



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor David P. Merchant.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
David P. Merchant	Mayor	Present
Thomas J. Lowery	Mayor Pro-Tempore, Ward 1	<i>Deceased (11/02/2022)</i>
James B. Blassingame	Councilman, Ward 2	Present
Calvin K. Hastie, Sr.	Councilman, Ward 3	Present
Steven H. Corley	Councilman, Ward 4	Present
Colin C. Davis	Councilman, Ward 5	Present
Gifford M. Shaw	Councilman, Ward 6	Present

City Staff:

Attendee Name	Title
Deron McCormick	City Manager
Howie Owens	Assistant City Manager
Staci Johnson	Administrative Services Director
Helen Roodman	Planning Director
Karl Ford	Fire Chief
Russell Roark	Police Chief
Jeffrey Jackson	Assistant Police Chief
Norvell Jackson	Community Improvement Director
Clarence Gaines	Community Development Housing Director
James Hemby Smith	Lt., Fire Department
James Salmon	Cpl., Police Department
Danny Crowe	General Counsel
Linda Hammett	City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council is asked to approve the: January 17, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes. **Approved**
January 17, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes. **Approved**



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EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Presented by Mayor,
Council, and City
Manager

- 2022 American Legion Post 15 Firefighter of the Year:
Lt. James Hemby Smith
- 2022 American Legion Post 15 Police Officer of the Year:
Cpl. James Salmon

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- Presentation of proclamation proclaiming the Month of February 2023 as Black History Month in the City of Sumter.
- Presentation of Legacy of Excellence Awards

Presented by Mayor
and Council

- William S. Randolph, former City Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem
- Willie Singleton, Jr., former City Council Member

OLD BUSINESS

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Deferred to Executive Session.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Consider *Final Reading* of *Ordinance No. 2798* adopting the CDBG Entitlement Budget for the Year 2023-2024.
Approved

Motion: Councilman Hastie Second: Councilman Corley Vote: 6-0

OA-22-14, ARTISAN FOOD AND BEVERAGE MANUFACTURING AS CONDITIONAL USE IN LI-W AND CBD DISTRICTS

Consider *Final Reading* of *Ordinance No. 2799* amending Article 3, Exhibit 3-5 of the City Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance to permit Artisan Food and Beverage Manufacturing uses classified under NAICS 3113, 3114, 3115, 3118, 3119, and 312 as conditional uses in the Light Industrial-Warehouse (LI-W) and Central Business District (CBD), amending Article 5 to adopt conditional use review criteria, and amending Article 10 to include a definition for Artisan Food and Beverage Manufacturing. **Approved**

Motion: Councilman Davis Second: Councilman Hastie Vote: 6-0

COUNCIL REPORTS

Gifford Shaw

- Teaching a Personal Finance course at Morris College.
- Commended Council and the Staff on the City's fire, water and sewer and bond ratings.



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- James Blassingame
 - Recently attended Honors Convocation Day at Morris College
 - Attended the Municipal Elected Officials Advanced Institute on Public Safety Policy and Administration on February 8, 2023.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

- Deron McCormick
 - The January 2023 financial reports were provided on Council’s desks for review.
 - The City of Sumter received the highest financial rating available for cities of comparable size.
 - Two separate demolition lists were provided on Council’s desks based on the two Federal grant sources.

COMMENTS BY CITY CITIZENS

- Tasha Gardner
- Phillip Marshall
- Charles Bradley
- Reatha Lemmon

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss appointments to Boards and Commissions in accordance with Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Motion: Councilman Hastie Second: Councilman Blassingame Vote: 6-0

PUBLIC SESSION

Motion: Councilman Shaw Second: Councilman Corley Vote: 6-0


BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Ratifications	Board/Commission
Thomas H. Bultman (Joint)	Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Linda D. Hammett
City Clerk

02/17/2023 Certification of Public and Media Notification