



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023

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

Attendee Name	Title	Status
David P. Merchant	Mayor	Present
Thomas J. Lowery	Mayor Pro-Tempore, Ward 1	Deceased (11/02/2022)
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	Absent

City Staff:

Attendee Name	Title
Deron McCormick	City Manager
Howie Owens	Assistant City Manager
Staci Johnson	Administrative Services Director
Linda Hammett	City Clerk
CC Newman	Records Management Administrator
Helen Roodman	Planning Director
Shelley Kile	Communications & Tourism Director
Beth Reames	Finance Director
Clarence Gaines	CD/Housing Director
Norvell Jackson	Community Improvement Director
Anthony Gibson	Councilman-Elect
Danny Crowe	General Counsel

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilman James Blassingame

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 2, 2023 – Regular Meeting - **Approved**

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



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PUBLIC HEARINGS – 6:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Receive comments from the public regarding the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023. The CAPER is a report on how the City utilized its Entitlement Funds in the amount of \$308,419 for the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023. Community Development Housing Director Clarence Gaines provided an overview of the report. **No public comments. No action taken.**

BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

Receive comments from the public on the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. **No action taken.**

Concerned Citizens
Barbara Harris

Affirmative

Opposing

RZ-23-04, 2020-2030 THOMAS SUMTER HIGHWAY

Receive comments from the public and consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to rezone three (3) separate parcels of land totaling approximately 5.39 acres and located at 2020, 2026 and 2030 Thomas Sumter Highway (Tax Map Nos. 202-00-01-037, 202-00-01-007, and 202-08-01-024) from Planned Development (PD) to General Commercial (GC). **Approved**

Affirmative
Deron McCormick
(Spoke as Applicant)

Opposing

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

RZ-23-05, 187 SOUTH LAFAYETTE DRIVE

Receive comments from the public and consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to rezone an approximate 3.67-acre portion of a larger approximate 22.13-acre tract of land located at 187 South Lafayette Drive (Tax Map No. 250-00-01-001, part of) from Heavy Industrial (HI) to General Commercial (GC). **No public comments. Approved**

Affirmative
Charles Hodge
(Spoke as Applicant)

Opposing

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



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RZ-23-06, 1100 WEST LIBERTY STREET

Receive comments from the public and consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to rezone approximately 1.83 acres of land located at 1100 West Liberty Street (Tax Map No. 205-00-03-005) from Residential-9 (R-9) to General Commercial (GC). **Approved**

Affirmative

Pastor J. T. Clark
(Spoke as Applicant)

Opposing

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

RZ-23-08, 609, 611, 613, AND 615 W. OAKLAND AVENUE, AND 108, 110, AND 114 S. PURDY STREET

Receive comments from the public and consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to rezone approximately 3.99 acres of land located at 609, 611, 613, and 615 W. Oakland Avenue, and 108, 110, and 114 S. Purdy Street (Tax Map Nos. 228-14-07-002, 228-14-07-014, 228-14-07-015, 228-14-07-016, 228-14-07-017, 228-14-07-019, 228-14-07-020, and 228-14-07-022) from Residential-6 (R-6) to Residential Multi-Family (RMF). **Action Deferred**

Concerned Citizens

Georganne Kirven
(Christian Charities)
Lorra Bailey
(Christian Charities)

Keith Ivey
(West End Community
Association)

Affirmative

Christopher Whitener
(Spoke as Applicant)
Ashley Ackerman
(Spoke on behalf of the
applicant)
Joey Duggan

Opposing

Dr. Jill Madsen

Barbara Harris

Toni Brew

Catrina McFadden
Gwen Clyburn
Dia Clyburn
Herb McClary

Action on this request was deferred to the June 20, 2023, Council meeting to allow additional time for the developer/residents to try to reach a compromise. Councilman Corley recused himself from the vote and discussion due to a potential conflict of interest. Councilman Hastie voted against the motion.

Motion: Councilman Blassingame Second: Councilman Davis Vote: 3-1



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OA-23-02 USE TABLE NAICS ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS

Receive comments from the public and consider *First Reading* of an ordinance to amend Article 3, Exhibit 3-5 and Article 5 to correct and update use references using the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). **No public comments. Approved**

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

OLD BUSINESS

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Consider appointments due to expire June 30, 2023, and other vacancies. **No action taken.**

BUDGET

A brief update was given on the budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. **No action taken.**

NEW BUSINESS

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

- Mayor Merchant
- 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan interactive on the City’s website
 - Gave an example of code violations on Charlotte Avenue and obstacles that the City faces with out-of-state property owners.
- James B. Blasingame Attended the following community events:
- Morris College Commencement
 - USC Sumter Commencement
- Calvin K. Hastie, Sr. Community events:
- Memorial Day celebration (will honor four Tuskegee Airmen)
 - Farmers’ Market open on Fridays
 - Family Fun in the Park will begin June 8th
 - Thanked the PD for no trespassing signs posted on Gates Street
- Steven H. Corley
- Thanked the Water Department for the informational fliers recently included in monthly billing statements with instructions regarding yard debris.
 - Provided update from Litter Advisory Board meeting held on May 15, 2023.



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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Financial for April 30th, 2023, are on Council's desk for review
- Shelley Kile:
- Mayor's Minute available for Council and staff
 - Fourth Fridays now have additional RTA routes from Shaw AFB
 - Veteran's Association Memorial Day celebration will be held at the American Legion Post 15 at 11:00 a.m.

COMMENTS BY CITY CITIZENS

- Linda Hasty
- Melissa Weeks- Richardson

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Linda D. Hammett

City Clerk

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Notification