



**Fort Mill Town Council Meeting  
Monday, January 12, 2026  
6:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers  
205 N. White Street  
Fort Mill, SC 29715**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Savage, Councilwoman Cook, Councilman Moody, Councilman Hudgins, Councilman Wolfe, and Councilman Garrison were present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

6:00 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Savage provided the invocation.

**ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM**

Councilmembers voted by ballot. 5 votes were cast for Ronnie Helms and 1 vote was cast for Chris Wolfe. Therefore, Ronnie Helms was elected as Mayor Pro Tem for a term of one year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Pursuant to Section 2-46 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Fort Mill, any citizen of the Town may appear before council for the purpose of providing public comments on any municipal matter (except personnel matters). Those who wish to speak must sign in outside of the Council Chambers prior to the start of the meeting. Citizens will be given 3 minutes each to speak.**

Joshua Bistromowitz of 201 Skipper Street spoke about the need for enhanced pedestrian safety in downtown, walking to and from Walter Elisha Park.

Stephanie Kelly of 203 Skipper Street spoke about the need for enhanced pedestrian safety in downtown and requested additional Yield to Pedestrian and caution signage.

Scott Couchenour of 122 W. Oak Street spoke against school interdistrict transfers.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Old Business Item #1

**Second Reading:** An ordinance amending the budget for the Town of Fort Mill, South Carolina for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026 – Amendment # 26-04 – *Debbie Kratochvil*

Councilman Moody made a MOTION to approve. SECONDED by Councilman Wolfe. Passed 5-1 with Mayor Savage opposed.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Please Note: Council may take action on Executive Session Items listed on the agenda when they come back into Public Session.**

### Executive Session Item #1

Discussion incident to contractual matters relating to the purchase of real property

Councilwoman Cook made a MOTION to go into Executive Session. SECONDED by Councilman Garrison. Passed 6-0.

Councilman Wolfe made a MOTION to come out of Executive Session. SECONDED by Councilman Hudgins. Passed 6-0. Mayor Savage noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

## NEW BUSINESS

### New Business Item #1

A resolution of the Fort Mill Town Council opposing the mandates of South Carolina Act 11 (2025) relating to interdistrict transfers and supporting the preservation of local control of the Fort Mill School District – *Mayor Savage*

Mayor Savage read the resolution opposing the mandates of South Carolina Act 11 (2025) relating to interdistrict transfers and supporting the preservation of local control of the Fort Mill School District. Councilwoman Cook made a MOTION to approve the resolution. SECONDED by Councilman Wolfe. Passed 6-0.

### New Business Item #2

Consideration to authorize use of contingency funds in accordance with the Town's Financial Policies – *Eric Davis*

Councilwoman Cook made a MOTION to approve. SECONDED by Councilman Garrison. Passed 6-0.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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**Executive Session Item #2**

Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements (Town Attorney)

**Executive Session Item #3**

Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements (Duke Energy)

**Executive Session Item #4**

Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements (Fort Mill Community Center)

**Executive Session Item #5**

Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements (Municipal Parking Lot)

**Executive Session Item #6**

Receipt of legal advice relating to potential claims and ongoing legal matters

**Executive Session Item #7**

Discussions incident to personnel matters

Councilman Wolfe made a MOTION to go into Executive Session. SECONDED by Councilman Hudgins. Passed 6-0.

Councilwoman Cook made a MOTION to come out of Executive Session. SECONDED by Councilman Garrison. Passed 6-0. Mayor Savage noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

**ADJOURN**

Councilwoman Cook made a MOTION to adjourn. SECONDED by Councilman Garrison. Passed 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.