



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Councilman Calvin K. Hastie Sr.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
David P. Merchant	Mayor	Absent
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
Beth Reames	Finance Director
Kyle Kelly	Senior Transportation Planner
CC Newman	Records Mgmt. Administrator
Danny Crowe	General Counsel

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council is asked to approve the March 7, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes. **Approved**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**1. PD-00-08 (REVISION 25), BRUSHWOOD DRIVE AND CONSTITUTION DRIVE – ADDITIONAL TOWNHOUSE UNITS**

Receive comments from the public and consider *Second Reading* of an ordinance to amend the existing Sumter West Planned Development (PD-00-08) to increase the number of units allowed within the Townhouse Development on Brushwood and Constitution Drives from 44 to 52 in accordance with a site-specific development plan. This represents an additional 2.55 acres proposed for residential units within the commercial portion of Sumter West Planned Development. The property is located on the west side of Brushwood Drive, south of Constitution Drive, and north of Declaration Blvd., and is represented by Tax Map Nos. 185-00-01-095, 185-00-01-097 and 185-00-01-175. **Approved**

Motion: Shaw Second: Blassingame Vote: 5-0



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**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Ratifications	Board/Commission
None	

**2. ANNEXATION – FINAL READING (ANN-23-01, 2771 BROAD STREET)**

Consider *Final Reading* of *Ordinance No. 2800* annexing by 100 percent annexation petition approximately seven acres of land located at 2771 Broad Street (Tax Map No. 203-01-01-003). **Approved**

Motion: Shaw Second: Blassingame Vote: 5-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

Consider *Resolution No. 897* designating the month of April 2023 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Sumter. **Approved**

Motion: Blassingame Second: Hastie Vote: 5-0

**2. LEASE PURCHASE AMENDMENT**

Consider *First Reading* of an Ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled: “An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution, Delivery, and Performance of a Lease-Purchase Agreement and Other Documents Relating to the Lease-Purchase Financing of Certain Vehicles and Equipment in an Aggregate Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$2,285,000, and Other Matters Relating Thereto” to Amend the Authorized Use of a Portion of Proceeds of Such Financing. **Approved**

Motion: Shaw Second: Davis Vote: 5-0

**3. MUNICIPAL SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Consider *First Reading* of an Ordinance authorizing an addendum to the Municipal Service Agreement between the City of Sumter and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to provide that the City of Sumter will participate in Duke Energy’s “Overhead to Underground Conversion Plan for Municipalities”. **Approved**

Motion: Shaw Second: Corley Vote: 5-0

**4. PROCUREMENT RESOLUTION(S)**

Consider *Resolution No. 898* authorizing a contract for the Watkins Street Sewer Replacement Project. **Approved**

Motion: Corley Second: Shaw Vote: 5-0



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**5. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Receive comments from Council Members concerning matters of interest to the Council and the City of Sumter.

Gifford M. Shaw

- Thanked the Finances Department for the “At A Glance” report.

James B. Blassingame

- Appreciative for the opportunity to attend the “Farm to Table’ event. The event was a great success.
- Invited the public to attend the Dr. Emily England Clyburn Endowed Scholarship Luncheon” at Morris College on April 12, 2023.
- Rev. Thomas called regarding Council Street.

Steven H. Corley

- Appreciative of the reporting The Item has done regarding SUATS and the Appeals Board.
- Excited about the information received from a recently attended Genealogy Meeting.

**6. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

Deron McCormick

- Draft budget ready by the next council meeting.
- Flyer to be emailed to council members by the end of the week with County division map and details surrounding the “Stash the Trash” event held at the Sumter Civic Center.
- Organizers are very excited about the schools that are participating in the event.

**7. COMMENTS BY CITY CITIZENS**

Citizens of the City desiring to speak must notify the City Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting by completing the sign-up sheet located at the meeting room entrance. Comments are limited to no more than three (3) minutes.

- Joan Crawford
- Ruth McKinney
- Tasha Gardner
- Retha Lemmon

**8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Review any pending legislation pertinent to local government.

Deron McCormick

- Delegation members are working on the budget.
- MASC will send updates on funding opportunities in the near future.



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**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*CC Newman*

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Cecilia (CC) Newman  
Records Management Administrator

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