



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 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	Absent
Anthony Gibson	Councilman, Ward 1	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	Title
Deron McCormick	City Manager
Howie Owens	Assistant City Manager
Mark Partin	Chief of Staff
Staci Johnson	Administrative Services Director
Beth Reames	Finance Director
Helen Roodman	Planning Director
Michael Geddings	Director of Public Services
Shelley Kile	Communications and Tourism Director
Danny Crowe	General Counsel
Linda Hammett	City Clerk
CC Newman	Records Management Administrator
Marc Engle	Multimedia Specialist

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Gibson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Council was asked to approve the April 16, 2024, and April 30, 2024, meeting minutes. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Davis _____ Second: _____ Councilman Corley _____ Vote: 5-0

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Sumter EDGE (Economic Development Growth Engine)	Presentation
Erika Williams, Manager, Communications and Strategic Initiatives	Ross McKenzie Emerging Leaders Class of 2024



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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. RZ-24-05, 545 OXFORD STREET

Consider **Final Reading** of **Ordinance Number 2851** rezoning an approximate 0.38-acre parcel of land from Planned Development (PD-02-04, Revision 1) to Professional Office (PO). The property is located at 545 Oxford Street and is identified by Tax Map Number 229-16-03-025. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Davis _____ Second: _____ Councilman Gibson _____ Vote: 5-0

First Reading approval was given April 16, 2024.

3. OA-24-01, NONCONFORMING LOTS OF RECORD

Consider **Final Reading** of **Ordinance Number 2852** amending Article 6.d.1 of the City of Sumter Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance to clarify requirements pertaining to nonconforming lots of record. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Shaw _____ Second: _____ Councilman Corley _____ Vote: 5-0

First Reading approval was given April 16, 2024.

4. OA-24-02, UPDATES TO NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (NAICS) PERTAINING TO ANIMAL BOARDING

Consider **Final Reading** of **Ordinance Number 2853** amending Article 3, Exhibit 3-5, and corresponding references in Article 5 to update certain NAICS references pertaining to animal boarding. **Approved**

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

First Reading approval was given April 16, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

5. PROCUREMENT RESOLUTIONS

a) Consider **Resolution Number 939** authorizing a contract for the acquisition of approximately 0.69 acres of property located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 15 South and Clipper Road for a new well as part of the Live Oak Industrial Park Water Improvement Project. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Corley _____ Second: _____ Councilman Shaw _____ Vote: 5-0

b) Consider **Resolution Number 940** authorizing a contract for the Swan Lake Trailhead Project. **Approved**

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



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c) Consider **Resolution Number 941** authorizing the acquisition of property (*building only*) located at 32 East Calhoun Street. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Corley _____ Second: _____ Councilman Gibson _____ Vote: 5-0

6. MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE/DEED OF DEDICATION

Consider acceptance of a Maintenance Guarantee/Deed of Dedication for Phase Four (4) of Stillpointe Subdivision, Lots 17-46, located along Acorn Street. **Approved**

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

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

- Mayor Merchant - Approached by Judge Kristi Curtis several months ago about bringing a State Judge’s Conference to Sumter. Extended greetings at the conference last week at the Welcome Center at Shaw-Sumter Farm.
- Councilman Corley - Received positive feedback regarding the newly installed four-way stop signs on Calhoun Street.
- Received concerns regarding the need for a flashing light on Salem Avenue.
- Councilman Davis - Announced that a new traffic signal will be in service within the next few days at the intersection of Patriot Parkway and Deschamps Road.
- Sumter will host the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) State Softball Tournament May 10-12, 2024, and the SCISA State Softball Championship May 17-19, 2024.

8. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

- Deron McCormick - Since the budget workshop held on April 30, 2024, the deficit was reduced from \$1.2 million to approximately \$980,000. The public hearing will be held at the Council meeting on May 21, 2024.
- Clyburn Demo Grant Update: The first 18 structures—nine (9) in the City and nine (9) in the County—have been identified and sent to the attorney for title searches.
- Listed several streets where structures are currently in the demolition process through the Sumter Pride Program.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting adjourned for Executive Session.

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

No action was taken during Executive Session.



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PUBLIC SESSION

City Council made a motion to return to Public Session.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:47 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Linda D. Hammett
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City Clerk

 May 3, 2024 Certification of Public and Media Notification