



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
David P. Merchant	Mayor	Present
Thomas J. Lowery	Mayor Pro-Tempore, Ward 1	<b><i>Deceased (11/02/2022)</i></b>
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:**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Deron McCormick	City Manager
Staci Johnson	Administrative Services Director
CC Newman	Records Mgmt. Administrator
Linda Hammett	City Clerk
Beth Reames	Finance Director
Shelley Kile	Communications/Tourism Director
Kyle Kelly	Senior Transportation Planner
Helen Roodman	Planning Director
Clarence Gaines	Community Development Director
Russell Roark	Chief of Police
Danny Crowe	General Counsel

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**



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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council was asked to approve the April 4, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes. **Approved**

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Kailay  
Washington

- South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs activities and initiatives of the Department to support Veterans.

**PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 P.M.**

**RZ-23-02—960, 964 AND 968 BOULEVARD ROAD**

Receive comments from the public and consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to rezone three (3) separate parcels of land located at 960, 964, and 968 Boulevard Road, totaling approximately 1.38 acres, (Tax Map Nos. 251-03-02-037, 251-03-02-038, and 251-03-02-039) from Residential-9 (R-9) to General Residential (GR). **Denied**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Deferred to Executive Session

**BUDGET**

Brief update. Budget Workshop dates forthcoming.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Consider **Final Reading** of **Ordinance No. 2804** amending the CDBG Budget for the year 2023-2024.  
**Approved**

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



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**LEASE OF PROPERTY**

Consider **Final Reading** of **Ordinance No. 2805** authorizing the lease of a City-owned building located on Pine Street near Church Street (formerly the old Jaycees Hut building) to Sumter United Ministries. **Approved**

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

**SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL REVENUE SERVICES**

Consider **Final Reading** of **Ordinance No. 2806** entitled: *“An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the City of Sumter to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement Relating to South Carolina Local Revenue Services; to Participate in One or More Local Revenue Service Programs; to Execute and Deliver One or More Participant Program Supplements; and Other Matters Relating Thereto”*. **Approved**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

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| Councilman<br>Corley      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Art in the Park event scheduled for Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Memorial Park.</li><li>• County-wide litter cleanup scheduled for Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                 |
| Councilman<br>Hastie      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Festival on the Avenue scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> with the parade scheduled for Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                  |
| Councilman<br>Blassingame | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attended the Emily England Clyburn Endowed Scholarship Luncheon, along with Council Members Hastie and Corley, on April 12<sup>th</sup>, as part of Morris College’s Charter Day Celebration.</li><li>• Participated in a panel discussion following the luncheon regarding the Baptist State Convention.</li></ul> |



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| Councilman Shaw         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2023, at Alice Drive Baptist Church. Speaker will be Dr. Gary Chapman.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Mayor David P. Merchant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Referenced letter included in Council’s folder thanking Police Department for expeditious recovery of an electric bike.</li><li>• Referenced letter included in Council’s folders thanking Council and Staff for their support of the Inspire Festival.</li><li>• Attended the opening service of Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, April 9, 2023.</li></ul> |

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

Deron  
McCormick

- March 2023 financial reports provided on Council’s desks for review.

**COMMENTS BY CITY CITIZENS**

- Reverend Robert Thomas
- Sarah Williams
- Keith Ivey
- Nathaniel Toney

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

To discuss contractual matters, personnel matters, appointments to Boards and Commissions, and/or receive legal advice relating to matters covered by attorney-client privilege, if necessary, in accordance with Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

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

**RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

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



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**CITY MANAGER'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT**

Renewal of City Manager's employment contract with a salary increase and one-time payment as discussed in Executive Session. **Approved**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:18 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

*Linda D. Hammett*  
Linda D. Hammett  
City Clerk

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