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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
201 Executive Center Drive
Suite 150
Columbia, SC 29210
ETHICS ACT COMPLAINT FORM

Section 1. READ BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM:

Investigative Authority: The Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act (the Act) gives the State Ethics Commission (Commission) the authority to investigate complaints against candidates, public officials, public members, public employees, at the state or local government level in South Carolina as well as lobbyists, and lobbyist's principals.

The Commission has the authority to investigate violations of Title 8, Chapter 13 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 2, Chapter 17 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 59, Chapter 150 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, various provisions of Title 42, Chapter 3 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, and various provisions of Title 58, Chapter 3 of the South Carolina Code of Laws

Statute of Limitations: Pursuant to Section 8-13-320(9)(d) of the Act, the Commission cannot take action on a complaint more than four years after the violation is alleged to have occurred.

Blackout Period: Pursuant to Section 8-13-320(9)(b)(1) of the Act, no complaint may be accepted against a candidate for elective office during the fifty-day period before an election in which he is a candidate.

Please note that the Commission does not have the jurisdiction to investigate alleged violations of South Carolina's Freedom of Information Act, violations of the criminal code, instances of rude or discourteous treatment, federal officials, or violations of local ordinances, policies, or procedures.

Section 2. PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING A COMPLAINT:

Complaints must be submitted by mailing the original of a fully completed complaint form to the Commission at 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, SC 29210. Failing to completely fill out the complaint form will result in the form being returned to you without an investigation being opened. Complaint forms must be either typed or written in clear, legible handwriting.

Both the Complainant and the Respondent have the right to be represented by legal counsel of their choosing. If either the complainant and/or the respondent chooses to be represented by legal counsel, they do so at their own expense.

Section 3. CONFIDENTIALITY:

Complaint forms become public documents if the Commission finds probable cause that a violation of law has occurred. Please note that upon receiving a properly filed complaint form, the Commission will share an unredacted copy of the complaint with the Respondent whether or not an investigation is ordered.

Section 4. COMPLAINT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Please check each circle to acknowledge that you have read and understand the following:

- ☒ I understand that I may be called to testify in an administrative or criminal proceeding should probable cause be found on this matter.
- ☒ I understand that I may be subpoenaed to sit for a deposition where I will be required to answer questions under oath.
- ☒ I understand that my name, address, and phone number will be shared with the Respondent.
- ☒ I understand that my name may be made public by the Respondent or the Commission.

Section 5. CHECK THE POSITION OF THE PERSON AGAINST WHOM THIS COMPLAINT IS FILED:

- ☐ Candidate for public office
- ☐ Elected official at the state or local level
- ☐ Employee of local or state government
- ☐ Lobbyist
- ☐ Lobbyist's Principal
- ☐ Member of South Carolina Legislature
- ☐ Public member (a person appointed to a part-time board, commission, or council at the state or local level)

Section 6. COMPLAINANT AND RESPONDENT INFORMATION:

I. PERSON BRINGING THE COMPLAINT (COMPLAINANT)			
Name:	Christie Rainwater		
Address:	[REDACTED]		
City:	Hanahan	State:	SC Zip Code: 129110
Telephone:	[REDACTED]	Email Address:	christie.rainwater@carolhaone.com
II. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT (RESPONDENT)			
Name:	Amanda Colvin Shea		
Address:	[REDACTED]		
City:	Hanahan	State:	SC Zip Code: 129110
Telephone:	[REDACTED]		

Section 7. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS COMPLAINT COMES FROM:

- ☒ Personal knowledge
- ☐ Media Reports
- ☒ From a third-party
- ☒ Other

☐ Please specify: Lawsuits

Section 8: STATEMENT OF FACTS (Please state the actions of the Respondent upon which your ethics complaint is based):

Please see attached complaint and supporting documents.

To: South Carolina State Ethics Commission

Regarding: Formal Complaint against Councilmember Amanda Colvin-Shea

Subject: Violations of Public Trust and Confidentiality

Date: February 27, 2026

I am filing this formal complaint against Hanahan City Council Member Amanda Colvin-Shea regarding a series of actions that breach the ethical standards becoming of an elected official in South Carolina.

1. Breach of Confidentiality, Executive Session: Councilmember Colvin-Shea allegedly, in an affidavit signed by Ray Wrenn, recorded an Executive Session of the City Council concerning active litigation against the city by Ray Wrenn himself. It is further stated that she disseminated this recording to the developer, who is the Plaintiff, as well as to others. This constitutes a direct breach of her fiduciary duty to the city and is a violation of Section 8-13-725, which prohibits the disclosure of confidential information for personal gain.

Additionally, in an Executive Session during a Council Workshop in February of 2025, the City received a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, during the executive session, for specific information that had just been disseminated only a few minutes prior during the closed session. This sequence of events indicates that confidential information was being shared externally in real-time by an individual present in the room. When this was discovered in the midst of the session and I brought it to everyone's attention, one of the council members voluntarily offered their phone for review to confirm it wasn't them. This was continued by every council member in attendance excluding Amanda Colvin-Shea. One council member observed Councilmember Amanda Colvin-Shea as she began deleting items from her phone log. An investigative committee of council was formed and a forensic phone audit was requested. She denied doing that and retained an attorney.

2. Misuse of Office and Harassment: Councilmember Colvin-Shea has engaged in a pattern of behavior that includes:

- Sending harassing emails and text messages to city staff and fellow councilmembers.
- Using social media platforms to defame and disparage the professional reputation of city employees and elected colleagues.
- Creating a hostile work environment that interferes with the daily operations of city government.

3. Campaign Finance and Disclosure Violations: During Councilmember Colvin-Shea's initial campaign in 2024, it was observed that campaign signage and promotional materials were distributed and displayed extensively throughout the City. However, her filed campaign disclosure reports for that entire election cycle reflect zero dollars (\$0.00) in expenditures. This discrepancy suggests a failure to report either personal funds used for the campaign or "in-kind" contributions from third parties. Failure to accurately report these expenses is a direct violation

of the South Carolina Campaign Reform Act, which requires full transparency regarding the costs associated with seeking public office.

4. Conduct Unbecoming an Official There are serious concerns regarding the Councilmember's fitness for office and adherence to the high standards of conduct expected of public servants based on allegations of drug use during her employment at the VA hospital and her past employment at Carolina Pain Physicians. There have been allegations of theft of prescriptions drugs that have led to her being dismissed from these jobs

I respectfully request that the Commission conduct a full investigation into these matters to determine if Councilmember Colvin-Shea has violated the South Carolina Ethics Act or breached her oath of office.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Christie Rainwater. A blue ink flourish is visible above the box, and a blue line extends from the right side of the box.

Christie Rainwater

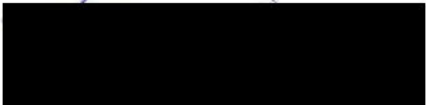
Section 9. VERIFICATION BY OATH OR AFFIRMATION - ORIGINAL NOTARY AND SIGNATURES REQUIRED:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND

Personally appeared before me Christie Rainwater who, first being duly sworn, says that he has read and knows the contents of the above complaint and that the allegations contained therein, are true and correct to the best of his own knowledge, except for those matters therein based upon information and belief, and as to those he/she believes them to be true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

2nd day of February


Complainant Signature


Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission expires 10/25/28

JACQUELINE RUSSO
Notary Public - South Carolina
My Commission Expires Oct. 25, 2028

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BERKELEY

Ray Wrenn

Petitioner

vs

City of Hanahan,

Defendant

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CASE NO.:

SUMMONS

TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to this complaint upon the subscriber, at the address shown below, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the complaint, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.



Laquiere Legal Services LLC

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CASE NO.:

COMPLAINT
Declaratory Judgement

Plaintiff would respectfully show:

1. This is a civil action for Declaratory Judgement pursuant to SC Code 15-53-10 et seq. to:
 - a. Challenge the validity of the first and second readings of City of Hanahan Ordinance No. 1-2025 because the City violated SC Code 5-7-270 and SC Code 30-4-70;
 - b. Challenge the validity of Ordinance No. 1-2025 because it violates SC Code 5-7-230 and it unlawfully delegates Council authority to the City Administrator and unlawfully outsources the duties of the Office of the City Attorney to a law firm; and
 - c. Challenge the validity of the resolution passed by motion at the January 14, 2025 meeting of City Council to authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement for Haynesworth Sinkler Boyd law firm to act as "outside City Attorney" in violation of the express language of the existing City of Hanahan Ordinances 2-210 and 2-211; as well as SC Code 5-7-230.
2. Plaintiff Ray Wrenn is a taxpayer residing within the City of Hanahan, South Carolina.
3. Defendant City of Hanahan is a municipal corporation located within Berkeley County, South Carolina.

4. The City of Hanahan has directed Plaintiff to “negotiate” with Stafford McQuillin III and the Haynesworth Sinkler Boyd law firm; who is to act as the City’s authorized agent and in the capacity of the City Attorney; exercising discretionary authority on behalf of the City.
5. The Plaintiff raised the question of whether McQuillin was every elected or appointed to the position of City Attorney; and also whether or not McQuillin vacated the position of City Attorney by virtue of accepting other government positions.
6. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter jurisdiction over the dispute.
7. Venue is proper in this Court as the actions giving rise to this complaint occurred in Berkeley County, South Carolina.
8. On January 14, 2025 the Hanahan City Council held a regular meeting.
9. Prior to the meeting the City uploaded to its website a document entitled “AGENDA City Council Meeting Tuesday, January 14, 2025”.
10. The Agenda called for the Council to enter into executive session to discuss the proposed City of Hanahan Ordinance # 1-2025.
11. Additionally the Agenda stated in relevant part “Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance # 1-2025 – an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, Administration, Article III, Officers, Employees, and Departments, Division 4, City Attorney, Sections 2-210 and 2-211.”
12. Accompanying the Agenda was a document describing the ordinance. It stated in relevant part: “Ordinance #1-2025 is an ordinance designed to clarify Sections 2-210 and 2-211 of the City Code concerning retention of City Attorney. The existing ordinance is outdated and contemplates City Council appointing a person to serve as an in-house City Attorney, which has not occurred for many years. For over a decade, City Council has retained a law firm on a contractual basis to provide legal advice and represent the City of Hanahan in civil

matters on an as needed basis as outside City Attorney. Ordinance #1-2025 clarifies that Council has authority to retain an outside law firm on a contractual basis and addresses the role of City Prosecutor, which is currently not addressed in the City's ordinances."

13. On January 14, 2025 the City Council entered into executive session to discuss Ordinance #1-2025.
14. Following executive session Council Member Sally made a motion to approve Ordinance #1-2025, subject to an additional amendment to have city council retain all legal counsel for the City, including legal counsel for the planning commission and BZA.
15. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hedgpath.
16. The motion to approve passed by a vote of 5 in favor, one against, with one abstaining.
17. At no time during the public meeting was the language of the ordinance read.
18. At no time was the language of the ordinance (as opposed to the summary / description of the ordinance) made accessible to members of the public in any form.
19. On February 11, 2025 the Hanahan City Council is scheduled to hold a regular meeting.
20. Prior to the meeting the City uploaded to its website a document entitled "AGENDA City Council Meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2025".
21. The Agenda stated in relevant part "Second Reading and Public Hearing - Ordinance 1-2025 An Ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Administration, Article III, Officers, Employees, and Departments, Division 4, City Attorney, Sections 2-210 and 2-211."
22. Accompanying the Agenda was a document describing the ordinance. It stated in relevant part: "Ordinance #1-2025 is an ordinance designed to clarify Sections 2-210 and 2-211 of the City Code concerning retention of City Attorney. The existing ordinance is outdated and contemplates City Council appointing a person to serve as an in-house City Attorney, which has not occurred for many years. For over a decade, City Council has retained a law firm on

a contractual basis to provide legal advice and represent the City of Hanahan in civil matters on an as needed basis as outside City Attorney. Ordinance #1-2025 clarifies that Council has authority to retain an outside law firm on a contractual basis and addresses the role of City Prosecutor, which is currently not addressed in the City's ordinances."

23. At no time was the language of the ordinance (as opposed to the summary / description of the ordinance) made accessible to members of the public in any form.
24. Stafford McQuillin III has been serving as the de-facto City Attorney for the City of Hanahan for multiple years.
25. Stafford McQuillin III has simultaneously served as a member of the Berkeley County School Board of Trustees, District Two, during this time; having been first elected in 2014.
26. During the last several years, Stafford McQuillin III, through means and methods unknown, also became the City Attorney for additional municipalities; including:
 - a. Isle of Palms;
 - b. Awendaw;
 - c. Kiawah Island;
 - d. Seabrook Island.
27. Upon information and belief, Stafford McQuillin III, has never been appointed or elected to the office of the City Attorney for the City of Hanahan.
28. Despite never having been appointed or elected to the office of City Attorney by the City Counsel, Stafford McQuillin III has exercised the power of the office.
29. Despite never having been appointed or elected to the office of City Attorney by the City Counsel, Stafford McQuillin III, and the City, have represented to the public that he is the City Attorney.

30. McQuillin participated in executive sessions, wherein he advised Council to amend the existing municipal ordinance in such a manner as to ostensibly allow the contracting with a law firm to act as City Attorney.
31. Upon information and belief, over the course of the last twelve months, McQuillin has used his authority in the municipalities of Isle of Palms, Awendaw, Kiawah Island, and Seabrook Island to introduce and pass substantially similar changes to their municipal ordinances.
32. Upon information and belief, the reason for amending these ordinances is to create a facially legitimate work-around to the prohibition of dual office holding contained in Article VI, Section 3 and Article XVII, Section 1A of the South Carolina Constitution while violating the substance and intent of the Constitution.
33. Upon information and belief, through the use of this scheme to substitute the Haynesworth Sinkler Boyd law firm as the City Attorney in multiple municipalities, McQuillin seeks to legitimize his holding six offices of honor or profit at the same time in violation of the South Carolina Constitution.

CAUSE OF ACTION ONE

Violation of SC Code 5-7-270 and Declaratory Judgement and Injunction

34. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
35. SC Code 5-7-270 requires that "Every proposed ordinance shall be introduced in writing and in the form required for final adoption."
36. SC Code 5-7-270 also states "No ordinance shall have the force of law until it shall have been read two times on two separate days with at least six days between each reading."
37. Ordinance No. 1-2025 was not introduced at the First Reading in writing in the form required for final adoption.
38. The language of Ordinance No. 1-2025 was not read at the First Reading.

39. As a result, at the meeting of City Council on January 14, 2025, Ordinance No. 1-2025 was neither “Introduced” nor “Read” as is required by SC Code 5-7-270.
40. The City of Hanahan violated SC Code 5-7-270 by conducting the first reading of Ordinance 1-2025 on January 14, 2025, and proposing a second reading on February 11, 2025, when the ordinance was not introduced or read in the form required for final adoption.
41. The Agenda indicates that the City of Hanahan shall have a Second Reading and vote to adopt Ordinance No. 1-2025 on February 11, 2025.
42. City Council cannot have a “Second Reading” when the ordinance has neither been introduced in the form required for final adoption, nor has the ordinance had a first reading.
43. Upon information and belief, the City will neither introduce Ordinance No. 1-2025 in the form required for final adoption, nor will the City read the language of the ordinance at the February 11, 2025 meeting.
44. Plaintiff seeks a declaratory judgement that Ordinance 1-2025 is void and/or unenforceable due to these violations of SC Code 5-7-270.
45. Plaintiff seeks a permanent injunction restraining the City of Hanahan from entering into any contracts pursuant to authority granted by Ordinance No. 1-2025.

CAUSE OF ACTION TWO

Violation of SC Code 5-7-230 and Declaratory Judgement and Injunction

46. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
47. SC Code 5-7-230 empowers a municipality to “elect or appoint a municipal attorney and a judge or judges of the municipal court”.
48. A municipality is not required to have a municipal attorney, but if a municipality does elect to have one, SC Code 5-7-230 dictates that they must be a person and they must be elected or appointed.

49. A local political body cannot delegate authority it is specifically granted under state statute to a third party, an agent, or an employee.

50. Plaintiff seeks a declaratory judgement that Ordinance 1-2025 is void and unenforceable to the extent that it:

- a. Delegates the authority of the City Council to elect or appoint a municipal attorney to the City Administrator, or
- b. Delegates the sovereign authority of the Office of the City Attorney to a third party law firm.

51. Plaintiff seeks a permanent injunction restraining the City of Hanahan from entering into any agreement which violates SC Code 5-7-230.

CAUSE OF ACTION THREE

Violation of Existing Municipal Ordinance and Declaratory Judgement and Injunction

52. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

53. The City Council, during its meeting on January 14, 2025, resolved by motion that the City Administrator was authorized to enter into a contract for legal services with the Haynesworth Sinkler Boyd law firm that was discussed exclusively in executive session.

54. The contract for legal services is dated January 8, 2025.

55. The contract for legal services defines the scope of representation as follows: "The Firm is being engaged on a contractual basis to provide legal guidance and represent the City in civil matters as outside City Attorney on an as needed and part-time basis pursuant to the terms of this engagement letter. The Firm is not serving as City Prosecutor and will not prosecute criminal cases on behalf of the City."

56. The City of Hanahan's existing ordinance 2-210 states: "The council shall appoint as city attorney a person who is a member of the South Carolina Bar and admitted to practice law in the state."
57. The City of Hanahan's existing ordinance 2-211 states: "It shall be the duty of the city attorney, whenever called upon by the council, or the necessity arises, to give his advice and direction to the council, or any member thereof, or to the clerk-treasurer and chief of police on any and all legal questions which may arise in the course of the administration of the city government, or in the discharge of the duties of their respective offices; and whenever required to do so by the council, he shall give his legal opinion in writing. He shall draw or supervise the drawing or drafting of all ordinances, and other instruments of writing relative to the business of the city when required to do so by the council or any member thereof; and shall, whenever notified to do so, attend the meetings of the council and shall perform such other duties as required by the council. The city attorney shall receive such compensation for the discharge of his duties as fixed by the council."
58. The Haynesworth law firm agreement defines the scope of representation to include the powers and duties the existing ordinance grants to the Office of the City Attorney.
59. The Hanesworth law firm is not "a person who is a member of the South Carolina Bar and admitted to practice law in this state".
60. Plaintiff seeks declaratory judgement that the City Council cannot, by resolution, nor by motion, nor by and through any agents or staff; enter into this contract for services because it violates the existing City Ordinances.
61. Plaintiff seeks declaratory judgement that the contract for outside City Attorney with the Haynesworth law firm is void and unenforceable.

62. Plaintiff seeks a permanent injunction barring the City from contracting for legal services with a law firm to serve as outside City Attorney in violation of the existing City Ordinances.

CAUSE OF ACTION FOUR

Executive Session to Discuss Ordinance No. 1-2025 Violates FOIA, SC Code 30-4-70

63. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
64. The City Council moved and voted to enter executive session to discuss proposed Ordinance No. 1-2025.
65. This subject matter does not qualify as a matter to be discussed in closed/executive session pursuant to SC Code 30-4-70 and therefore the closed meeting was unlawful.
66. Upon information and belief, representatives of the City of Hanahan did audio record the content of this executive session meeting.
67. Plaintiff seeks declaratory judgement that the City Counsel unlawfully discussed Ordinance No. 1-2025 in executive session in violation of FOIA.
68. Plaintiff seeks declaratory judgement that Ordinance No. 1-2025 is void resulting from violations of FOIA.
69. Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief compelling the City to produce to the Plaintiff a copy of the audio recording of the January 14, 2025 executive session, or at least so much of the recording as pertains to Ordinance No. 1-2025.

CAUSE OF ACTION FIVE

Costs and Reasonable Attorney Fees Pursuant to SC Code 30-4-100, SC Code 15-77-300, and

Other Law

70. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
71. Plaintiff is entitled to costs and reasonable attorney fees as provided by SC Code 15-77-300.

72. Plaintiff is entitled to costs and reasonable attorney fees as provided by SC Code 30-4-100.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgement against Defendants as follows:

- A. For a declaratory judgement that Ordinance 1-2025 is void;
- B. For injunctive relief;
- F. For costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in prosecuting this action;
- G. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF BERKELEY	)	FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Ray Wrenn,	)	CASE NO.: 2025-CP-08-00470
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION
	)	TO COMPEL PURSUANT TO RULES
v.	)	37, 40(A), AND 40(H), SCRC
	)	
City of Hanahan,	)	<u>PRIORITY MATTER</u>
	)	<u>EXPEDITED HEARING REQUESTED</u>
Defendant.	)	

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Defendant City of Hanahan (the "City") hereby moves this Honorable Court pursuant to Rule 37, SCRC for relief in the form of an Order compelling Plaintiff Ray Wrenn ("Wrenn") to respond to the City's First Set of Interrogatories and First Set of Requests for Production. As a "discovery motion," "Priority Matter" designation is appropriate for scheduling purposes under Rules 40(a) and (h), SCRC.

1. On March 21, 2025, the City served Wrenn with five (5) Interrogatories and ten (10) Requests for Production, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

2. Wrenn has failed to respond timely to the City's First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Production.

3. On April 21, 2025, counsel for the City sent a letter to counsel for Wrenn and made a bona fide attempt to resolve this issue without intervention of the Court as required by Rule 11, SCRC. A copy of the letter is attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated by reference herein.

4. Counsel for the City has also sent several e-mails to counsel for Wrenn requesting the status of these discovery responses.

5. On April 23, 2025, counsel for Wrenn e-mailed "I'll get this turned around today." On April 24, 2025, counsel for Wrenn e-mailed "I should be able to complete them this afternoon." Despite these assurances, no discovery responses have been served.

6. Given the foregoing, the City respectfully requests this Honorable Court grant its Motion to Compel and order Wrenn to provide answers and documents responsive to the City's First Set of Interrogatories and First Set of Requests for Production immediately.

7. The City also requests attorney's fees and costs pursuant to Rule 37(a)(4), SCRPC.

Respectfully submitted,

HAYNSWORTH SINKLER BOYD, P.A.

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April 28, 2025
Charleston, South Carolina

Exhibit A

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
	)	FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BERKELEY	)	
	)	CASE NO.: 2025-CP-08-00470
Ray Wrenn,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	DEFENDANT'S FIRST SET OF
v.	)	INTERROGATORIES TO PLAINTIFF
	)	
City of Hanahan,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

TO: ERIC B. LAQUIERE, ESQ., COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF:

Defendant City of Hanahan ("City"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby requests Plaintiff Ray Wrenn ("Wrenn" or "Plaintiff") to answer the following interrogatories within the time permitted under Rule 33 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. These interrogatories are deemed to be continuing, and if complete responses to any request are not presently available, supplemental answers are required at the time the information is available until the time of trial in this case.

STANDARD INTERROGATORIES

1. Give the names and addresses of persons known to the parties or counsel to be witnesses concerning the facts of the case and indicate whether or not written or recorded statements have been taken from the witnesses and indicate who has possession of such statements.
2. For each person known to the parties or counsel to be a witness concerning the facts of the case, set forth either a summary sufficient to inform the other party of the important facts known to or observed by such witness, or provide a copy of any written or recorded statements taken from such witnesses.

3. Set forth a list of photographs, plats, sketches or other prepared documents in possession of the party that relate to the claim or defense in the case.

4. Set forth an itemized statement of all damages, exclusive of pain and suffering, claimed to have been sustained by the party.

5. List the names and addresses of any expert witnesses whom the party proposes to use as a witness at the trial of the case.

GENERAL INTERROGATORIES

1. Identify each and every witness, communication, or other evidence supporting Plaintiff's allegation in Paragraph 66 of the Complaint that "representatives of the City of Hanahan did audio record the content of this executive session meeting." Specifically, identify which "representatives of the City of Hanahan" are alleged to have recorded the executive session.

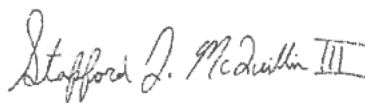
2. Indicate how you learned of the "audio recording of the January 14, 2025 executive session," which you request in Paragraph 69 of your Complaint.

3. Identify each Hanahan City Council member that Eric B. Laquiere, Esq., has met with or questioned concerning discussions that occurred during a Hanahan City Council executive session. For each discussion or meeting, please identify the date of the meeting/discussion, the location, who was present at said meeting/discussion, and describe in detail the discussions and questions posed by Eric B. Laquiere, Esq. to each Hanahan City Council member. If no such meetings or discussions occurred, please so indicate.

4. In light of your request for attorney's fees, identify the date Ray Wrenn first contacted and retained Eric B. Laquiere, Esq. and/or Laquiere Legal Services, LLC along with the amount of legal fees incurred to date.

5. Indicate whether you have deleted any communications since the filing of this lawsuit from your email or cell phone or whether you have instructed others to delete items, including Amanda Colvin-Shea, Timothy Crowley, or Anthony Magno.

HAYNSWORTH SINKLER BOYD, P.A.



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March 21, 2025
Charleston, South Carolina

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	)	FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BERKELEY	)	
	)	CASE NO.: 2025-CP-08-00470
Ray Wrenn,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
v.	)	
	)	
City of Hanahan,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

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	)	FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BERKELEY	)	
	)	CASE NO.: 2025-CP-08-00470
Ray Wrenn,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	
v.	)	DEFENDANT'S FIRST SET OF
	)	REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION TO
City of Hanahan,	)	PLAINTIFF
	)	
Defendant.	)	

TO: ERIC B. LAQUIERE, ESQ., COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF:

Defendant City of Hanahan ("City"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby requests Plaintiff Ray Wrenn ("Wrenn" or "Plaintiff") to respond to the following requests for production within the time permitted under Rule 34 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. These requests are deemed to be continuing, and if complete responses to any request are not presently available, supplemental responses are required at the time the information is available until the time of trial in this case. Should any documentation responsive to any of these requests be withheld on the grounds of privilege, please provide a detailed privilege log identifying the date of the communication, parties to the communication, and specific grounds for asserting the privilege.

REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION:

1. Produce copies of all documents, data, recordings, or communications supporting Plaintiff's allegation in Paragraph 66 of the Complaint that "representatives of the City of Hanahan did audio record the content of this executive session meeting." This request includes, but is not limited to, audio recordings in native digital format, transcriptions of the meeting, and

communications from City Council members or others either transmitting said audio recording or referencing its existence.

2. Produce any and all communications, written or electronic, between Ray Wrenn and any current or former City of Hanahan Council members or current or former City of Hanahan Planning Commission members concerning any of the following topics: hiring or appointment of legal counsel, city attorney, legal counsel for the City of Hanahan or the City of Hanahan Planning Commission, Ordinance 2-210 or 2-211, Ordinance 1-2025, the city attorney ordinance, dual-office holding, executive sessions, recordings of executive session, the city investigation, Paul Ferrara, or any other communications concerning this lawsuit or matters complained of in the Complaint. This request for communications includes text messages, emails, and social media messages on any devices, including personal cell phones, personal or work email accounts, and social media accounts. This request does not include and specifically excludes communications to any emails ending with the domain: @cityofhanahan.com.

3. Produce all non-privileged communications by or between Plaintiff (or his current or former legal representatives, including Brent Halversen, Esq. or Eric B. Laquiere, Esq.) and any members of Hanahan City Council concerning proposed questions to ask about the city attorney ordinance/dual office holding or scripts for any members of Hanahan City Council concerning the city attorney ordinance/dual office holding. If no such communications exist, please so indicate. Should any documentation responsive to this request be withheld on the grounds of privilege, please provide a detailed privilege log identifying the date of the communication, parties to the communication, and specific grounds for asserting the privilege.

4. Produce all non-privileged communications by or between Plaintiff (or his current legal representative, Eric B. Laquiere, Esq.) and Paul Ferrara concerning the following topics: city

attorney, applying to the position of city attorney, legal counsel for the City of Hanahan or the City of Hanahan Planning Commission, Ordinance 2-210 or 2-211, Ordinance 1-2025, the city attorney ordinance, dual-office holding, executive sessions, or the city investigation. Should any documentation responsive to this request be withheld on the grounds of privilege, please provide a detailed privilege log identifying the date of the communication, parties to the communication, and specific grounds for asserting the privilege.

5. Produce copies of all statements, written or recorded, of any persons, including any party hereto, who are or may be witnesses to any of the matters complained of in the Complaint.

6. Produce copies of all documents and communications (both written and electronic) in the possession, custody, or control¹ of Plaintiff that relate to any claims or defenses in the case, including communications with appointed or elected officials. This request for communications includes text messages, emails, and social media messages on any devices, including personal cell phones, personal or work email accounts, and social media accounts. This request does not include and specifically excludes communications to any emails ending with the domain: @cityofhanahan.com.

7. Produce copies of each and every document, communication, or other material that Plaintiff intends to rely on to support his claims in this action, regardless of whether Plaintiff intends to offer the same into evidence or merely use as a demonstrative aid at trial of this action.

¹ “Control” has the same meaning used in the Rules of Civil Procedure. Case law applying the rule hold that a party “must produce responsive documents that are in its ‘possession, custody or control’ . . . and ‘control’ comprehends not only possession but also the right, authority, or ability to obtain the documents.” Comeau v. Rupp, 810 F. Supp. 1127, 1166 (D. Kan. 1992); Resolution Trust Co. v. Deloitte & Touche, 145 F.R.D. 108 (D. Colo. 1992); FDIC v. Halpern, 271 F.R.D. 191, 193 (D. Nev. 2010).

8. In light of your request for an award of legal fees, produce copies of all engagement letters for legal services and representation entered into between Ray Wrenn, Wrenn Group, LLC, and any other entities affiliated with Ray Wrenn since January 1, 2024 with Eric B. Laquiere, Esq. or Laquiere Legal Services, LLC. These engagement letters are being sought for the purpose of determining the identity of the attorneys retained, the date of retention, the general purpose of the retention, the amount of the fee, and other non-privileged matters.² This request does not seek any

² This material is discoverable pursuant to the authorities and legal analysis in Wellin v. Wellin, No. 2:13-CV-1831-DCN, 2016 WL 7626175, at *4 (D.S.C. Oct. 17, 2016), report and recommendation adopted, No. 2:13-CV-1831 DCN, 2017 WL 1247862 (D.S.C. Mar. 31, 2017) as follows:

In State v. Doster, 276 S.C. 647, 652, 284 S.E.2d 218, 219 (1981), the South Carolina Supreme Court explained that “the privilege must be tailored to protect only confidences disclosed within the [attorney-client] relationship.” The Court recognized the essential elements giving rise to the privilege, as stated by Wigmore, to be:

“(1) Where legal advice of any kind is sought (2) from a professional legal advisor in his capacity as such, (3) the communications relating to that purpose (4) made in confidence (5) by the client (6) are at his instance permanently protected (7) from disclosure by himself or by the legal advisor, (8) except the protection be waived.” 8 Wigmore, Evidence § 2292 (McNaughton rev. 1961).

In considering this issue, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals noted in N.L.R.B. v. Harvey, 349 F.2d 900, 904 (C.A. 4th Cir. 1965) that “[g]enerally, the identity of the attorney's client is not considered privileged matter.” In so holding, the Court quoted from the case of United States v. Pape, 144 F.2d 778, 782 (2nd Cir. 1944), cert. denied 323 U.S. 752, 65 S.Ct. 86, 89 L.Ed. 602 (1944) as follows:

“The authorities are substantially uniform against any privilege as applied to the fact of retainer or identity of the client. The privilege is limited to confidential communications, and a retainer is not a confidential communication, although it cannot come into existence without some communication between the attorney and the—at that stage prospective—client.”

Thus, as the Fourth Circuit has observed, “[t]he identity of the client, the amount of the fee, the identification of payment by case file name, and the general purpose of the work performed are usually not protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege’ ”. In re Grand Jury subpoena, 204 F.3d 516, (4th Cir. 2000) (citing Chaudhry v. Gallerizzo, 174 F.3d 394, 402 (4th Cir. 1999)).

(Emphasis added).

material protected by the attorney-client privilege and the work product doctrine. Should any documentation responsive to this request be withheld on the grounds of privilege, please provide a detailed privilege log identifying the date of the communication, parties to the communication, and specific grounds for asserting the privilege.

9. Produce copies of all documents, communications, and other materials received pursuant to third party document subpoenas served in this case.

10. Produce all documents evidencing any communications (electronic or otherwise, including emails and text messages) between Plaintiff and any person (excluding your lawyer) concerning this lawsuit.

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March 21, 2025
Charleston, South Carolina

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Exhibit B



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April 21, 2025

VIA E-MAIL ONLY

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**Re: Ray Wrenn v. City of Hanahan
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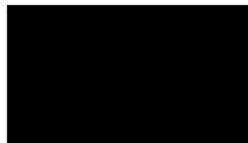
Dear Eric,

I hope you are doing well. On March 21, 2025, we served the Defendant's First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Production on the Plaintiff in this case. At this time, we have not yet received your responses to this discovery, and they are past due.

I certainly do not want to have to file a Motion to Compel in order to receive these responses. However, if I do not hear from you by Friday, April 25, 2025, I will be forced to file such a motion. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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Plaintiff

vs

City of Hanahan,

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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PLAINTIFF'S 1st SUPPLEMENTAL
ANSWERS TO THE DEFENDANT'S
FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES

TO: MAC MCQUILLIN, ESQ., AND ROSS APPEL, ESQ. COUNSEL FOR THE
DEFENDANT

PROCEDURE

On June 24, 2025 The Honorable Judge Coble granted the Defendant's motion to compel in part and denied the Defendant's motion to compel in part. The Defendant filed a motion to reconsider under Rule 59e. The Court denied the Defendant's motion to reconsider by way of an Order filed on July 3, 2025. The Plaintiff did not request reconsideration of, nor appeal the Order. Because the Order did not become final until July 3, 2025; and it states in relevant party that the Plaintiff is to fully respond to General Interrogatory no. 1 and no. 2 within 30 days; the Plaintiff's responses are due on or before August 2, 2025.

1ST SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Plaintiff Ray Wrenn ("Wrenn"), Supplements his prior answers to the Defendant's First Set of Interrogatories as follows:

GENERAL INTERROGATORIES

1. Identify each and every witness, communication, or other evidence supporting Plaintiff's allegation in Paragraph 66 of the Complaint that "representatives of the City of Hanahan did audio record the content of this executive session meeting." Specifically, identify which "representatives of the City of Hanahan" are alleged to have recorded the executive session.

RESPONSE:

Please note that since this Interrogatory was requested the Plaintiff has filed an Amended Complaint. In the Amended Complaint, Paragraph 66 does not state "representatives of the City of Hanahan did audio record the content of this executive session meeting.". Subject to that clarification, the Plaintiff responds to the original inquiry as follows:

It is common knowledge that the City of Hanahan records everything that happens at City Hall. There is a webcam recording device installed in the room where executive session is regularly conducted.

Council Member Amanda Shea stated in conversation to Ray Wrenn on more than one occasion that she recorded the executive sessions of Hanahan City Council for her protection.

Council Member Shea has not shared the recordings with Ray Wrenn or his legal counsel and neither Ray Wrenn nor his legal counsel know how many executive sessions have been recorded.

2. Indicate how you learned of the “audio recording of the January 14, 2025 executive session,” which you request in Paragraph 69 of your Complaint.

RESPONSE:

Based upon the circumstantial evidence, the Plaintiff believes that there is a high likelihood that the January 14, 2025 executive session was recorded by the City of Hanahan.

Additionally, Council Member Amanda Shea stated in conversation to Ray Wrenn on more than one occasion that she recorded the January 14, 2025 executive session of Hanahan City Council.

I certify that these responses are true to the best of my knowledge.


Ray Wrenn, Plaintiff

Jul 29, 2025

Courtney Soler

From: Christie Rainwater
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 7:37 AM
To: Courtney Soler
Cc: Timothy Crowley; Michael Sally; Adam Spurlock; Kevin Hedgpeth; Mike Dyson
Subject: Re: Staff needs your help

Courtney,

I would like to submit a FOIA request of any screenshots of the email sent on Jan 20 titled "Staff needs your help" (see below), also to include any responses. This is to include the screen shots as well as related texts between other council members or outside sources. I would also like to be reminded of what the penalty is for not complying with FOIA requests. Thanks for your help!

Warmly,
Christie

Mayor Christie Rainwater
City of Hanahan
(c) 843-817-1236

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iPhone. iTypos. iApologize.

From: Christie Rainwater <crainwater@cityofhanahan.com>
Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 9:44:43 PM
To: Courtney Soler <csoler@cityofhanahan.com>; Adam Spurlock <adam.spurlock@cityofhanahan.com>; Kevin Hedgpeth <khedgpeth@cityofhanahan.com>; Michael Sally <msally@cityofhanahan.com>; Mike Dyson <mdyson@cityofhanahan.com>; Timothy Crowley <timothy.crowley@cityofhanahan.com>
Subject: Re: Staff needs your help

Adam,

Thank you for your willingness to step up in this! Truly appreciated!

Warmly,
Christie

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From: Courtney Soler <csoler@cityofhanahan.com>

Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 9:28:28 AM

To: Adam Spurlock <adam.spurlock@cityofhanahan.com>; Christie Rainwater <crainwater@cityofhanahan.com>; Kevin Hedgpeth <khedgpeth@cityofhanahan.com>; Michael Sally <msally@cityofhanahan.com>; Mike Dyson <mdyson@cityofhanahan.com>; Timothy Crowley <timothy.crowley@cityofhanahan.com>

Subject: RE: Staff needs your help

That is much appreciated, Adam! I thank you on behalf of our future Clerk of Council as well. 😊

From: Adam Spurlock <adam.spurlock@cityofhanahan.com>

Sent: Friday, January 23, 2026 6:55 AM

To: Christie Rainwater <crainwater@cityofhanahan.com>; Courtney Soler <csoler@cityofhanahan.com>; Kevin Hedgpeth <khedgpeth@cityofhanahan.com>; Michael Sally <msally@cityofhanahan.com>; Mike Dyson <mdyson@cityofhanahan.com>; Timothy Crowley <timothy.crowley@cityofhanahan.com>

Subject: Re: Staff needs your help

Hey guys!

Yes Courtney, thanks for reaching out.

I have spoken with Amanda several times on the phone with what I hope was grace, kindness, humility and respect towards her about her tone and behaviors.

I will continue to try to do so, and will call her this week about the ripple effect it is having on staff.

But always happy to have a team conversation as well.

Thanks,
Adam

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From: Christie Rainwater <crainwater@cityofhanahan.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 10:42:44 PM

To: Courtney Soler <csoler@cityofhanahan.com>; Kevin Hedgpeth <khedgpeth@cityofhanahan.com>; Adam Spurlock <adam.spurlock@cityofhanahan.com>; Michael Sally <msally@cityofhanahan.com>; Mike Dyson <mdyson@cityofhanahan.com>; Timothy Crowley <timothy.crowley@cityofhanahan.com>

Subject: Re: Staff needs your help

Courtney,

Thanks so much for informing us of this. For nearly a decade, we have never faced anything like this, and I want to encourage you and staff to keep being awesome despite the challenges. I do understand that this is draining emotionally as well as on resources, and staff's time can be better spent doing good things in the city versus defending themselves in person and online.

As a Council, we need to do a better job of calling out the behavior and lies in person and online. I am happy to attempt to address the faces and winking, but the last time I tried to address something from a council meeting on the phone with her, she screamed at me and hung up on me. Does anyone else on council have the ability to address some of these behaviors with her privately? That would be the best case scenario. If not, we will have to, as a team, address them publicly. We cannot risk losing more good staff members because of how uncomfortable and attacked her actions are making staff feel.

Mayor Christie Rainwater
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From: Courtney Soler <csoler@cityofhanahan.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 2:09 PM

To: Christie Rainwater <crainwater@cityofhanahan.com>; Kevin Hedgpeth <khedgpeth@cityofhanahan.com>; Adam Spurlock <adam.spurlock@cityofhanahan.com>; Michael Sally <msally@cityofhanahan.com>; Mike Dyson <mdyson@cityofhanahan.com>; Timothy Crowley <timothy.crowley@cityofhanahan.com>

Subject: Staff needs your help

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

We have a serious issue with Councilmember Amanda Colvin-Shea and how she treats staff.

Mac said it best, elected officials "police" each other, so I believe the appropriate course of action is for me to bring this to your attention and implore/beg you all to help us stop this disturbing behavior, it is sincerely affecting staff.

Since the last Council meeting I have had at least 12 staff members complain to me (and more complain to the staff that have come to me). Additionally I have learned that Amanda's behavior to our Clerk of Council really affected the satisfaction of the job and I'm afraid we'll continue to lose more and more Clerks because of this behavior (if it doesn't stop).

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- Menacing staring/smirking and constant "winking" at staff during council meeting (according to staff, this behavior has increased with how often it happens during the meeting and how interpreted by them as a way to intimidate them or to indicate she's out to get them).
 - Attacking staff's credibility in council meetings and online without ever searching for facts (talking to employees who haven't worked for the city for several years, or people who do not work here is not fact checking).
 - After hearing the truth and facts, continue to push an agenda that staff has made an error, such as accusing Breona of not posting the agenda on time at the last council meeting. The agenda was posted on the website and bulletin board in the lobby at approximately 12:43PM the day before council and the agenda was posted to social media by 4:53PM the day before the council which was a full 24 hours prior to the council meeting, however the law only requires that the agenda be posted in the lobby/website 24 hours prior, but either way all three places were posted by the time required, and ultimately this could be fact checked if Amanda wanted that

info, but ultimately staff should never be called out as “liars” in front of the public, and this behavior makes people want to leave the city.

- Promoting lies to the public as though they are truth (and of course again these could be proven false by fact checking), such as “the fields were locked for 10 years” (fun fact David Shea worked for the city for 8 years and 2 months so any statement of him working for the city for 10 years is also a lie).
- Every single time she comes to city hall, staff is appalled and disturbed that she talks to anyone who will listen about how terrible you all are, how terrible other staff members are (including me), every single time she comes. She made Breona feel so uncomfortable that she was trying to pit her against all of you, and myself and other city leadership.
- She is very disrespectful to staff and entirely ignores people saying “goodbye, have a good night” and similar sentiments, or she rolls her eyes at them.
- Staff has said that she undermines all of the good work we’re doing at City Hall and is actively trying to turn people on each other and turns the admin office into a hostile work environment when she is up here (but she has demonstrated this same behavior in other departments as well such as Building & Codes)
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- Knowing no matter how hard you and your department work or what you accomplish, Amanda will find a way to tear you down publicly or cast doubt on the process in a public way and never in an effective, “let’s work together” or “let me fact check” way. And throwing an “atta boy” to an employee one minute and then tearing them down the next (in public) is not authentic or effective to convince staff the positive statement is anything other than a political maneuver to make her look better (but is disingenuous).
- Amanda is actively tearing down the great leaps and bounds staff has made to build morale and public confidence with false and incorrect statements and she never corrects herself when proven wrong.
- Amanda is the only council member who has wreaked this kind of havoc on city operations, especially on the clerk of council duties.
- The common thought amongst staff is that Amanda hates them and is doing everything in her power to destroy the city. This is a serious problem and I’m not sure if Amanda realizes this is the reputation that she has built.

I truly believe that you all care about staff and this probably turns your stomach, as it does mine, finding any way to remedy this situation is much appreciated by all.

If you would like to talk to me more about these issues or speak with staff directly, I can arrange either.

Sincerely,
Courtney



Courtney Soler

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

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Courtney Soler

From: Larry Sturdivant
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 9:53 AM
To: Courtney Soler
Subject: memo

Courtney,

Here is a brief summary from yesterday. Cindy and Paul confirmed the below statements.

- Councilmember Shea came to the office window between 4pm and 4:30pm on Monday, Dec. 15 and asked for me.
- I stepped into Cindy's office to speak to her.
- Council member Shea asked about the new home under construction at 6032 Rembert. She asked me several times if it was a duplex or a single-family dwelling. Also asked why did it have two rear doors. Another question was why did it have two air conditioners.
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- I explained that I could not legally go and ask for a copy of the lease and start asking who all lives in a home. I stated that this would bring a lawsuit against the City as this would be an unlawful search.
- She said that she would tell people that I said "no I would not check." I then replied that the statement was not what I said. If we receive a complaint, then we would reach out to the subject property owner to contact us to discuss.
- She said that next November she will get the ordinance changed to prohibit renting.
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Here is a screenshot of the house floor plan.



"I think it makes the community look bad to have his chickens running around," he said.

"Chickens are made for the farm, not to be in the city. I understand that people want to have their eggs and all that stuff too. But I mean, I don't want no chickens."

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Rainwater added that she did not think the ordinance would go back to the planning commission again for further revisions, given that it had been sent back multiple times before.

"At this point, it's either pass or fail," she said. "I don't think there's any more massaging that could take place."



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I hope everyone has a great day, stay warm and safe!

RESPECTFULLY,
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Sent: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 7:30 PM
To: 'Eric Shytle'; 'Desiree Fragoso'
Cc: McQuillin, Mac; Christie Rainwater; Kevin Hedgpeth; Kristine Amara
Subject: Complaints against public official
Attachments: asc compliant 7 2025 exhibits.pdf; ACS Complaint DS 3 2025.pub; asc compliant ds 11 2025.pdf

Hello Everyone,

Most of you are aware that we have a serious issue with one of our councilmembers, Amanda Colvin-Shea. Over the past year since she was elected, Amanda has wreaked havoc trying to discredit and destroy this city in many ways, but this email is to focus on one of the ways she is creating a hostile work environment for a specific staff member, one of our department heads, Danny Stewart.

Danny is one of the best employees in the whole city, and the city would have a major loss if he were to leave. He has been with us for 9 years and is the Recreation and Parks Director. Amanda's husband, David Shea worked for the city (Rec Dept) from 2014-2023, a little over 8 years. He worked under the former R&P Director, but was ultimately terminated by Danny, after he became the Director (for cause he was written up numerous times under the prior R&P Director). One of Danny's complaints with Amanda is that it seems as though she is retaliating against him, likely due to this termination. Amanda has seemed to make it her mission to overtly lie to the public about the Recreation Dept to discredit Danny and his department's good work. Her determination to want to hurt Danny (and others, but again for the sake of this email we will focus on Danny) seems to be ramping up. She has made comments to the effect that she is just getting started with her efforts to discredit the city.

Amanda has made several comments publicly, before she was a council member, but at a council meeting, that have racist undertones. Some may call them overt racist remarks, this is a subjective and delicate matter of course. I only bring this up because Danny is African-American, and Amanda is Caucasian. Does this also motivate her desire to humiliate/harass Danny? If this behavior does not stop, would Danny have grounds for a major lawsuit against the City due to the harassment, discrimination, hostile work environment, etc. ?

Danny has now written 3 formal complaints against Amanda (all attached).

The hard part about this juggling act is that I want to make sure my amazing staff member feels heard and is protected from a hostile work environment, and potentially a hostile work environment based on discrimination, but we cannot discipline or rehabilitate Amanda's actions like a typical employee. I don't know if I need to hand off this entire situation to the Mayor and Councilmembers (Mayor Christie Rainwater and Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Hedgpeth are included on this email for this reason) because it is appropriate for council members to discipline/hold accountable other council members? Should they publicly censure Amanda? Ask Danny not to attend future council meetings based on her bullying tactics towards him during these meetings? I want to protect Danny, and the City, and I am at a loss.

This is all very new territory for all involved. Eric and Desiree, I am reaching out to you to ask for guidance, or someone in the legal field that can help with this matter. Do we need a municipal employment attorney? An elected official attorney? Any advice or thoughts would be much appreciated.

Many Thanks,
Courtney



Courtney Soler

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

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7/22/2025

I am submitting this letter as a formal complaint regarding the conduct of Council Member Amanda Colvin-Shea during the City of Hanahan Council Public Meeting held on July 8, 2025.

During the citizen comments portion of the meeting, Council Member Colvin-Shea's husband, David Shea, addressed the Council. He requested that the soccer field at the Hanahan Recreation Complex be unlocked for public use in recognition of National Recreation and Parks Month. Mr. Shea claimed the field has been locked 24/7 for the entirety of his "10 years" of employment with the city. This is categorically false. David Shea was employed by the Hanahan Recreation Department from December 2014 until his termination on February 27th, 2023, totaling eight years and 2 months not "ten years."

Mr. Shea was informed that the soccer field is currently locked due to an active lighting project at the complex. Despite this clear explanation, Council Member Colvin-Shea interjected, falsely alleging that her son was removed from the field by Recreation Coordinator Ross Riegleman, who supposedly cited "an issue with Hispanics" as the reason for keeping the fields locked. This inflammatory and unfounded accusation is completely untrue and has been directly refuted by Mr. Riegleman himself (see attached complaint).

Council Member Colvin-Shea also stated she has received emails from concerned parents regarding locked fields. I have requested copies of these emails to conduct a thorough investigation but have received no response to date (see Exhibit A).

Additionally, I submitted a formal complaint to City Administrator Courtney Soler on May 28, 2025, regarding a prior incident in which Council Member Colvin-Shea's son was found trespassing on the locked field after jumping the fence (see Exhibit B).

These baseless and inflammatory accusations against the Recreation and Parks Department appear retaliatory in nature, seemingly tied to my decision to terminate David Shea's employment in 2023. The use of a public forum to spread misinformation, make unsupported claims, and undermine city employees is unacceptable and warrants immediate review.

I respectfully request that this matter be formally investigated, and appropriate action taken to address this behavior.



Daniel Stewart

Recreation and Parks Director

City of Hanahan

At the City Council meeting held on July 8th, Council Member Amanda Shea made a serious and false statement, claiming that I said we keep the Mabeline Soccer Field locked "to keep Hispanics off." I want to clarify that I have never made such a statement, and this accusation is entirely untrue.

This appears to stem from an earlier incident involving Amanda Shea's son and his friends, who jumped the locked fence at the Mabeline Soccer Field. Following that incident, I was approached by David Shea, who questioned why the fields were locked. During that conversation, he brought up a comment related to "Mexicans"—not me. I never made, implied, or supported any discriminatory remarks of any kind.

These false accusations are deeply troubling, and I take them seriously. I believe in treating everyone in our community with respect, regardless of race or background. The decision to keep the field locked was made for maintenance reasons/high school soccer team usage during the spring, and nothing more.

Ross D. Riegleman.





EXHIBIT A

Re: Soccer Field

From Daniel Stewart <dstewart@cityofhanahan.com>

Date Mon 3/3/2025 3:48 PM

To Amanda Colvin <amanda.colvin@cityofhanahan.com>

Hi Amanda,

I would like to see if a copy of the video could be sent to me. If my staff did any wrongdoing, I want to address this matter immediately.

Thank you!

Daniel Stewart

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From: Amanda Colvin <amanda.colvin@cityofhanahan.com>

Sent: Monday, March 3, 2025 10:45 AM

To: Daniel Stewart <dstewart@cityofhanahan.com>

Subject: Re: Soccer Field

Thank you Danny! I will be sure to let the numerous other citizens and parents know your response on this. And as for my son, he's scared of his own shadow so I can guarantee you he would never step out of line. As for the altercation, the 3rd child recorded it and it did not occur as your employee relayed it to you! Thank you for the response I will forward it along.

Best,

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Cc: Courtney Soler <csoler@cityofhanahan.com>
Subject: Re: Soccer Field

Hi Amanda,

Thank you for reaching out, I wanted to discuss this incident with you, given the chance and thank you for the opportunity to discuss the details of this interaction. Now that you have received one side of the story, I would like to take a moment to share with you the report I received from my staff.

Ross called me immediately after the exchange to let me know what happened. Ross, who was training one of our new part-time employees on evening field procedures, observed several juveniles on the soccer field. Knowing that the soccer field is locked and reserved for the High School soccer team during this time, Ross proceeded over to address the juveniles. Ross further explained to me that he went over to politely let the juveniles know that the field was reserved for the High school soccer team and that they needed to leave the field. It was then one of the juveniles, which I have been informed was your older son, started arguing with Ross about the use of the field.

Ross informed the juveniles again about the reason the field was unavailable at the time, and they still argued with him about the sign stating, "sunup to sundown." This is all beside the fact that the gate was locked, and the only way for the juveniles to get on the field is to have jump the locked fence. Ross further stated that one of the juveniles called your husband, David Shea, to the field who became belligerent with my staff. The report of the belligerent behavior I received from my staff was that David "cussed" at them and "got into their faces." This further escalated to David stating, "his wife is on city council, and she is going to get this shit changed." He also called my staff "racist against Mexicans". The exact details of this interaction I explained were also corroborated by the new part-time employee. Ross is an extremely respected and professional soft-spoken individual and I have never had a single complaint against him in the three years he has worked here about him being belligerent.

The soccer field is reserved Monday-Thursday evenings for the HS soccer Bee, JV, and Varsity teams. The field is locked on these days due to the High School soccer team having altercations with individuals who refuse to leave the field in order for them to practice. So, to help eliminate any further altercations, we issued the HS soccer coach a key, so that he can unlock the gate when he arrives for practices. This has been a standard practice here probably since back when your son played soccer for the High School. This is the only time during the season (which is our off season) that we have to lock this field. Ninety nine percent of the time all of our fields are unlocked unless they are reserved.

I would also like to address your concern about the "citizens that are concerned about ongoing issues with my staff." I have a very professional staff, and I cannot think of one complaint I have been able to substantiate that my staff was unprofessional.

I am prepared to receive any written complaints against my staff and will investigate them to the fullest extent possible. After our interaction with your husband and son, we do feel that it is helpful to put out signs to let the public know a certain field is reserved. I have instructed my staff to order "field reserved" signs for all the fields that have been properly reserved, so that citizens know the reason a field might be unavailable. I hope this sheds some light on the situation that occurred.

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From: Amanda Colvin <amanda.colvin@cityofhanahan.com>

Sent: Friday, February 28, 2025 4:02 PM

To: Daniel Stewart <dstewart@cityofhanahan.com>

Subject: Soccer Field

Danny,

I have had several complaints about your personnel kicking kids off the soccer fields. As a resident and citizen, I don't understand why this field has a sign that say "Open from Sun up to Sun down". Then, your staff member Ross kicked 3 kids off the field and became belligerent with one of the parents. This is unacceptable behavior for City employees and the parents have notified me they are writing complaints that will be submitted to the City! Citizens are very concerned about these ongoing issues with your staff! I hope we can find a way to accommodate the citizens and the children of Hanahan that wish to utilize the fields as they pay taxes to utilize and maintain them. I also hope you talk with the staff and explain to them the importance of professionalism as they are representatives of the City of Hanahan!

Best,

Amanda Colvin-Shea

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To Whom This May Concern

From Daniel Stewart <dstewart@cityofhanahan.com>

Date Wed 5/28/2025 9:31 AM

To Courtney Soler <csoler@cityofhanahan.com>

Dear City Administrator Soler,

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Her mission to mislead and cause public alarm amongst the citizens of Hanahan is quite evident. The hatred that she has for the City of Hanahan and its employee's screams louder and louder each day. The employees have had enough. It is one thing to receive criticism and feedback about your work, but for this councilmember to always see the negative in everything is exhausting on the employees. I will always stand up for what I think is right and wrong. These are the freedoms given to us as Americans by the United States Constitution. We as employees should not be the subject of her mission to destroy the City of Hanahan. I WILL NOT back down to these fictitious claims made against my department in the effort to destroy all of the hard work that has been done by the wonderful people who has made this a great place to work!

"The power of the people is always greater than the people in power. We must use our voice to demand a government that works for and by the people."

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City Administrator Soler, City of Hanahan Human Resources Department:

I would like to address comments made during the City of Hanahan Council Meeting on November 11, 2025. During the meeting, Councilmember Amanda Colvin-Shea again presented misleading statements that undermine the integrity of the city and its employees. I was once again the subject of these statements, delivered this time again through her husband, David Shea.

Mr. Shea was terminated from his position as a Maintenance Laborer with the Recreation and Parks Department on February 27, 2023, due to insubordination and a lack of respect for departmental leadership. His ongoing conduct since that time reflects continued hostility and appears connected to the circumstances of his termination.

I have previously submitted two formal complaints regarding Councilmember Colvin-Shea's conduct. At the November 11 meeting, she again used her husband to speak on her behalf during public comments, allowing him to make unfounded and inflammatory accusations without directly involving herself. Prior to Mr. Shea's remarks, Councilmember Colvin-Shea repeatedly looked in my direction while smirking and winking, suggesting a premeditated and coordinated action.

Mr. Shea again raised the issue of his son not having access to the soccer fields, despite the matter having stemmed from a May 28, 2025, incident in which his son was found trespassing on a locked field and was simply asked to leave. The matter was handled appropriately and in accordance with department policy.

These continued attacks and misrepresentations remain unaddressed, despite the concerns outlined in my formal complaint submitted on July 22, 2025. The ongoing effort to publicly undermine City employees is unacceptable and directly impacts staff morale, operations, and public perception.

Given the pattern of retaliatory behavior demonstrated by Councilmember Colvin-Shea coordinate with her husband, David Shea, I am left with no choice but to seek legal counsel to protect myself and the integrity of the Recreation and Parks Department.



Daniel Stewart

Recreation and Parks Director

City of Hanahan

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Reply to Shannon Hodges...

Shannon Hodges

Isn't the heron preserve property across the street from boco? Not saying we need more houses but that definitely would not have been a good spot for a new school. Traffic was a hard enough time having in there in the mornings for one school.

Like Reply

Teresa H Brooks

Shannon Hodges, I'm also interested to see how they design the entry into the neighborhood and with it being direct across from the school. Guessing they will need another crossing guard at that intersection to get kids across the street and possibly a police officer to allow cars to exit the neighborhood and/or cross the street to enter the school. The only downside I can think of is the traffic from that neighborhood won't add to the backup on Foster creek in the morning because they will either be going to directly across the street or turning left to go to work. Either way, sounds not very fun to deal with on top of the already aghim are-sh traffic over there in the mornings. That's the one thing I don't miss about working over there, trying to get to work at 7am in the middle of a of that. Oh, so sure they won't just stop there...they will be trying to buy out those property owners further down Williams Ln if they haven't already tried.

Like Reply

Shannon Hodges

Teresa H Brooks exactly:

Like Reply

Reply to Shannon Hodges...

Rayette White

Manana's looking into making a new school bus enter an exit road, routing traffic into a neighborhood.

Like Reply

Agnes Cunningham

Rayette White Worst nappen Williams ends/crosses private and he's property. There was discussion in the past and it didn't happen.

Like Reply

Reply to Rayette White

Susan Olney

Make it a rule meeting. The citizens could attend on the morning numbers instead of complaining on FB or social media. Not everyone can be present but their outpouring of concern should be respected.

Like Reply

Amanda Lynn Shea Author

Ladies and gentlemen, we are turning into the New North Charleston and it's a shame! Please show us and remind them about it!!!!

Courtney Soler

From: Microsoft Outlook Reactions <no-reply@microsoft.com>
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2025 12:13 AM
To: Courtney Soler
Subject: Reaction Daily Digest - Friday, October 17, 2025

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 **Amanda Colvin reacted to your message Thu 10/16/2025 2:20:00 PM**

FW: I support the Fire Chief

From: jared johnson <jaredjohnson2280@yahoo.com> Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 12:33 PM To: Null A <employeesall@cityofhanahan.com> Subject: I support the Fire Chief You don't often get email from jaredjohnson228

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We may need to have a meeting about this 😊

AC

Tried to warn y'all Tuesday Night.....🔥

AC

Maybe different Councils Members need to handle this issue since we've proven tempers flare with some

Maybe you should focus on your own job search since getting fired

AC

😂😂😂 Christie, you crack me up!!!! That's all you have? Well, maybe you should call SLED AND WORRY ABOUT THE CASE AGAINST YOU 🙄

AC

And now that I'm not bound by the VA and worrying about telling the truth or losing my job, it's GO TIME 🙄 Citizens are rising up, employees are rising up and you don't seem to care, you just want to throw mud 🙄🙄 SLED, WOW!



Courtney Soler

From: Amanda Colvin
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 2:35 PM
To: Michael Sally; Courtney Soler
Cc: City Council All
Subject: Re: Weekly Update 9/12/25

I also have Jury Duty on Thursday at 9:15 maybe I'll see you there Mike? Or are you old enough to file for the exemption? Have a great week!!

Best,
Amanda Colvin-Shea

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From: Michael Sally <michael.sally@carolinaone.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 8:15:52 AM
To: Courtney Soler <csoler@cityofhanahan.com>
Cc: Amanda Colvin <amanda.colvin@cityofhanahan.com>; City Council All <CityCouncilAll@cityofhanahan.com>
Subject: Re: Weekly Update 9/12/25

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I have jury duty on Thursday, but may be available by then, I just dont know

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On Mon, Sep 15, 2025 at 3:37 PM Courtney Soler <csoler@cityofhanahan.com> wrote:

Hey Amanda,

I was originally thinking that could be done in October, but we really need to do that asap so it doesn't prolong this closing.

That being said – can everyone do a special council meeting this Thursday at 4:30? It should be very brief.

Thanks.

From: Amanda Colvin <amanda.colvin@cityofhanahan.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 14, 2025 6:37 PM
To: Courtney Soler <csoler@cityofhanahan.com>; City Council All <CityCouncilAll@cityofhanahan.com>
Subject: Re: Weekly Update 9/12/25

Did we vote on this new attorney?

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From: Courtney Soler <csoler@cityofhanahan.com>
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2025 6:08:14 PM
To: City Council All <CityCouncilAll@cityofhanahan.com>
Subject: Weekly Update 9/12/25

Hello Everyone,

I hope you're having a good week.

1. **We finally had a response to our real estate closing and BZA appeal attorney.** It is Clement Rivers, LLP, and the attorney's name is Brian Quisenberry. **If anyone has any issue with this law firm or attorney, please let us know ASAP.** We need to have this real estate attorney help us with the sale of the Yeamans Hall Canteen land, which will likely be early next week.
2. **Attached you will find a map with a picture of a parcel of land that has been offered to the city (for sale).** It was originally \$35K but they may consider the appraisal price of \$25K. I have marked the two parcels the city owns, but there is two parcels between the land for sale and the land the city owns. I'm not sure it is worth

buying up all of this additional land, **but of course I wanted your thoughts.** The realtor that contacted me is Michael Dew, 843-870-7000, tax map # 265-15-03-070.

3. I have solicited the help of a **state vendor communications firm, Chernoff Newman, to help the City with social media strategy while we are without our higher level social media person.** You may recall, we had a third party social media coordinator (Paige Turner), then we brought this in-house and Stephanie was running point on these efforts. Since then Breona has been doing an incredible job with creating content, but we still need that higher level strategy that we received with Paige and Stephanie. We have the funds for this through salary savings with that Asst to CA position. This is an FYI only.
4. Great news, **our new mechanic, Jamel, is doing an incredible job. He has already saved the city a lot of money in the past few weeks fixing repairs that would have gone to Pit Stop prior to his arrival.** I try to remember to share with you guys some of the wins, and this was a big win. It is an actual God-send that right when Leon was thinking about retiring, such a qualified and great mechanic (who already worked for us through Torque/Ryder) came looking to work full time with the city!
5. I have added a **picture of the senior center addition location.** Like I said in my CA report, there was **only one feasible spot at the Senior Center for this addition,** but we didn't know until we had the geotechnical survey work and utility locate work done. This work is being paid for through ARPA funds (through the county) and CDBG grant funds (through the county) and we have to move quickly because of the spending timeline with ARPA funds.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday 9/15 4PM, Savage Boxing Academy ribbon cutting 5913 Loftis Rd

Thursday 9/25 530-730PM, Public Input Session / Goose Creek Primary

Thursday 10/23 5-7PM, Public Input Session / Tanner Ford Blvd roundabout (put on by Berkeley County)

Saturday 10/25 5PM, Trunk or Treat (will have to get there earlier to be ready for the 5PM start)

Thursday 10/30 5:30PM- Council Q&A at the Citizens Academy Graduation

Have a wonderful weekend,

Courtney

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Courtney Soler

From: Amanda Colvin
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 7:46 AM
To: Courtney Soler; Breona Raymundo; Adam Spurlock; Christie Rainwater; Kevin Hedgpeth; Michael Sally; Mike Dyson; Timothy Crowley; adam@lifeatrestoration.com; dyconinc@comcast.net; michael.sally@carolinaoneplus.com
Subject: Re: September 18 2025 Council Packet

Courtney,

I have several written affidavits from the employees that still work for you, ex employees and NUMEROUS citizens over the the treatment you and others on Council have ordered these employees to do questionable things to me and to many other citizens out of spite..... they're not lies..... YOUR LIES NEED TO STOP, and you need to learn how to speak to your employees and your bosses with more respect. Your bosses being Council and the Citizens 😊 And from what I understand, after Christie's "statement" that was full of lies, we are all covered by Political Freedom of Speech!

Courtney, these affidavits were also sent to the Ethics Board by a previous Council Member! They are the one getting the information for your guy Ray, including a signed affidavit about every sale and commission and property transaction, I mean I'm good and digging up dirt, but these guys have bee. Instrumental about explaining and exposing all they saw during their tenure on Council 😊

So DO NOT TELL ME WHAT I AM TO DO, COURTNEY! I don't answer to you, but YOU answer to The COUNCIL, THE RESIDENTS and myself!!! If you keep treating these Citizens in the disgraceful and demeaning manner as you have exhibited repeatedly, time and time again, you're gonna have a City Uprising with Citizens asking for several people's Resignations 🤖. It's going to be a packed Council Meeting Next Month from what I hear and I think it'll be very insightful and exciting!!

Have a GREAT DAY EVERYONE!!

Best,
Amanda Colvin-Shea

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Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 6:42:15 PM
To: Amanda Colvin <amanda.colvin@cityofhanahan.com>; Breona Raymundo <breona.raymundo@cityofhanahan.com>; Adam Spurlock <adam.spurlock@cityofhanahan.com>; Christie Rainwater <crainwater@cityofhanahan.com>; Kevin Hedgpeth <khedgpeth@cityofhanahan.com>; Michael Sally <msally@cityofhanahan.com>; Mike Dyson <mdyson@cityofhanahan.com>; Timothy Crowley <timothy.crowley@cityofhanahan.com>; adam@lifeatrestoration.com <adam@lifeatrestoration.com>; dyconinc@comcast.net <dyconinc@comcast.net>; michael.sally@carolinaoneplus.com <michael.sally@carolinaoneplus.com>
Subject: Re: September 18 2025 Council Packet

Amanda,

These lies need to stop. They are not productive, and very divisive.

Your claims are so far off base I'm not even sure who you are talking to?

Assuming these accusations are against me here are facts:

This was an RFP, which is in the packet. Not a sole source. Clement River LLC was the only firm that responded and we advertised the RFP multiple times.

I have never heard of a Mr. Hawking, and I have never worked at the AG office. Since I was 22 years old I have worked at a medical clinic, Charleston Police Dept, City of Hanahan and Gibbes Museum of Art.

Another lie is that Hanahan couldn't accommodate your son for soccer. Here are the facts: fall sports registration closed 6/30. David didn't call to register your son until 7/7. The teams were full, they put your son on a waiting list. The moment a spot came available they called but found out you all had registered him with city of Charleston and you all declined.

Another lie is that I threatened to go to the news over your codes violations. I've already sent you my original email twice because you are twisting my words, and you're doing it again. Please re-read that email to see what I actually wrote.

The lies against myself, other council members, the city staff is unreal- I would never think such abuse would come from a councilmember. Just today you made a nasty comment about another councilmembers age. This is insulting and wrong.

The final lie I want to address is you saying that I hate Ray Wrenn. I do not hate anyone. And for you to say that, shame on you! I work tirelessly to make sure what we are asking Ray to do is legally correct and make sure he follows the rules to protect him as well as the city.

Sincerely,
Courtney

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Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 4:55:39 PM
To: Breona Raymundo <breona.raymundo@cityofhanahan.com>; Adam Spurlock <adam.spurlock@cityofhanahan.com>; Christie Rainwater <crainwater@cityofhanahan.com>; Courtney Soler <csoler@cityofhanahan.com>; Kevin Hedgpeth <khedgpeth@cityofhanahan.com>; Michael Sally <msally@cityofhanahan.com>; Mike Dyson <mdyson@cityofhanahan.com>; Timothy Crowley <timothy.crowley@cityofhanahan.com>; adam@lifeatrestoration.com <adam@lifeatrestoration.com>; dyconinc@comcast.net <dyconinc@comcast.net>; michael.sally@carolinaoneplus.com <michael.sally@carolinaoneplus.com>
Subject: Re: September 18 2025 Council Packet

Courtney and the rest of council with blinders on (which is most of you),

This needs to come to a vote!! This is sole sourcing and AGAINST PROCUREMENT LAW, if you know that you would understand!!! I did my research on Mr. hawking and I found you two worked together at the AG office, now that's. Conflict as he was your supervisor!!! Brandon Gaskins had no right being in that position due to his

conflict of interest especially since he was Mac's supervisor at the AG office and had done work for the Contractor (Ray Wrenn) you hate so much! Tune in, this is going to get interesting!

Praying for All of your Souls Daily,
Amanda Colvin-Shea

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From: Breona Raymundo <breona.raymundo@cityofhanahan.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 3:05:52 PM

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Subject: September 18 2025 Council Packet

Good afternoon,

I have attached a mini Council Packet for the upcoming Special City Council Meeting this Thursday September 18th, at 4:30 PM. I will not be in attendance as I will be at the MASC Clerks and Treasurers Institute in Columbia. You may still reach me via cell or email, my cell # is 843-901-8933.

Best,
Breona Raymundo

Courtney Soler

From: Amanda Colvin
Sent: Sunday, August 31, 2025 9:19 AM
To: Christie Rainwater; Courtney Soler; City Council All
Subject: Re: EMS Operations

Do We still have EMT services provided by Hanahan? Or was this "transition" because ya'll ran off Bergeron?

Best,
Amanda Colvin-Shea

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From: Christie Rainwater <crainwater@cityofhanahan.com>
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2025 8:26:19 PM
To: Courtney Soler <csoler@cityofhanahan.com>; City Council All <CityCouncilAll@cityofhanahan.com>
Subject: Re: EMS Operations

Awesome! Sounds like there was wise efforts to allow for this smooth transition. Great job to our team and our extended EMS family.

Warmly,
Christie

Mayor Christie Rainwater
City of Hanahan
(c) 843-817-1236

Let's be Difference Makers in our extraordinary city!

iPhone. iTypos. iApologize.

From: Courtney Soler <csoler@cityofhanahan.com>
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2025 10:22:17 AM
To: City Council All <CityCouncilAll@cityofhanahan.com>
Subject: FW: EMS Operations

Great news I wanted to share about the transition of EMS staffing to Berkeley County.

From: Christopher Zak <czak@cityofhanahan.com>
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2025 10:25 AM
To: Courtney Soler <csoler@cityofhanahan.com>
Cc: Norman Hritz <nhriz@cityofhanahan.com>
Subject: EMS Operations

Just wanted to follow up on our conversation from Monday regarding how the transition with EMS and Berkeley County EMS is doing. To summarize, I feel the transition is working great. I have personally spoken with both FD crew members and EMS crew members and they report that it "feels like home". Crews have integrated well and are commonly found together sharing stories and meals. BC EMS has their own spaces and storage areas.

Most recently, EMS crews joined FD crews and participated in our physical fitness exercise.

I hope to meet with the BC EMS Training Chief and Operations Chief next week (we had a meeting scheduled last Friday but cancelled because of weather). My next phase in process will be for both agencies to start training together to further cement our relationships operationally.

I will provide an update next month to you on ongoing operations.

Christopher D. Zak

Deputy Fire Chief, Hanahan Fire Department

12:45

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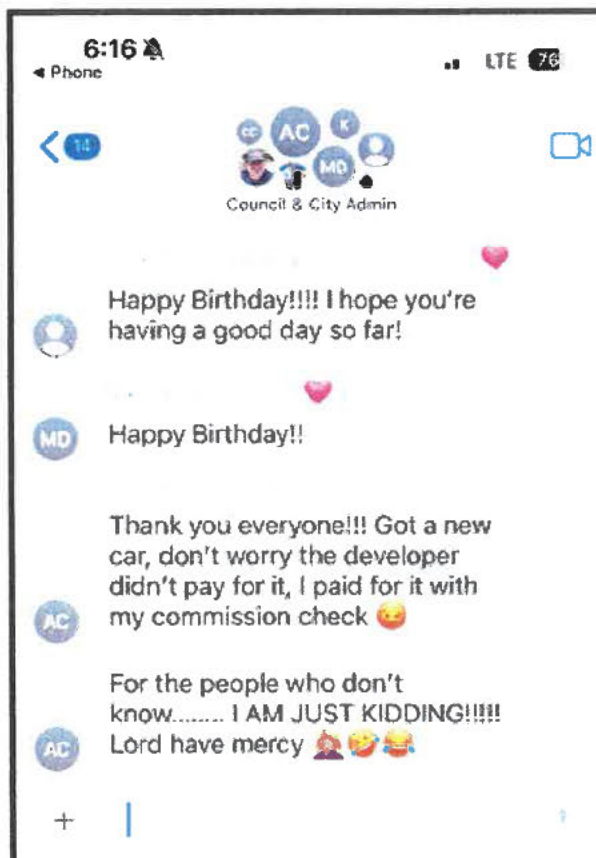
Maybe you should focus on your own job search since getting fired

AC

😂😂😂 Christie, you crack me up!!!! That's all you have? Well, maybe you should call SLED AND WORRY ABOUT THE CASE AGAINST YOU 🤔

AC

And now that I'm not bound by the VA and worrying about telling the truth or losing my job, it's GO TIME 🤔 Citizens are rising up, employees are rising up and you don't seem to care, you just want to throw mud 🤔🤔 SLED, WOW!



Courtney Soler

From: Amanda Colvin
Sent: Monday, September 1, 2025 7:33 PM
To: City Council All
Subject: Re: Positioning Yourself For Management And Leadership

I think some of you need to look into this! I work around STRESSFUL ISSUES DAILY! Maybe this will teach some to think before they speak (Mayor 😊). Happy Labor Day

Amanda Colvin-Shea

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From: Unique Skill Conference <hello@uniqueskillconference.com>
Sent: Monday, September 1, 2025 7:03:30 AM
To: City Council All <CityCouncilAll@cityofhanahan.com>
Subject: Positioning Yourself For Management And Leadership

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Live Webinar - 60 Minutes

Friday, Sep 5, 2025

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Making the transition from an individual contributor to a management role is a significant and often challenging career move. This webinar is designed for professionals who are ready to take proactive steps toward leadership. You'll gain a deeper understanding of what management really entails and how to assess whether it's the right path for you. Through practical insights and expert guidance, you'll learn how to begin positioning yourself as a leader—starting right where you are.

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I acknowledge receipt of the City's employee handbook and understand that it is not a contract of employment. I understand it replaces all previous handbooks and policies.

Amanda Colvin, EV
Signature

11/21/2024
Date

Amanda Colvin
Printed Name



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Signature

Date

11/18/24

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Courtney Soler

From: Amanda Colvin
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 4:39 PM
To: Kristine Amara
Cc: Courtney Soler
Subject: Re: Resignation

No worries Kristine! I will speak with my lawyer and have him handle any issues I have getting the information asked for. According to previous meetings, Courtney and her workers have told us they would work with Council keeping them updated on what's going on in the City. Maybe I am the only one not getting the information and I will speak with my lawyer about the best course of action due to the City's reluctance to give such information.

Have a great weekend,
Amanda

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From: Kristine Amara <kamara@cityofhanahan.com>
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 3:32:27 PM
To: Amanda Colvin <amanda.colvin@cityofhanahan.com>
Cc: Courtney Soler <csoler@cityofhanahan.com>
Subject: Re: Resignation

Amanda,

When we have employee separations they are conducted with the highest level of professionalism. They are handled with dignity whether it is a voluntary separation or otherwise.

I do believe that we need to determine, in further detail, what individual City Council members have access to with regard to individual employee personnel files upon request. There is a process through FOIA that can be followed, but it is my understanding that City Council members do not have greater right to access employee information than any other citizen. If there is an official investigation or inquiry, we would follow the chain of command from Council to Administrator to those who have generally restricted access to information such as supervisors/managers.

I am happy to research this further, in particular because you suggested in your text message, that you would be requesting additional information with the turnover of staff.

Thank you.

Kristine Amara
Human Resources Director
(843) 576-5252
www.cityofhanahan.com



From: Amanda Colvin <amanda.colvin@cityofhanahan.com>

Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 2:43 PM

To: Kristine Amara <kamara@cityofhanahan.com>; Courtney Soler <csoler@cityofhanahan.com>

Subject: Re: Resignation

Well that was short..... Was he given an ultimatum? I know Courtney was very close with him

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From: Kristine Amara <kamara@cityofhanahan.com>

Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 2:37:05 PM

To: Amanda Colvin <amanda.colvin@cityofhanahan.com>; Courtney Soler <csoler@cityofhanahan.com>

Subject: Resignation

Good Afternoon,

Resignation attached as requested.

Have a great day.

Kristine Amara

Human Resources Director

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Statement from Mayor Christie Rainwater Aug 19, 2025

At last night's City Council meeting, our Hanahan family witnessed a difficult but necessary conversation regarding accountability and transparency in government. Concerns were raised regarding Councilmember Amanda Colvin Shea's involvement in ongoing litigation. During the discovery process, it became evident that she had become compromised through collaboration with the private developer currently suing the City. Documents from the Developer indicate that she recorded an executive session and subsequently shared confidential information with the opposing party and his lawyer.

Further, it was disclosed that Councilmember Shea attended a meeting with the developer and his legal counsel, who also drafted **bullet points for** an affidavit for her to sign. She has **has also** retained her own criminal defense attorney.

During last night's Council meeting, Councilmember Shea left the proceedings on two separate occasions to consult with her attorney, who had previously advised her to recuse herself. Ultimately, after two calls with her lawyer, she made the decision to recuse herself from all executive sessions involving litigation with this developer.

While these moments are challenging, they are a sign of a healthy democracy—where hard conversations happen and where public trust guides our actions. I want to assure our residents that the City Council remains committed to the oath they took and steadfast in its responsibility to protect the integrity of our community.

As Mayor, I am committed to ensuring that your City government operates with transparency, accountability, and integrity. Our community deserves nothing less.

Sincerely,
Mayor Christie Rainwater
City of Hanahan

Courtney Soler

From: Amanda Colvin
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 5:26 PM
To: Ray Wrenn; Board of Zoning Appeals; Jennifer Parson; Daryl Shorter; jamiehairfeld@gmail.com; Rose Salcedo
Cc: Courtney Soler; Larry Sturdivant; Ross Appel; McQuillin, Mac; Christie Rainwater; Kevin Hedgpeth; Mike Dyson; Adam Spurlock; Michael Sally; Timothy Crowley; Eric Laquiere; Taylor Smith; E. Merritt Farmer, Jr., Esq.; Taylor Valley; Anthony Magno; Planning Commission All; BZAall@cityofhanahan.com
Subject: Re: August 26-27 BZA Hearings

Uh oh! Looks like everyone is going to be thrown under the bus, not just who those on council want to run off or blackmail!! Have a GREAT WEEKEND EVERYONE, I know I will!!! 🤔😂😂

Best,
Amanda

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From: Ray Wrenn
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2025 4:20:46 PM
To: Board of Zoning Appeals ; Jennifer Parson ; Daryl Shorter ; jamiehairfeld@gmail.com ; Rose Salcedo
Cc: Courtney Soler ; Larry Sturdivant ; Ross Appel ; McQuillin, Mac ; Christie Rainwater ; Kevin Hedgpeth ; Mike Dyson ; Adam Spurlock ; Michael Sally ; Timothy Crowley ; Amanda Colvin ; Eric Laquiere ; Taylor Smith ; E. Merritt Farmer, Jr., Esq. ; Taylor Valley ; Anthony Magno ; Planning Commission All ; BZAall@cityofhanahan.com
Subject: Re: August 26-27 BZA Hearings

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Dear Members of the BZA,

Please see the attached response regarding the letter received from Larry Sturdivant, dated August 12, 2025.

This letter was to notify us of the upcoming Board of Zoning Appeals hearings scheduled for August 26 and August 27.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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C. Ray Wrenn

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Visit us at thewrenngroup.com or bowenvillage.com.

Courtney Soler

From: Amanda Colvin
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 9:07 AM
To: Michael Sally
Cc: City Council All
Subject: Re: Emergency

Mikey,

I'm sorry the message didn't meet your expectations but when you're typing a message from no sleep due to decisions ya'll made 😊

Best,
Amanda Colvin-Shea

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From: Michael Sally <michael.sally@carolinaone.com>
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2025 9:04:25 AM
To: Amanda Colvin <amanda.colvin@cityofhanahan.com>
Cc: City Council All <CityCouncilAll@cityofhanahan.com>
Subject: Re: Emergency

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"the text shows signs of having been spellchecked but not proofread"

noun

1. a check of the spelling in a text using a [spellchecker](#).

"a spellcheck program"

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On Mon, Aug 18, 2025 at 12:19 AM Amanda Colvin <amanda.colvin@cityofhanahan.com> wrote:

Just wanted to thank all of you that voted for Town Center and rent by the room everyone on my street and many others are getting midnight wake-up calls dues to drug overdoses, CDV's, DUI's and just overall nonsense. This is affecting the quality of life for long term residents! Guess we'll see how next election goes as many of us are standing in the street, getting no sleep before work because NONE OF YOU TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE EGFEVT IT WOULD TAKE ON IUS NON-Elite 🤔😅🤔. Don't worry I handled it with the neighbors, it seems the only action we have is going through the legal route! Have a GREAT NIGHT to all you LONG TERM COUNCIL MEMBERS that put us in this situation. The citizens on this side will not be voting for you!

I'll be up all night as will many of THE CONSTITUENTS you let down!!

Best. As this is working out great, you're getting yourselves unelected 😞

Amanda

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Williams Lane FOIA Documents | Issues, Redactions and Duplicates

Reviewed By: Ray Wrenn and Taylor Valley | July 26, 2025

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FOIA 1: I am requesting all records and correspondence, including emails, text messages, meeting notes, and attachments, related to the Third Amendment and any direction given to City Administrator Mike Cochran and Johnny Cribb by City Council and Mayor regarding the sale or marketing of the Williams Lane property. This includes all communications between Cochran, Councilmembers, and any real estate agents or brokers. **If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.**

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FOIA 2: I am requesting all correspondence, including emails, text messages, meeting notes, or other **communications between any representatives of the Seamon Whiteside and ADC Engineering, and the City of Hanahan, including Councilmembers, the City Administrator, or any staff regarding the park on Williams Lane and Creekside at Steward Street park. Please also** include all documentation showing what direction, if any, City Council provided to Johnny Cribb regarding the Williams Lane property sale, and any related communications between Cribb, Councilmembers, or the listing agent. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

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FOIA 3: I am requesting all correspondence, including emails, text messages, and meeting notes, between Michael Sally and the Reeves Law Firm within 90 days before and 30 days after Mike Cochran's January 12, 2021 email regarding the sale of the Williams Lane property. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

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FOIA 4: I am requesting all correspondence, including emails, text messages, and any internal communications, between any members of City Council and any City staff related to the Williams Lane property FOIA request (25-1) within the past 60 days from July 25, 2025. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption

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FOIA 5: I am requesting a copy of the original email sent by Mike Cochran on February 12, 2021, at 5:01 PM, along with all received copies by the original recipients. This includes the full thread history, all Councilmember responses, and any replies or internal forwarding by City staff. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

FOIA 6: I am requesting all correspondence—including emails, text messages, and internal notes—between any City Councilmembers or Mayor, and Roy Oglesby of Carolina One Real Estate regarding the Williams Lane land sale. This includes communications related to his role as a broker, commission discussions, distribution of offers, and any feedback or decisions conveyed

to or from him. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

FOIA 7: I am requesting all correspondence—including emails, text messages, and internal messages—between City Councilmembers, Mayor, or staff, and any realtors, brokers, agents or representatives who expressed interest in providing real estate services to the City of Hanahan in connection with the Williams Lane property. Please do not send any documents that have been sent in previous FOIA requests on this matter. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

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FOIA 8: I am requesting a copy of the original email sent by City Administrator Mike Cochran on February 19, 2021, including all received copies, Councilmember responses, any reply-all threads, and internal staff forwarding related to that message. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

FOIA 9: I am requesting all correspondence—including emails, text messages, meeting notes, and internal communications—between Mike Cochran and Fred Skipper during the seven days before and the seven days after February 19, 2021. This includes any attachments, summaries, or references to real estate discussions, developer access, or City policy. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

FOIA 10: I am requesting all correspondence—including emails, texts, and internal notes—between Mike Cochran, any staff, Councilmembers or Mayor, and Marc Copeland for the 30-day period before and the 30-day period after February 19, 2021. This request includes all relevant messages exchanged with or copied to City Councilmembers, the Mayor, or City staff. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

FOIA 11: I am requesting all notes, emails, texts, or other internal communications involving any City staff, Councilmembers, or attorneys, that include or refer to Jeff Hajek or Larry Sturdivant in connection with the February 19, 2021 meeting. This includes any discussions of meeting content, post-meeting notes, or response coordination by Mike Cochran or others. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

FOIA 12: I am requesting a copy of the letter sent by Ray Wrenn to the Planning Commission in late 2019, as referenced in Mike Cochran's February 19, 2021 email. This request includes all related emails, responses, internal notes, and follow-up messages from City staff, Councilmembers or Mayor within 30-days before or after the February 19, 2021 email. Please include any distribution of the letter by City officials, any responses or commentary from Planning Commission members, and all correspondence referencing or transmitting the letter to

or from Jeff Hajek. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

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FOIA 13: I am requesting any meeting packets, emails, or internal documentation provided to City Council in advance of the January 2021 workshop that relate to Bowen, developer Ray Wrenn, or any of his affiliated developments. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

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FOIA 14: I am requesting copies of all RFP submissions received by the City of Hanahan for the Yeamans Hall Road properties within the 30 days before and the 30 days after the January 2021 City Council workshop. This includes full submissions, attachments, cover letters, evaluations, scoring sheets, and any communications with prospective bidders during that timeframe. I am also requesting any emails from Alexander Gonzales related to the land that he or his company purchased within the same time period. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

~~FOIA 15: I am requesting all correspondence—including emails, text messages, meeting~~ summaries, and internal notes—between Mayor Christie Rainwater, any City employees, and any Councilmembers regarding her meeting with Ray Wrenn concerning the pedestrian bridge project. This includes all scheduling communications, follow-up discussions, or references to the meeting or related infrastructure planning. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

FOIA 16: I am requesting all executed bond applications related to new building projects submitted to or approved by the City of Hanahan within the past five years. Additionally, I request documentation identifying all individuals or entities who held bonds issued by or through the City during that same period. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

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FOIA 17: I am requesting a copy of the notification that Mike Cochran received approximately one hour before the closing of the Williams Lane property as described in his February 12, 2021. Additionally, please include all related correspondence from Councilmembers or City staff in response to that notification. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

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FOIA 18: I am requesting all emails, text messages, or internal communications to and from the Mayor, City Councilmembers, or City staff regarding the distribution of the November 7, 2018, hand-delivered offer from Crescent Homes. Please include meeting notes, summaries, or minutes where that offer was discussed. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

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FOIA 19: I am requesting all correspondence—emails, texts, or notes—between the Mayor, any **City Councilmembers, or City staff and Levy Grantham regarding the Williams Lane property** or related development proposals. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

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FOIA 20: I am requesting all correspondence and internal records relating to the alteration of the date on the contract associated with the Williams Lane transaction signed November 7, 2018, including draft versions, redlines, approval communications, and any notes discussing this change. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

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FOIA 21: I am requesting all correspondence—including emails, text messages, meeting records, or other communications—between Roy Oglesby, any City Councilmembers, the Mayor, or City staff regarding the distribution of the Pulte Homes offer related to the Williams Lane property. This includes any records that confirm the offer's delivery and any responses from City officials. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

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FOIA 22: I am requesting all correspondence—including emails, text messages, meeting notes, or other communications—between Roy Oglesby, any City Councilmembers, or City staff

regarding the distribution of the David Weekley Homes offer related to the Williams Lane property. Please provide the delivery email, attachments, and all responses or follow-ups from recipients. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

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FOIA 23: I am requesting all correspondence—including emails, text messages, meeting notes, or other communications—between Roy Oglesby, any City Councilmembers, or City staff regarding the distribution of the Lennar offer for the Williams Lane property. This includes all versions of the offer, cover letters, delivery messages, and any responses or discussions involving the offer's content, routing, or consideration. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

FOIA 24: I am requesting all records—correspondence, internal memos, staff notes, or analyses—discussing the valuation of the Williams Lane property in relation to proposed unit counts, density assumptions, or build-out scenarios. This includes any modeling, staff-level discussions, broker input, or financial projections used to evaluate or represent the value of the property. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

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FOIA 25: I am requesting a copy of the cover letter associated with the redlined agreement for the Williams Lane transaction. Please include any correspondence—emails, texts, or meeting notes—relating to this document and all versions sent to or received from the Reeves Law Firm. This request also includes any distributions of this agreement to City staff, Councilmembers, or Mayor. Include responses and any legal guidance attached to this communication. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

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FOIA 26: I am requesting the full set of cover letters, correspondence, and negotiation records related to the extended agreement of the Williams Lane sale. This includes emails, text messages, legal review drafts, and any communication with City officials or brokers. If any

records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

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FOIA 27: I am requesting clarification and all underlying correspondence relating to the handwritten modification or crossing-out of the date on the agreement for sale of the Williams Lane property dated January ?, 2019. Please include any emails, meeting notes, or approvals that reference or authorize the alteration. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

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FOIA 28: I am requesting a complete record of attorney's fees related to the Williams Lane property transaction, whether paid or unpaid, for any and all law firms involved, including but not limited to Dodds Hennessy & Stith, Haynesworth Sinkler and Boyd, Harvey & Vallini. Please include invoices, engagement letters, emails, and payment records. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

Other Requests and Notes

FOIA 29: I am requesting all correspondence—including emails, text messages, meeting summaries, and internal documents—between any members of Hanahan City Council, the Mayor, or City staff regarding the rezoning of the Williams Lane property. This includes any discussions of zoning overlays, Planned Development standards, density allowances, or related decisions between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2024. If any records are withheld or redacted, I request a privilege log identifying the legal basis for each exemption.

FOIA 30: I am requesting copies of all surety or security bonds issued for any individual serving as Finance Director or City Treasurer for the City of Hanahan at any time during the past seven years, whether current or former. This request includes, but is not limited to, executed bond agreements, applications for bonding, and any supporting documentation or correspondence submitted as part of the bonding process, as required by the City's ordinances and procedures. If any responsive documents are withheld in whole or in part, please provide a privilege log identifying the specific exemption claimed under S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40 and describing the

nature of the withheld materials with sufficient detail to allow for evaluation of the claimed exemption.

FOIA 31: I am requesting all correspondence, including but not limited to emails, text messages, letters, memos, or other written or electronic communications, between Johnny Cribb and/or Michael Sally that pertain to, mention, or reference the Hofferker Family Trust, dated between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2022. If any portion of the responsive records is withheld, please include a privilege log describing the withheld material and the exemption claimed under S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40, in sufficient detail to permit assessment of the validity of the claim.

FOIA 32: I am requesting all applications, proposals, and supporting submittals for any grant applied for by or on behalf of the Hanahan Police Department during the past five years. This includes, but is not limited to, any materials submitted to the South Carolina Department of Public Safety or other federal, state, or local agencies. Please include all cover letters, project narratives, budgets, supplemental forms, correspondence with granting agencies, award notices, and any related documentation reflecting the scope, purpose, or disposition of the requested funds. If any records are withheld in whole or in part, please provide a privilege log citing the specific exemptions under S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40 and describing the withheld materials with sufficient detail to permit evaluation of the claim.

FOIA 33: I am requesting any and all resolutions, ordinances, or other formal legislative actions taken by the City of Hanahan that establish, amend, or otherwise relate to the authority, powers, duties, or responsibilities of the Board of Examiners. This request also includes all correspondence—whether by email, text message, memorandum, or other written or electronic form—exchanged between or among members of City Council, the Mayor, or any City staff that pertains to the creation, structure, function, or administration of the Board of Examiners. If any responsive materials are withheld, please provide a privilege log identifying the basis for the withholding under S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40 and describing the nature of the withheld content in sufficient detail to allow for meaningful review.

FOIA 34: I am requesting all meeting minutes, agendas, and notices of public meetings for the City of Hanahan Board of Examiners from January 1, 2020, to the present. This request includes documentation of any regular, special, emergency, or workshop meetings, whether or not a quorum was present or actions were taken. If any materials are withheld in whole or in part, please provide a privilege log identifying the specific exemption(s) claimed under S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40 and describing the nature of the withheld materials with sufficient detail to allow for assessment of the claimed exemption.

Mike Dupree, Esq.
Attorney for
Amanda Shea

April 23, 2025

Request for Affidavit in lieu of notice of deposition regarding DJ action opposing Ordinance 1-2025.

AS TO THE LAWSUIT OPPOSING ORDINANCE 1-2025 GENERALLY

1. A lawsuit was filed by Ray Wrenn against the City of Hanahan on Feb. 11, 2025.
2. This lawsuit alleges that Ordinance 1-2025 is invalid for various reasons.
3. I am a current member of the City Council for the City of Hanahan.
4. After the filing and service of this lawsuit; the City Council has never discussed what lawyer to hire to represent the City in that lawsuit.
5. Hanahan City Council has never resolved to hire Ross Appel or the MKA law firm to represent the City in this lawsuit.
6. Hanahan City Council has never resolved to hire Mac McQuillin or the HSB law firm to represent the City in defense of this lawsuit.
7. Hanahan City Council has never discussed counterclaims against Ray Wrenn with its attorneys.
8. Hanahan City Council has never authorized or instructed its attorneys to file counterclaims against Ray Wrenn in this lawsuit.
9. Hanahan City Council has never discussed legal strategy with its attorneys relating to this lawsuit.
10. The City Council has never discussed the City's goals pertaining to this lawsuit with its attorneys.
11. The City Council has never taken a vote pertaining to the City's goals or objectives in this lawsuit.
12. The lawyers, McQuillin and Appel, independently elected to file a counterclaim without having received approval or direction by the City Council.

AS TO THE ALLEGATIONS OF SECRET ORDINANCES

13. The allegations in the lawsuit state that the Ordinance was read by title only at the first and second readings.
14. The allegations in the lawsuit state that the language of the Ordinance in the format required for codification was never made public in any form prior to the first and second readings.
15. The lawsuit alleges that this violates state law, and that state law pre-empts city ordinances.
16. Reading only the title of the ordinance keeps the language of proposed ordinances hidden from the public.
17. It is my opinion that the City should not vote on ordinances while keeping the language secret from the public.

18. Rather than engaging in expensive litigation against Ray Wrenn to continue an undesirable practice; I believe that the City should terminate the practice of voting on proposed ordinances while keeping the language a secret from the public.
19. This could be accomplished by publishing the full language of Ordinance 1-2025 to the public, followed by having two proper readings and votes in open session.
20. This course of action costs the City nothing and provides transparency to the residents and taxpayers of the City of Hanahan.
21. I do not understand why the City of Hanahan is spending taxpayer money on lawsuits to uphold the practice of keeping the language of proposed ordinances hidden from the public.

AS TO AUTHORITY OF CITY COUNCIL TO DIRECT LEGAL COUNCIL

22. As a member of the City Council, I am entitled to have my voice heard on what the goals of this litigation are, and how to achieve the best interest of the City.
23. As a member of the City Council, I am entitled to have a vote taken by the City Council as a body, to determine how to direct the City's attorneys to conduct themselves in this lawsuit.
24. I have been denied the ability to have my voice heard and I have been denied the ability to vote as a member of the City Council as to how the City's attorneys will conduct themselves in this litigation.
25. The City's attorneys are currently acting without authority from the City Council.

AS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

26. During Executive Session on January 14, 2025, City Council discussed topics that I do not believe are confidential under FOIA; specifically:
 - a. In addition to giving legal advice concerning Ordinance 1-2025, McQuillin advocated in favor of the passage of Ordinance 1-2025. I believe his advocating in favor of the passage of an ordinance belongs in public session, not executive session.
 - b. City Council Members discussed the merits of the legislative change and bargained and negotiated with each other over Ordinance 1-2025. The discussion of the merits of a legislative change, and the bargaining and negotiations for votes between elected City Council Members belongs in public session, not executive session.
 - c. Courtney Soler advocated in favor of City Ordinance 1-2025 to City Council Members during executive session. Courtney Soler was not asking for legal advice, nor providing legal advice to City Council. This belonged in public session, not executive session.
 - d. The Members of City Council discussed the merits of the specific language and negotiated with each other for changes to the language of the original draft of Ordinance 1-2025 during executive session. This action belongs in public session, not executive session.
27. During Executive Session on February 11, 2025, City Council discussed several topics that I do not believe are confidential under FOIA; specifically:
 - a. In addition to giving legal advice concerning Ordinance 1-2025, McQuillin advocated in favor of the passage of Ordinance 1-2025. I believe his

advocating in favor of the passage of an ordinance belongs in public session, not executive session.

- b. City Council Members discussed the substance of the South Carolina Commission on Lawyer Conduct Complaint filed by Ray Wrenn against Mac McQuillin. This does not qualify as the City Council requesting or obtaining legal advice protected by the attorney client privilege. This discussion belonged in public session.
- c. City Council Members discussed the substance of the South Carolina Commission on Lawyer Conduct Complaint filed by Ray Wrenn against Ross Appel. This does not qualify as the City Council requesting or obtaining legal advice protected by the attorney client privilege. This discussion belonged in public session.
- d. Courtney Soler advocated in favor of Ordinance 1-2025 to the City Council Members in executive session. Courtney Soler was not asking for legal advice, nor providing legal advice to City Council. This belonged in public session, not executive session. Courtney Soler also complained that the modification to the original language of Ordinance 1-2025 that was made following executive session at the January 2025 meeting "took away her power".

28. During Executive Session on February 12, 2025, City Council discussed several topics that I do not believe are confidential under FOIA; specifically:

- a. Mayor Rainwater demanded to examine the contents of my phone and threatened to investigate me.
- b. Mayor Rainwater and Tyler Dempsey observed electronic surveillance recordings of Ray Wrenn.
- c. Mayor Rainwater demanded to examine the contents of Tim Crowley's phone and threatened to investigate him.
- d. Mayor Rainwater demanded to examine the contents of Spurlock's phone and threatened to investigate him.

AS TO RECORDINGS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 29. I have been informed by prior employees for the City of Hanahan that nearly everything that occurs in City Hall is recorded by security and surveillance devices.
- 30. I have been informed by prior employees for the City of Hanahan that not just video, but audio is recorded.
- 31. During Executive Session on February 12, 2025, I personally witnessed Tyler Dempsey showing Mayor Rainwater surveillance recordings of Ray Wrenn speaking with another person at City Hall during the February 11, 2025 meeting.
- 32. There is a webcam recording device in the room where the City Council meets for executive sessions.

Amanda's Post

Most relevant

Becky Tapia-Cooper
Amanda Colvin-Shea Domestic Violence is a issue everywhere and not just on the rise in Hahajan. People rent rooms for many different reasons and one being that rent is so expensive. Domestic violence is a problem and awareness is important. I can promise you that it happens more than you think in every neighborhood in every city. The problem is most people don't report it.

Amanda Colvin-Shea **Author** All-star contributor

Becky Tapia-Cooper I get a city boiler every month! We have had 53 DUI arrests and there's more that haven't been reported because I have sat in the court and watched them bring in translators, the offenders and only fine the people \$400 and send them on their way not even knowing their names or addresses!!!

Becky Tapia-Cooper **Author** All-star contributor

Amanda I was talking about Domestic Violence not DUI's. Are you trying to say that it's Hispanic's mostly?

Becky Tapia-Cooper **Author** All-star contributor

Becky Tapia-Cooper no, I'm saying the CDV's and DUI's have increased

Amanda's Post

Say that it's Hispanic's mostly?

Becky Tapia-Cooper **Author** All-star contributor

Amanda Colvin-Shea no, I'm saying the CDV's and DUI's have increased immensely with the ongoing building and lack of oversight! I have seen people of all races and countries allowed to pay a fine and walk out of court and put back on the street with no knowledge of who they are or where they live. They're put back on the street and working in healthcare, lack of accountability will lead to a death! Child or adult, it's always unfortunate

Barbara Alexander **Author** All-star contributor

Amanda Colvin-Shea so these DUI arrests occur within the city. Two issues here, I see. First, DUI is not taken seriously in the city. Sobor or Summer has always been a campaign, but not really. Big problem. Second is that the people not giving ID or an address may or may not live in the city. So I am not sure that you can make the leap from DUI arrests to room rental.

Side note, relevance of translators to this line of conversation is unclear. To be clear, I do not debate you in the sense that I am against what you are saying, just seeking clarity if the relationship between DUI court cases or CDV in the city and room rentals. There may be a link, but it is not clear to me.

Becky Tapia-Cooper **Author** All-star contributor

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Amanda's Post



Kelli Parker Rising contributor
Tony Baslin what street is that?

Like Reply

Tony Baslin
Kelli Parker Moore at hannah

Like Reply

Amanda Colvin-Shea All-star contributor
Tony Baslin yes sir! And it's become a nightmare on this road! And I have screamed from the rooftops about the lack of police and zoning and codes, just to be ignored along with MANY MANY other residents

Like Reply

Tony Baslin
Amanda Colvin-Shea on my so sad and we live in a hotel on rivers

Like Reply

Amanda Colvin-Shea All-star contributor
Tony Baslin people are seeing what's been going on for years and now there's another election and I know at least 72 people that are running because of the way Council has dismissed and belittled them. THIS IS NOT HOW THE CITY HANNAH has ever been! We need a change and we need it soon!!!! I'm so sorry about what happened to you and your wife! What's worse is it will continue to go on until we get people that advocate FOR THE CITIZENS and are honest and kind! I hope you are both doing well and I miss catching up with you! Take care my friend!

Like Reply

Write a comment...



Amanda's Post



Reply to Amanda Colvin-Shea



Shawn Beasley
So... what happened??
Also how if do none of you guys know what CDV 337?? It literally used to be charged strictly as CDV from what I've seen. Now they do domestic violence - 1st degree misdemeanor etc

Like Reply

Shawn Beasley
Just saw a reply about husband and wife fighting... wtf publicly?? In the street???

Who

Like Reply

Amanda Colvin-Shea All-star contributor
Shawn Beasley welcome to "Town Center" Thank you council members /realtor/contractors (the new Council Members are trying to help our citizens) Tim Crotney and myself while the rest are buying and selling the houses while receiving commission and brokerage fees and changing ordinances for THEIR best interest!

Like Reply

Reply to Shawn Beasley



Reply to Shawn Beasley



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Recent Activity

Amanda Colvin-Shea reacted to Roger Pye's comment: "Keep up the good work Amanda."

Amanda Colvin-Shea liked Kitty Faras's comment: "Duane Gaffton The issue here is the amount of Executive meetings being held. I was a board secretary for a 15 member board for a state authority in Atlanta. We met once a month, with 4 Committee meetings and the board meeting at the end of the day, after which they voted on resolutions for the day. Our meetings were broadcast on the governor's website. In all the time I worked there I remember only one Executive meeting and the Treasurer was not included. The



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Amanda Colvin-Shea replied to B Earl Copeland's comment: "B Earl Copeland Noted"



North Charleston Theater Site to Become Affordable Housing

The DISTRICT MOVIE THEATER RECALLED AT 2025 E. KALE LANDING BLVD., WILSON WILSON



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Amanda Colvin-Shea Author All-star contributor I thought the City needed to know before building commenced and the citizen's weren't aware.

Like Reply

Madison Clark replied · 9 Replies

Bryan Bone All-star contributor They already had cheap housing there, people living in tents and cardboard boxes. What are they supposed to do now that the city look away their portable homes?

I'm confused why our government eliminated VA benefits and now we need to pay out of pocket to support our Veterans.

Like Reply

Write a comment

Amanda Colvin-Shea HANAHAN ONE: ONE CITY - ONE COMMUNITY

All-star contributor February 26

Get ready everyone, there's gonna be some interesting news coming to my friends and citizens in Hanahan...and in case you missed it, Hanahan has a new turn light placed at Veennans and Murray coming from City Hall, so those who live in CHB Hanahan don't have to wait through a light to get the kids to school! This is what I ran on during my campaign and it only took a few calls! Great things coming to Hanahan AND transparency coming to the citizens as well! Get ready, it's gonna get good!!

Like Reply

Amanda Colvin-Shea turned off commenting from this post

Amanda Colvin-Shea HANAHAN ONE: ONE CITY - ONE COMMUNITY

All-star contributor January 27

If anyone was wondering, Piggly Wiggly on Yeaman's Hall is open!!

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Agenda Item
1. Resolution of the City Council to approve the proposed budget for the City of Hanahan for the year 2021.
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Michael Ducky Bowers
Amanda Colvin-Shea is straight bs that the council meeting have such bad audio.. almost like its on purpose

Amanda Colvin-Shea
Michael Ducky Bowers on. I know!! And we have to hit the button every time we go to talk, then we're screaming at people

Write a comment...



Re: Weekly Update 7/11/2025



Courtney,

The citizen that brought up the issue with the fields worked for the City for YEARS. I am going on what he's saying and we have had complaints about this very issue.

respectfully,

Amanda Colvin-Shea

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From: Courtney Soler <csoler@cityofhanahan.com>

Sent: Friday, July 11, 2025 5:38:21 PM

To: City Council All <CityCouncil@cityofhanahan.com>

Subject: Weekly Update 7/11/2025

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is having a great week.

1. We have two noteworthy employee changes: **Kathryn Phippen was promoted to Asst. Rec. Director, effective 7/1.** The position was opened to all internal city staff and we had three applicants who interviewed. We are very excited to see Kathryn grow in this position and see all the amazing things that she and Danny will do. **Latasha Kaye Chief Hritz** her two weeks' notice and her last day was last week. Latasha stated that she needed to work on some personal things and that she feels it was best to take a break at this time. Latasha is a joy and she will be missed.
2. Mitchael asked about SCDOT paying for crosswalks in the city, so I asked Josh if that was possible and he said yes, it may be possible (for SCDOT roads only). Unfortunately our next crosswalk location is not a SCDOT road (intersection of Tanner Hall / Tanner Ford Blvd), but good during our last update call with Beek Co on the one cent sales tax projects, I informed them about our plans to put a cross walk somewhere along Tanner Ford Blvd and they told me this week during the last update that cross walks in roundabouts are much safer than straight ways, and that they will push for the cross walk to be in the roundabout. I will ask BC if they can incorporate this cost into the design of the roundabout since I am told it's not a lot more effort if it gets into the design stage, rather than an add on after it's constructed.
3. Attached you will find pictures of the St John's Fire District training building. As you can tell they are using containers. This is a much less expensive cost than traditional buildings. **Chief Hritz is working with Rico** about updates to the zoning ordinances that would allow this construction at the park (but eliminate it in places council does not want container builds). **I wanted to send this to you all now in case you have any thoughts or comments as we research this option.** We put this project in the CIP document that was just finalized at this council meeting, but will need to add the current year projects as a budget amendment.
4. Great news, the SCDOS completed their M54 Stormwater Audit- and Hanahan/Berkeley County passed the audit.
5. At council's request, we will put all future attorney services out for bid. As you know, we have already put out our city attorney services out for bid, (which Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd has won) but ironically David Humphries, the HSB real estate attorney is the "Yeamans Hall Cantleat" buyer's real estate attorney as well. Thus creating a conflict of interest. Because of this conflict, we have put out an RFP Real Estate Attorney which will close on 7/24.
6. At the council meeting field closures were brought up. The accusation was made that our soccer fields have been closed 24/7 for 10 years. I understand this is someone's perception, but this is just not true. As always, I would like to give you all facts so you can be well informed. Fields are not closed 24/7. **Attached you will see a field access policy** that I asked Danny to create to shed some light when the fields are closed and under what circumstances.

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday 7/31 5-7PM **(TENTATIVE)** public meeting SCDOT / Berkeley County for Snake /N.A.D Rd one cent sales tax project -- at Goose Creek Primary (we are waiting on final confirmation),

Monday 8/4 4-6PM- Hands of Christ event

Tuesday 8/5 9AM- Golf tournament Yeamans Hall Club

Thursday 8/12 6PM- August Council Meeting

Tuesday 8/19 5PM- Council Workshop

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Courtney Soler

From: Amanda Colvin
Sent: Saturday, June 28, 2025 12:47 PM
To: Courtney Soler; City Council All
Subject: Re: Weekly Update 6/27/2025

🤔😂😂😂😂😂😂😂 Gotta love it!

Best,
Amanda

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From: Courtney Soler
Sent: Friday, June 27, 2025 3:57:16 PM
To: City Council All
Subject: Weekly Update 6/27/2025

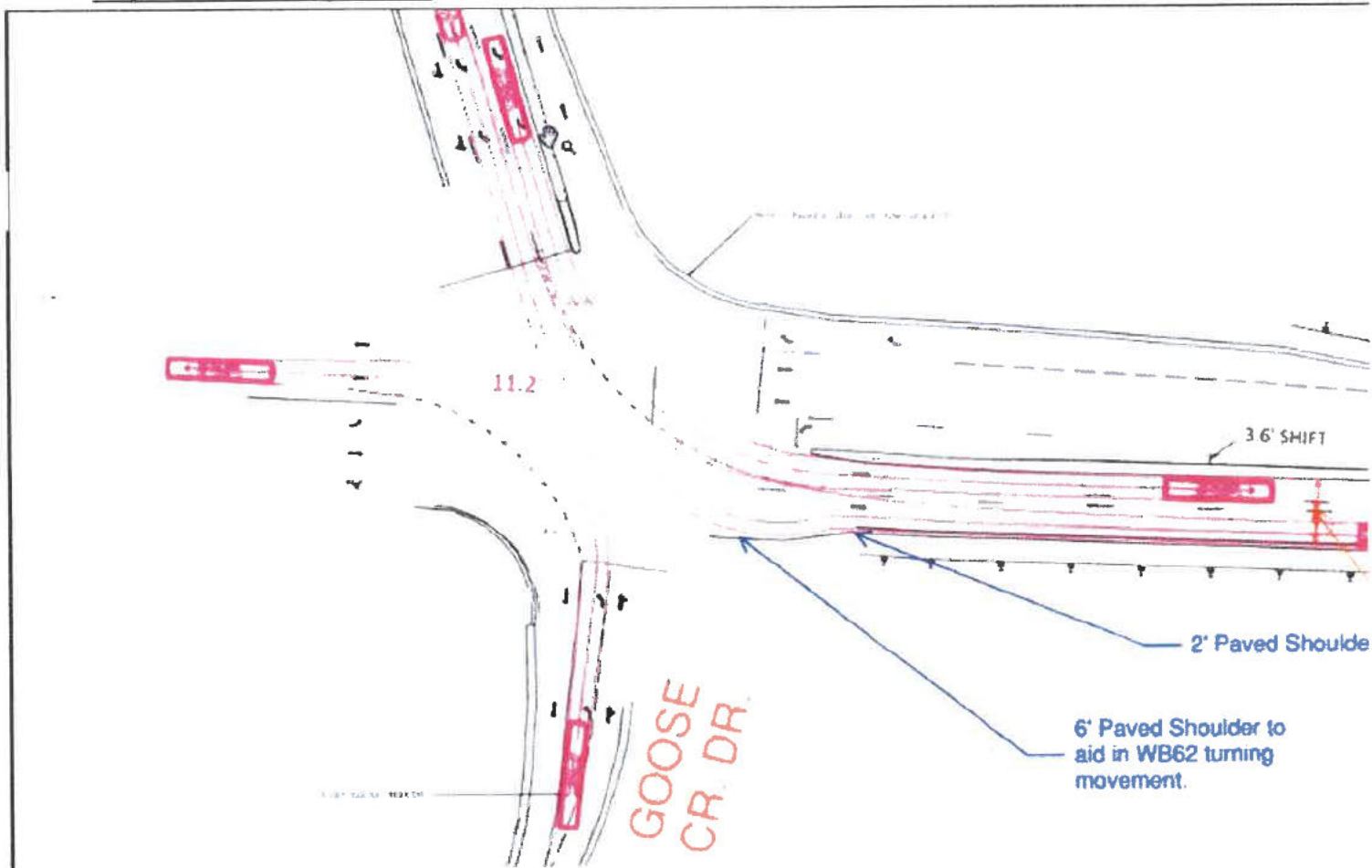
Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is surviving this heat and having some good summer fun.

1. I believe I mentioned that **Berkeley County was under a MS4 stormwater audit** (that typically happens every 5 years, but they think the last one was around 10 years ago) and the audit was completed so they are waiting on the results. **The locations in Hanahan all passed, and they gave kudos to the folks at Public Works** (which gets audited by BC annually) for doing a great job helping them with the audit. Just a FYI, to pass along the kudos and good news so far.
2. **During the quarter meeting for the municipal/magistrate judges**, we were informed that from here on out codes enforcement and animal control cannot prosecute cases in court unless they are sworn police officers or attorneys. What this means for us is that we will have to have our prosecuting attorney present these cases. We have approximately 10 AC / codes cases a month, however sometimes there are more. The main reason for sharing is education, FYI, but also, this may mean our prosecutor will have to do more work to be ready to prosecute these cases, and more work may mean more \$, but we'll play it by ear and I will let you know if there are any significant changes.
3. **Johnny's Garage's mural was approved at the 6/23/25 DCC meeting and they are officially the first recipient of our mural grant!** We're very excited. Once the mural is completed we'll showcase the effort on social media. The opening date is still slated for late August/early September.
4. I'm not sure if you all heard, but **great news, Rico had his first baby boy**, Davide (pronounced Dah-vi-deh), last weekend. Rico is already back to work but we are showing him a lot of grace during this time. I'm sure we can all remember the days when we were home with our first baby. Sleep? Never heard of it! 😊
5. **The city has two more once cent sales tax road projects coming up.** Berkeley County has made some headway on the Snake / N.A.D. Rd project, with sharing plans with us. I thought you may like to see them as well. When you leave the city, and go from Snake Rd to turn left onto N.A.D. Rd, the biggest change will be two turn lanes instead of one (see below). **There will be a public meeting put on by SCDOT / BC at the Goose Creek Elementary School on 7/31 (time TBD), if you want to mark your calendar.** As soon as I know a time I will ask Breona to send out an invite.
6. One of the things I would like council to consider is something that we as Dept Heads/Reps have discussed. **Instead of doing Employee of the Month each month we change it to Employee of the**

Quarter. Approximately 10% of our employees get EOM each year. Some months we are recommending employees that have received it in the past few months or year. We think doing it only 4 times a year may make the award even that more valuable and highlight the employees that have gone way above and beyond. **What are your thoughts?** We do a lot of internal acknowledgment of great work. Both with the heard good things wall, the interdepartmental awards, etc.

7. We recently had information shared about **fowl in the City of Hanahan**, so I wanted to share facts with council. In the past 3 months, we have had 7 calls about fowl. The calls came from Palm St, Berkeley St, Impala Ct, Grackle Ct, Mt. Batten Dr and the area of Dickson/Sledge/Moore. Three calls the fowl were rehomed, and three of the calls no fowl were found (please note we cannot go into people's yards and back yards looking for fowl, unless certain circumstances are met, such as the caller inviting you into their back yard). Animal Control patrols, and specifically drives in these parts of Hanahan Proper on their regular route, to listen out and look for fowl. **The best help we can get from the public, or from council is to try to help identify exactly where these fowl are located and have animal control respond as soon as possible.**



Upcoming Dates:

Monday 6/30 4PM- Ribbon Cutting at Cane Pazzo (free happy hour, please tell Breona if you're coming so she can RSVP for you)

Friday 7/4 – City offices closed for the holiday

Tuesday 7/8 6PM- July Council Meeting

Thursday 7/31 (time TBD)- Snake Rd/N.A.D Rd project -public meeting w/SCDOT and BC

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Have a great day,

Courtney

Courtney Soler

From: Amanda Colvin
Sent: Friday, June 20, 2025 8:28 AM
To: Courtney Soler; City Council All
Subject: Re: Employee Departure

Hello Fellow Council Members,

Thank you for this information! I spoke with the gentleman last night and it seems there's a lot to the story that was left out. Seems like we are losing employee's left and right! After talking to all of them, I'm seeing a trend and that is not what HANAHAN has ever done before! I ask my council members to reach out to these "DISGRUNTLED EMPLOYEES" and hear their side of the story before jumping in line with the narrative being spun (leaking info to the news and papers). Have a great Day and weekend everyone 😊

Best,
Amanda Colvin-Shea

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From: Courtney Soler
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2025 4:44:52 PM
To: City Council All
Subject: Fw: Employee Departure
Hello everyone,

I wanted to make sure you have this information.

Best,
Courtney

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From: Richard Gebhardt
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2025 10:18:59 AM
To: Police All
Subject: Employee Departure

Good morning,

I know this is difficult news to hear and understand, but Carlos Reyna's employment with the City of Hanahan has been severed, effective immediately. Unfortunately, he authored his story and there was no retracting what was written. We are unable to discuss details of the separation at this time.

In law enforcement, mistakes are going to happen. That is how we grow and how we learn. What makes us better is our actions after our mistakes. There are certain events in which our hands are tied, and these are dictated by state statute. Any instances of the below must be reported to the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy:

S.C. Code of Laws Section 23-23-150 (A)(3) Misconduct

- (a) a conviction, plea of guilty, plea of no contest or admission of guilt to a felony, a crime punishable by a sentence of more than one year, regardless of the sentence actually imposed, or a crime of moral turpitude, any of which were committed in this State or any other jurisdiction;*
- (b) the unlawful use of a controlled substance;*
- (c) the repeated use of excessive force in dealing with the public or prisoners;*
- (d) dangerous or unsafe practices involving firearms, weapons, or vehicles which indicate either a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property;*
- (e) the physical or psychological abuse of members of the public or prisoners;*
- (f) the willful failure to intervene when observing another officer physically abusing a person, whether or not the person is in custody, while in the performance of his official duties, if the officer knew the person's rights were being violated, the officer had an opportunity to intervene, and the officer chose not to do so;*
- (g) the willful and knowing failure to promptly report another officer, while in the performance of his official duties, abusing a person whether or not the person is in custody;*
- (h) the misrepresentation of employment-related information;*
- (i) willfully making false, misleading, incomplete, deceitful, or incorrect statements to a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement agency, or a representative of the agency, except when required by departmental policy or by the laws of this State;*
- (j) willfully making false, misleading, incomplete, deceitful, or incorrect statements to any court of competent jurisdiction, or their staff members, whether under oath or not;*
- (k) willfully providing false, misleading, incomplete, deceitful, or incorrect information on a document, record, report, or form, except when required by departmental policy or by the laws of this State;*
- (l) the falsification of any application for certification and training based upon which the officer was admitted for training; or*
- (m) willfully providing false information to the Criminal Justice Academy or the Law Enforcement Training Council.*

Carlos was a trusted and valuable member of our team, and his contributions are greatly appreciated. Your command staff's hands were tied, as we have an obligation to protect the Department, City, and our honorable profession. Our oath involves upholding the constitutions of the United States and South Carolina, no matter the circumstances.

For those in need, we will hold an optional meeting in the courtroom tonight at 1700 hours where questions can be asked. Please understand not all questions will be able to be answered, as there are still certain aspects of this incident which are being investigated.

Please understand that every decision we make has your best interest in mind. We are here to serve you, and your well-being is our top priority. Wear your badge and uniform with honor and pride, and continue to serve the City of Hanahan in your outstanding ways!

Thank you,



Rick Gebhardt, MPS
 Chief of Police
 Hanahan Police Department
 FBINA Session 282
 Desk: 843.576.5865
 Main: 843.747.5711
 Email: rgebhardt@cityofhanahan.com

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." - Aristotle



Courtney Soler

From: Amanda Colvin
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 10:22 PM
To: City Council All
Subject: Citizens That Have Been Crying for Help
Attachments: original-6BD05376-D116-45D4-9CC1-8D089CB10C59.jpeg

This wonderful woman and 4 neighbors have reached out to all of you on council, Berkeley County Council Members, Berkeley County and Codes and received no response! This is definitely why I ran for council to advocate for the citizens! It's too bad nor one could make time for this woman and her neighbors 🙏. "let's be the difference makers" 🤔🤔🤔
Gotta love ya'll's dedication to the citizens 😊 WAY TO GO!! 🗨️

Best to All of You That are too Busy to Look into Citizen Issues 😊

Amanda Colvin-Shea

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Courtney Soler

From: Amanda Colvin
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 11:05 PM
To: City Council All
Subject: Re: Citizens That Have Been Crying for Help
Attachments: original-B73F1899-E6B3-4F76-BA9F-3A1E9ED807C1.jpeg

Oh wait, there's this too!!! Maybe I do need to run for Mayor because you all are disengaged from the public
Have a great weekend! Mayor, enjoy your newest vacation, I'll be here handling the duties I signed up for and for the
rest of you! Best of luck in the next election 😊

Best,
Amanda

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From: Amanda Colvin
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 10:21:54 PM
To: City Council All <CityCouncilAll@cityofhanahan.com>
Subject: Citizens That Have Been Crying for Help

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Courtney Soler

From: Amanda Colvin
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 11:52 AM
To: Christie Rainwater; City Council All
Subject: Re: Clarification and Leadership

And my husband is a tax paying citizen, just like your father so I expect you to show him the same respect! He did not



berate you, like father your father did me! 😊 Remember that

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From: Christie Rainwater <crainwater@cityofhanahan.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 6:53:15 AM
To: City Council All <CityCouncilAll@cityofhanahan.com>
Subject: Clarification and Leadership

Council,

Tuesday night an accusation was made by Councilmember Colvin Shea that our council was not notified of the recent lawsuit, and she claimed that her own husband's statements about it were the first we were hearing about it. I was concerned we were having IT issues, and looked into the issue. Courtney sent her weekly update on May 16th at 5:27pm to our entire council with information, including the lawsuit. Councilmember Colvin Shea reacted to the message on Friday 5/16/2025 at 6:14pm, confirming that she did indeed get it.

Deceiving the residents at a public meeting is unacceptable and unprofessional. Our staff works very hard, and it is insulting to lie to the public and act as if they are not doing what they should. It is essential we as leaders have integrity and carry ourselves in such a manner. I implore you all to consider your words and actions as we represent the city. Thank you!

Warmly,
Christie

Mayor Christie Rainwater
City of Hanahan
(c) 843-817-1236

Let's be Difference Makers in our extraordinary city!

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Courtney Soler

From: Amanda Colvin
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 11:41 AM
To: Christie Rainwater; City Council All
Subject: Re: Clarification and Leadership

Christy,

I don't know which lawsuit he was referring to! All I know is there , as you Michael said, are many against the City right now! And I'm assuming many more to come! Do I know who is being cited in the lawsuits? No, but now that I am aware you can pull them up in the public index, I will be watching it closely and when asked questions I will be sure to answer them with transparency and truth! Have a great day everyone 😊

Best,
Amanda

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To: City Council All <CityCouncilAll@cityofhanahan.com>
Subject: Clarification and Leadership

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Courtney Soler

From: Amanda Colvin
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 2:49 PM
To: Courtney Soler; Christie Rainwater
Cc: City Council All
Subject: Re: Weaponizing the Government

Ironically Courtney? It was about Sam's rental house and I know you all will do ANYTHING for him above any citizen. Well, I will be submitting a FOIA request for that police call 😊 Also, my complaint was about being able to safely back out of my driveway without hitting a car if kid as there is an expiration sitting in the way advertised for sale. No worries though, keep up the good work Courtney! You're doing an AMAZING JOB! 😊 I truly mean that!!

Have a great Weekend!!!

Amanda Colvin-Shea

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From: Courtney Soler <csoler@cityofhanahan.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 9:32:52 AM
To: Amanda Colvin <amanda.colvin@cityofhanahan.com>; Christie Rainwater <crainwater@cityofhanahan.com>
Cc: City Council All <CityCouncilAll@cityofhanahan.com>
Subject: RE: Weaponizing the Government

Amanda,

No one with Council even knows about your codes violations notice, but now that you've made this accusation let me share some facts with everyone.

You had a citizen come in and make a complaint against you. After the investigation was complete, it was discovered that you have two vehicles in your front yard that are out of compliance and you were served with a violations notice to make this right, or you will receive a citation.

Ironically you have recently made complaints against your neighbors for having codes violations.

If there is any interest to the news here it would be that a city councilwoman is actively making complaints against neighbors codes violations however, she herself is receiving codes violations.

You often accuse that we are not doing our jobs. Kudos to us that we are following up on all complaints, even when it involves a city council person. No one is above the law.

Courtney

From: Amanda Colvin <amanda.colvin@cityofhanahan.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:31 PM
To: Christie Rainwater <crainwater@cityofhanahan.com>
Cc: Courtney Soler <csoler@cityofhanahan.com>
Subject: Weaponizing the Government

Hello All,

Weaponizing the police and Codes to harass me is not a good look! Harassing my husband and son is a bad look for all of you! And the City! The News reached out to me because they heard about all of the Harrassment 😊. They were alerted by concerned citizens, I guess the loud minority you speak of is seeing what's really happening!! But, do whatever you must, harassment is illegal, just an FYI!

Have a great night, I know I am!!

Sleep Well Everyone, I'll see you at the next City Hall meeting! Apparently whoever is making these calls is doing it out of spite and the many times I have documents on my phone via emails and texts are enough to show Harrassment and, well, your getting poor advice 😊.

Sleep Well, I know I will 😊

Keep up the good work, you're giving me everything I need to prove your Corruption!

Looking toward to the next Council Meeting,

Amanda Colvin-Shea 😊

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Courtney Soler

From: Amanda Colvin
Sent: Friday, May 2, 2025 11:15 AM
To: Summer Dukes; Richard Gebhardt; City Council All
Subject: Re: Hanahan Elementary School Concerns

Summer,

I hear you and the many others that have the same concerns. I believe Rick Gebhardt, the Mayor and Courtney should be the ones to explain the reasons for this decisions as they were the ones that made the hiring decisions. You know my stance on this as we have spoken and, like you, I have a child in 8th grade at HES. Please feel free to reach back out to me if you get no reply from any of those I listed about or your Mayor pro tem Kevin Hedgepeth! I hope you get a better answer than I did! 🙏

Respectfully,
Amanda Colvin-She's

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From: Summer Dukes <sdukes@potomacclaw.com>
Sent: Friday, May 2, 2025 10:29:54 AM
To: Richard Gebhardt <rgebhardt@cityofhanahan.com>; City Council All <CityCouncilAll@cityofhanahan.com>
Subject: Hanahan Elementary School Concerns

Some people who received this message don't often get email from sdukes@potomacclaw.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

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Good morning,

I am writing as a very concerned parent with a child at Hanahan Elementary School. I am a lifelong, fourth generation Hanahanian, who went to school from preschool to graduation in Hanahan. My 94 year old Gran still resides in Hanahan, as well as my mom who is a Hanahan graduate, my brother and sister in law, as well as aunts, uncles, and cousins. Our Hanahan that we have always known and loved is not the same anymore.

I fully support law enforcement, but I am appalled that we have now had our second SRO taken from us this year. This time with absolutely ZERO notice! My child has been asking every day where Officer McAdams is. Now I must break his heart and tell him that McAdams is gone, and I don't know when he will be able to see him again. This was beyond poor planning on the City's part. These officers become invested in the children's lives and do everything they can to create relationships and show young kids that officers are there to help them. This is imperative with the volatile relationships between law enforcement and citizens these days. The kids bonded with Officer Hughes, just to have him taken away from us and moved to BOCO, and now yet another one taken from us and given to BOCO. Duncan is a certified SRO as well so why wouldn't he be placed at Bowens for the rest of the year rather than disrupting the lives of all kids at both schools? You should be far more concerned with why officers continue to leave BOCO, rather than continually taking HES's SRO officers (who are happy at HES) and placing them at BOCO.

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MAYOR PRO TEM
KEVIN HEDGPETH
CITY ADMINISTRATOR
COURTNEY SOLER



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ADAM SPURLOCK

Statement from Mayor Christie Rainwater Aug 19, 2025

At last night's City Council meeting, our Hanahan family witnessed a difficult but necessary conversation regarding accountability and transparency in government. Concerns were raised regarding Councilmember Amanda Colvin Shea's involvement in ongoing litigation. During the discovery process, it became evident that she had become compromised through collaboration with the private developer currently suing the City. Documents from the Developer indicate that she recorded an executive session and subsequently shared confidential information with the opposing party and his lawyer.

Further, it was disclosed that Councilmember Shea attended a meeting with the developer and his legal counsel, who also drafted **bullet points for** an affidavit for her to sign. She has **has also** retained her own criminal defense attorney.

During last night's Council meeting, Councilmember Shea left the proceedings on two separate occasions to consult with her attorney, who had previously advised her to recuse herself. Ultimately, after two calls with her lawyer, she made the decision to recuse herself from all executive sessions involving litigation with this developer.

While these moments are challenging, they are a sign of a healthy democracy—where hard conversations happen and where public trust guides our actions. I want to assure our residents that the City Council remains committed to the oath they took and steadfast in its responsibility to protect the integrity of our community.

As Mayor, I am committed to ensuring that your City government operates with transparency, accountability, and integrity. Our community deserves nothing less.

Sincerely,
Mayor Christie Rainwater
City of Hanahan



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Health Administration
VHA FOIA Office (10DH03A)
810 Vermont Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20420

In Reply Refer To: FOIA Request 26-10981-F

February 2, 2026

Christie Rainwater

2031 Quiet Ibis Rd
Hanahan, SC 29410
christie.rainwater@carolinaone.com

Dear Ms. Rainwater:

This letter is the initial agency decision on your February 1, 2026, request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, submitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Central Office FOIA Office for a copy of the following information:

I am requesting the HR File as well as all emails, texts, and written communication related to employee Amanda Colvin-Shea to include anything related to drug use or harassment. I would like a copy of all drug tests and video footage regarding controlled substances for her as well. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2025 To 02/01/2026)

Your FOIA request was received in my office on February 2, 2026.

Please be advised, that we can neither confirm nor deny records responsive to your request exist. The information you requested concerns an identifiable individual. For requests that are formulated in such a way that even acknowledgement of the existence of responsive records would cause harm to a protectable privacy interest, then only refusing to confirm or deny that any responsive records exist can protect the records subject's privacy. This approach is known as a "Glomar" approach, see MacLean v. DOD, No. 042425, slip op. at 18 (S.D. Cal. June 2, 2005). Since you are seeking records pertaining to a named individual, it is not possible to protect their privacy interest. Therefore, I am providing a "Glomar" response.

Please be advised that you may appeal the Glomar response to:

Office of the General Counsel (024)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20420
Fax: (202) 273-6388
Email: ogcfoiaappeals@va.gov

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If you should choose to file an appeal, your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted no later than ninety (90) calendar days from the date of this letter. Please include a copy of this letter with your written appeal and clearly state why you disagree with the determinations set forth in this response.

You may also seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services for any other aspect of your FOIA request from VHA's FOIA Public Liaison and/or Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) as provided below:

VHA FOIA Public Liaison:
Email Address: vhafioiahelp@va.gov
Phone Number: 833-880-8500

Office of Government Information Services (OGIS)
Email: ogis@nara.gov
Mailing address:
Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Thank you for your interest in VA. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me via email at gregory.cason@va.gov.

Sincerely,

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Gregory Cason
VHA FOIA Officer

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
IN THE MATTER OF:)
Complaint C2026-016)
Christie Rainwater)
Complainant.)
Amanda Colvin-Shea)
Respondent.)
_____)

BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING

The State Ethics Commission has determined that there is probable cause pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, in the above-captioned complaint. The Commission will convene a formal hearing into the matter in accordance with Section 8-13-320(10)(i) & (j), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.) on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at the Commission Hearing Room located at: 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

The following allegations will be heard:

COUNT ONE
FAILURE TO FILE STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS
SECTION 8-13-1110, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Amanda Colvin-Shea, councilwoman of Hanahan City Council, failed to file a Statement of Economic Interests upon being sworn into office on December 10, 2024, in violation of Section 8-13-1110.

COUNT TWO
FAILURE TO REPORT INCOME ON STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS
SECTION 8-13-1120, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Amanda Colvin-Shea, councilwoman of Hanahan City Council, failed to report

spousal income from a government entity on her 2024 Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of Section 8-13-1120.

COUNT THREE
FAILURE TO MAINTAIN RECORDS
SECTION 8-13-1302, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Amanda Colvin-Shea, candidate for Hanahan City Council, failed to maintain campaign records related to the use of a \$200.00 cash contribution from Louis Russo, in violation of Section 8-13-1302.

COUNT FOUR
FAILURE TO FILE INITIAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(A), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Amanda Colvin-Shea, candidate for Hanahan City Council, failed to file an Initial Campaign Disclosure Report (CDR) upon spending or receiving an accumulated aggregate of \$500.00 on August 30, 2024, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(A).

COUNT FIVE
FAILURE TO FILE A PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(D)(1), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Amanda Colvin-Shea, candidate for Hanahan City Council, failed to file a Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Report at least 15 days before the November 5, 2024, general election, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(D)(1).

COUNT SIX
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS
SECTION 8-13-1308(F)(1), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Amanda Colvin-Shea, candidate for Hanahan City Council, failed to properly disclose campaign contributions from Katherine Farias and Louis Russo, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F)(1).

COUNT SEVEN
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES
SECTION 8-13-1308(F)(3), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Amanda Colvin-Shea, candidate for Hanahan City Council, failed to disclose seven total campaign expenditures to the State Election Commission, Paige Turner, Sign It Now, and Vista Print, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F)(3).

COUNT EIGHT
FAILURE TO USE A CAMPAIGN BANK ACCOUNT
SECTION 8-13-1312, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Amanda Colvin-Shea, candidate for Hanahan City Council failed to open and utilize a campaign bank account, in violation of Section 8-13-1312.

COUNT NINE
ACCEPTANCE OF CASH EXCEEDING CASH CONTRIBUTION LIMIT
SECTION 8-13-1314(A)(2), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Amanda Colvin-Shea, candidate for Hanahan City Council, accepted a cash contribution of \$200.00 from Louis Russo, in violation of Section 8-13-1314(A)(2).

You have the right to be represented by counsel, the right to call and examine witnesses, the right to introduce exhibits, and the right to cross-examine opposing witnesses. This hearing will be open to the public as required by Section 8-13-320(10)(j), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended. The procedures to be followed are set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act, Section 1-23-10, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, the State Ethics Act, Section 8-13-100, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.).

A pre-hearing conference may be scheduled prior to the hearing to allow exchange of witness lists and evidence, marking of exhibits, and disposition of motions or pleadings. In the event you fail to appear, judgment by default will be rendered against you. If there are any

questions concerning the above notice or hearing times, please contact the State Ethics Commission.

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Meghan Walker Dayson.

Meghan Walker Dayson, Executive Director
State Ethics Commission

Dated this 21st day,
of May 2026

Certificate of Service by Certified Mail

I hereby certify that a copy of this **NOTICE OF HEARING** was duly served on RESPONDENT Amanda Colvin Shea, 5819 Moore St. Hanahan, SC 29410 by depositing said **NOTICE OF HEARING** in the United States mail, Columbia, South Carolina on this 22 day of May 2026, by CERTIFIED MAIL, E-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, appropriate postage affixed, and a return address clearly indicated on said envelope.



Maquita S. Kessler, Paralegal
State Ethics Commission

Columbia, South Carolina

(803) 253-4192

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	
COUNTY OF RICHLAND	)	BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
	)	
IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
COMPLAINT C2026-016	)	
	)	
Christie Rainwater,	)	CONSENT ORDER
Complainant.	)	
	)	
Amanda Colvin-Shea,	)	
Respondent.	)	
_____	)	

This matter comes before the South Carolina State Ethics Commission (Commission) by way of a complaint¹ filed on March 4, 2026. Pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i) of the South Carolina Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act (Ethics Act), the Complaint against Amanda Colvin-Shea (Respondent) was considered by the Commission and probable cause was found to warrant an evidentiary hearing. Prior to the call of the case, Respondent agreed to the following:

STATEMENTS OF FACT

1. Respondent was a successful candidate for the Hanahan City Council (Council) in the general election held on November 5, 2024. Respondent filed a Statement of Intention of Candidacy and paid the \$150.00 filing fee on August 8, 2024.
2. On October 30, 2024, Respondent filed a Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Report (CDR) disclosing no contributions or expenditures, aside from the filing fee, which she incorrectly

¹ The Complaint alleged a breach of confidentiality in executive session, harassment, conduct unbecoming an official, and campaign finance disclosure violations. The Commission's jurisdiction is limited to enforcement of the Ethics Act and therefore the allegations regarding harassment and conduct unbecoming an official were not investigated. As to the breach of confidentiality allegation, the Commission's investigation uncovered no evidence to support this allegation, despite interviewing multiple witnesses. Accordingly, the only issues discussed herein are related to the campaign finance allegations.

reported as \$100.00. At the time the Complaint was filed, this was the only CDR filed by Respondent.

3. Respondent did not file a 2024 Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) before she was sworn into office on December 10, 2024. Rather, Respondent filed the 2024 SEI on March 13, 2025.
4. Respondent timely filed a 2025 SEI on January 29, 2025. Therein, Respondent disclosed two gifts, described as “signs,” with reported values of \$50.00 from Katharine Farias and \$250.00 from Louis Russo.
5. Following the filing of the Complaint, Commission Investigator William White subpoenaed bank account records using the routing number entered by Respondent in the Commission’s electronic filing system. The records received revealed Respondent used a personal bank account rather than a campaign bank account. Further review of these records revealed the following campaign-related expenditures:

Date	Amount	Vendor
8/29/2024	\$150.00	City of Hanahan
8/30/2024	\$25.00	SC Election Commission
8/30/2024	\$2.29	SC egov.com
8/30/2024	\$1.43	SC egov.com
8/30/2024	\$75.00	SC Election Commission
9/25/2024	\$300.00	Sign it Quick
10/3/2024	\$572.25	Sign it Quick
10/4/2024	\$531.49	Vista Print
10/24/2024	\$26.66	Paige Turner

6. During the investigation, Investigator White interviewed Respondent, who confirmed that she did not maintain a dedicated campaign bank account, and that her campaign funds consisted of personal funds and the contributions from Farias and Russo. Investigator White advised Respondent that she had improperly disclosed the contributions from Farias and Russo on her 2025 SEI as gifts.
7. On April 24, 2026, Respondent worked with Enforcement Administrator Erin Caughman to file and correct her deficient reports and, at that time, disclosed that the contribution from Russo was only for \$200.00, and was a cash contribution, which she purportedly used to pay for campaign signs.
8. Based on the disclosures made during the April 24, 2026 compliance appointment, Investigator White obtained records from Vista Print and Sign It Quick. None of the records received reflected a cash payment from Respondent.
9. Investigator White subsequently notified Respondent that the \$200.00 contribution from Russo remained unaccounted for and requested supporting documentation pursuant to Section 8-13-1302. Investigator White also contacted Russo, who confirmed the contribution, but could not recall whether it was cash or check. Respondent was unable to produce supporting documentation related to the cash contribution.
10. Respondent is currently in compliance with all applicable filing requirements.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the Statements of Facts, the Commission concludes, as a matter of law:

1. At all times relevant, Respondent was a public official, as defined by Section 8-13-100(27), and a candidate, as defined by Section 8-13-1300(4). Therefore, the Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction.

2. As a public official, Respondent failed to timely file an SEI upon being sworn into office on December 10, 2024, in violation of Section 8-13-1110(A), which provides, in relevant part:

No public official, regardless of compensation, and no public member or public employee as designated in subsection (B) may take the oath of office or enter upon his official responsibilities unless he has filed a statement of economic interests in accordance with the provisions of this chapter with the appropriate supervisory office.

3. As a candidate, Respondent failed to maintain campaign records related to how she used Russo's \$200.00 cash contribution, in violation of Section 8-13-1302, which requires candidates to maintain, in relevant part, "the name and address of each person to whom an expenditure is made, including the date, amount, purpose, and beneficiary of the expenditure."
4. As a candidate, Respondent received or spent an accumulated aggregate \$500.00 of contributions and expenditures on August 30, 2024. She thereafter failed to timely file an Initial CDR within ten days of meeting that threshold, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(A), which provides, in relevant part:

Upon the receipt or expenditure of campaign contributions or the making of independent expenditures totaling an accumulated aggregate of five hundred dollars or more, a candidate or committee required to file a statement of organization pursuant to Section 8-13-1304(A) must file an initial certified campaign report within ten days of these initial receipts or expenditures.

5. As a candidate, Respondent failed to timely file a Pre-Election CDR before the November 5, 2024 election, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(D)(1), which provides, in relevant part:

At least fifteen days before an election, a certified campaign report must be filed showing contributions of more than one hundred dollars and expenditures to or by the candidate or committee for the period ending twenty days before the election.

6. As a candidate, Respondent failed to open and utilize a campaign bank account, in violation of Section 8-13-1312, which provides, in relevant part:

Except as otherwise provided under Section 8-13-1348(C), expenses paid on behalf of a candidate or committee must be drawn from the campaign account and issued on a check signed by the candidate or a duly authorized officer of a committee.

7. As a candidate, Respondent accepted cash from Louis Russo exceeding \$25.00, in violation of Section 8-13-1314(A)(2), which provides, in relevant part:

Within an election cycle, a candidate or anyone acting on his behalf shall not solicit or accept, and a person shall not give or offer to give to a candidate or person acting on the candidate's behalf: . . . (1) a cash contribution from an individual unless the cash contribution does not exceed twenty-five dollars and is accompanied by a record of the amount of the contribution and the name and address of the contributor.

8. Section 8-13-130 allows the Commission to “levy an enforcement or administrative fee on a person who is in violation” of the Ethics Act.
9. Section 8-13-320(10)(l) allows the Commission to assess a \$2,000.00 civil penalty for each violation of the Ethics Act.
10. Section 8-13-1510 allows the Commission to assess late filing penalties as follows:

A person required to file a report or statement under this chapter who files a late statement or report or fails to file a required statement or report must be assessed a civil penalty as follows...a fine of one hundred dollars if the statement or report is not filed within five days after the established deadline provided by law in this chapter; and after notice has been given by certified or registered mail that a required statement or report has not been filed, a fine of ten dollars per calendar day for the first ten days after notice has been given, and one hundred dollars for each additional calendar day in which the required statement or report is not filed, not exceeding five thousand dollars.

DISCUSSION

The Commission found probable cause to charge Respondent with one (1) count of Section 8-13-1110 for failing to file a 2024 SEI upon being sworn into office on December 10, 2024, one

(1) count of Section 8-13-1302 for failing to maintain campaign records, one (1) count of Section 8-13-1308(A) for failing to file an Initial CDR within ten days of spending or receiving an accumulated aggregate of \$500.00, one (1) count of Section 8-13-1308(D)(1) for failing to timely file a Pre-Election CDR prior to the November 5, 2024 election, one (1) count of Section 8-13-1312 for failing to use a campaign bank account, and one (1) count of Section 8-13-1314(A)(2) for accepting a cash contribution over \$25.00.² Through this Consent Order, Respondent admits that she violated the Ethics Act in these instances. In mitigation, Respondent states that this was her first time running for public office, and that her campaign was primarily self-funded. Additionally, the Commission acknowledges Respondent attempted to disclose some campaign activity, but did so incorrectly. Finally, Respondent worked cooperatively with Commission staff to correct her filings.

DISPOSITION

1. The Commission hereby finds Respondent in violation of one count each of Sections 8-13-1110, 1302, 1308(A), 1308(D)(1), 1312, and 1314(A)(2).
2. The Commission hereby adopts the Statements of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Discussion, and Disposition as agreed upon by the Respondent.

THEREFORE, the Commission hereby issues this Public Reprimand to Respondent for violations of the Ethics Act;

AND orders Respondent to pay to the Commission, within ninety (90) days of receipt of

² The Commission also found probable cause to believe Respondent violated Section 8-13-1120(A) by failing to disclose spousal income on her 2024 SEI and Section 8-13-1308(F) for failing to properly disclose contributions and expenditures. Given that Respondent has since disclosed this information, the Commission declines to proceed on these charges.

this Order, a late-filing penalty of \$300.00 (\$100.00³ per report) and an administrative fee of \$400.00, for a total of \$700.00. The Commission further orders Respondent to pay \$200.00, the amount of the cash contribution, to the South Carolina Children's Trust Fund (CTF) and to provide proof of such payment to the Commission within ninety (90) days of receipt of this Order. The Commission declines to assess any civil penalties for the violations of Sections 8-13-1302, 1312, and 1314 given the mitigation discussed herein.

By executing this Consent Order, Respondent understands that she is not only admitting violations of the Act but also confessing to a judgment of \$1,200.00 (the \$300.00 late-filing penalty, the \$200.00 to CTF, and a \$700.00 administrative fee to account for the increased administrative costs in filing a judgment) in the event she does not make full and timely payment or action as provided in this Order. In that event, the Commission shall file a judgment against Respondent in the County of Respondent's last known residence. Upon said filing, the Clerk of Court shall enter this Order in the amount of \$1,200.00 (less any money paid to the Commission) in its Judgment Rolls, without cost to the Commission.

AND IT IS ORDERED THIS 12th DAY OF August 2026.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

[REDACTED]
AMANDA COLVIN-SHEA,
RESPONDENT

[REDACTED]
P. MICHAEL DUPREE,
ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT

[REDACTED]
SARA PARRISH, VICE CHAIR

³ The Commission is limited to assessing \$100.00 for each late-filed report because Respondent did not receive certified notice of her failure to file pursuant to Section 8-13-1510(A)(2).