



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mayor David P. Merchant.

City Council	Title	Status
David P. Merchant	Mayor	Present
James B. Blassingame	Mayor Pro Tempore, Ward 2	Present
Anthony Gibson	Councilman, Ward 1	Absent
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	Title
Deron McCormick	City Manager
Howie Owens	Assistant City Manager
Mark Partin	Organizational Improvement Director
Russell Roark	Police Chief
Staci Johnson	Administrative Services Director
Beth Reames	Finance Director
Helen Roodman	Planning Director
Michael Geddings	Director of Public Services
Jeffery Jackson	Assistant Police Chief
Shelley Kile	Communications & Tourism Director
Larry McFadden	HOPE Centers Coordinator
Danny Crowe	General Counsel
Linda Hammett	City Clerk
CC Newman	Records Management Administrator

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Davis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Council was asked to approve the February 20, 2024, regular meeting minutes and special called meeting minutes. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Davis _____ Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Blassingame Vote: 6-0

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Recognized Kyle Beynor as the 2024 Professional Tennis Registry Developmental Coach of the Year.



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OLD BUSINESS

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Consider appointments expired on December 31, 2023, and other remaining vacancies. **No action taken**

2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Consider **Final Reading** of **Ordinance Number 2843** adopting the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

Motion: _____ Councilman Shaw _____ Second: _____ Councilman Hastie _____ Vote: 6-0

Motion to amend First Reading.

Motion: _____ Councilman Shaw _____ Second: _____ Councilman Hastie _____ Vote: 6-0

Motion for Final Approval (as amended).

NEW BUSINESS

3. ANNUAL EVENTS RESOLUTION

Consider **Resolution Number 931** authorizing the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) only at several annual events. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Davis _____ Second: _____ Councilman Corley _____ Vote: 5-1

Councilman Hastie opposed.

4. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Russell Roark presented the 2023 Annual Report for the Sumter Police Department.

5. COUNCIL REPORTS

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| Mayor Pro Tempore Blessingame | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Attended the monthly meeting for the Westend Neighborhood Community Association. Sergeant Major Sinkler answered additional questions.- Thanked the City for completing the street paving on Neal and Sumter Streets. |
| Councilman Hastie | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- South Sumter Neighborhood Association meets at 6:00 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of each month at the South Sumter Gym. Encouraged the community to attend.- Requested a status update of the South Sumter Park. The City Manager mentioned that the project could start any day.- Hoped to celebrate the Sumter High School AAAAA Girls Basketball State Champions. |



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- Councilman Corley - Appreciates the accomplishments from the January 22-26, 2024, Curbside Junk Removal Program.
- Councilman Shaw - Suggested highlighting Sumter community members who continue to take the initiative to keep our community clean.
- Thanked the city staff for communication methods used to publicize the Curbside Junk Removal Program to city residents.
- Mayor Merchant - Excited about the Sumter High School AAAAA Girls Basketball State Championship. Spoke with School Principal, Anamaria Sandor, to work out details to celebrate the win. Additional details are forthcoming.

6. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Deron McCormick - Provided final project details from January 22-26, 2024, Curbside Junk Removal Program. This event was an overwhelming success.
- Provided update on the release of demolition funds.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned for Executive Session at approximately 2:06 p.m. **No action taken**

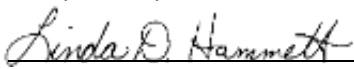
Motion: _____ Councilman Corley _____ Second: _____ Councilman Davis _____ Vote: 6-0

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:55 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:



Linda D. Hammett
City Clerk

February 29, 2024 Certification of Public and Media Notification