



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 2, 2023 – 1:00 pm  
Sumter Opera House – City Council Chambers  
21 N. Main Street | Sumter, South Carolina

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

| Attendee Name         | Title                     | Status                                  |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---|
| David P. Merchant     | Mayor                     | Present                                 |
| Thomas J. Lowery      | Mayor Pro-Tempore, Ward 1 | <b><i>Deceased<br/>(11/02/2022)</i></b> |
| James B. Blassingame  | Councilman, Ward 2        | Present                                 |
| Calvin K. Hastie, Sr. | Councilman, Ward 3        | Absent                                  |
| 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  |
| CC Newman         | Records Management Administrator  |
| Linda Hammett     | City Clerk                        |
| Michael Geddings  | Public Services Director          |
| Beth Reames       | Finance Director                  |
| Jonathan Flinchum | Assistant Finance Director        |
| Russell Roark     | Police Chief                      |
| Shelley Kile      | Communications & Tourism Director |
| Mark Partin       | Organization Improvement Director |
| Anthony Gibson    | Council-Elect                     |
| Danny Crowe       | General Counsel                   |

**INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Councilman Gifford Shaw

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – April 18, 2023 – Regular Meeting. **Approved**

Motion: Councilman Davis      Second: Councilman Blassingame      Vote: 5-0



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**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Stormwater and Sediment and Sediment Control Appeals Board Appointments.**

Council formally ratified the following appointments.

**Term: 3 years | Tenure:**

| NAME                     | APPOINTED  | RE-APPOINTED | TERM EXPIRES |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| William Watson           | 05/02/2023 |              | 06/30/2025   |
| Russell A. VanPatten     |            | 05/02/2023   | 06/30/2025   |
| Robert T. “Bobby” Newman |            | 05/02/2023   | 06/30/2025   |
| F. Wayne Hunter          |            | 05/02/2023   | 06/30/2025   |

Motion: Councilman Shaw      Second: Councilman Davis      Vote: 5-0

**2. BUDGET**

Budget Workshop immediately following Council Meeting. **No action taken.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. PROCUREMENT RESOLUTION**

Consider **Resolution No. 900** authorizing a contract for the Graystone Storm Drain Lining Project. **Approved**

Motion: Councilman Corley      Second: Councilman Blasingame      Vote: 5-0

**2. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Merchant

- Received the Marine Expeditionary Force Certificate of Appreciation

Councilman James B. Blasingame

Received acknowledgment from the family of Colleen Yates  
Attended the following community events:

- Starbucks Ribbon cutting
- Festival on the Avenue
- Westend Community Association Meeting

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- Referenced several announcements from the Municipal Association’s Weekly Legislative Update



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- Encouraged connecting with Sumter Parks and Recreation
- Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast, Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**3. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

Deron McCormick

- Housing Authority Retreat updates

Michael Geddings

- Presented 2022 Annual Water Quality Report

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Motion: Councilman Corley

Second: Councilman Blassingame

Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted:

Linda D. Hammett  
City Clerk

04/28/2023 Certification of Public and  
Media Notification