditures from the proceeds of one or more issues of tax-exempt bonds (**the “Bonds”**); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH HILL, VIRGINIA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Council hereby declares, in accordance with U.S. Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2, as amended from time to time, the Council's intent to reimburse the Town with the proceeds of the Bonds for Expenditures with respect to the Project made on and after the date which is no more than 60 days prior to the date hereof. The Town reasonably expects on the date hereof that it will reimburse itself for the Expenditures with the proceeds of the Bonds.

Section 2. Each Expenditure was and will be either (a) of a type properly chargeable to a capital account under general federal income tax principles (determined in each case as of the date of the Expenditures), (b) a cost of issuance with respect to the Bonds, (c) a nonrecurring item that is not customarily payable from current revenues, or (d) a grant to a party that is not related to or an agent of the Town so long as such grant does not impose any obligation or condition (directly or indirectly) to repay any amount to or for the benefit of the Town.

Section 3. The maximum principal amount of the Bonds expected to be issued for the Project is \$25,000,000.

Section 4. The Town will make a reimbursement allocation, which is a written allocation by the Town that evidences the Town's use of proceeds of the Bonds to reimburse an Expenditure, no later than 18 months after the later of the date on which the Expenditure is paid or the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three years after the date on which the Expenditure is paid. The Town recognizes that exceptions are available for

certain "preliminary expenditures," costs of issuance, certain de minimis amounts, expenditures by "small issuers" (based on the year of issuance and not the year of expenditure) and expenditures for construction projects of at least 5 years.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13 day of July, 2026.



W. M. Mike Moody, Mayor

The Clerk of the Town Council of the Town of South Hill, Virginia hereby certifies that the above-referenced resolution was adopted by a majority vote of the Town Council at a regular meeting of the Town Council, duly called and held on July __, 2026, during an open meeting, as follows:

AYES:

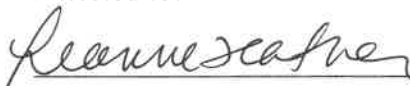
Councilor Randy Crocker
Councilor Lillie Feggins-Boone
Councilor Ashley Hardee
Vice Mayor Gavin Honeycutt
Councilor Delores Luster
Councilor Carl Sasser
Councilor Michael Smith

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

Councilor Jenifer Freeman-Hite

Attested to:



Clerk, Town Council of the Town of
South Hill, Virginia

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT SMART SCALE APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, in the 2014 legislative session the Virginia General Assembly passed House Bill 2, now known as SMART SCALE, which provides for the development of a prioritization process for projects funded by the Commonwealth Transportation Board; and

WHEREAS, the projects submitted by the Town of South Hill, Virginia, address specific needs identified in VTrans, Virginia's multimodal transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, all projects are identified in the 2019 U.S. 58 Arterial Preservation Plan, the 2045 Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan, The Pathway Forward// (2024 Southside Active Transportation Plan) and/or the Southside Planning District Commission's Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) project list; and

WHEREAS, in rural areas, such as the Town of South Hill, safe and efficient transportation systems are the backbone of the local economy; as vigorous economic and community development cannot occur without continuing investment in the transportation system; and

WHEREAS, this Town Council and/or Town Officials have worked with VDOT representatives to identify and prioritize improvements to the U.S. 58 Corridor in the Town of South Hill from Thompson Street to Cycle Lane.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that since this project is in the best interest of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Town of South Hill, and all those traveling the U.S. 58 corridor, the Town Council of the Town of South Hill does hereby support and request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board support and approve any or all of the projects submitted.

Adopted the 13th day of July, 2026, by the Town of South Hill Town Council.



Leanne Feather, Clerk of Council



Mike Moody, Mayor
South Hill Town Council