



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023

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	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	Present

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
Mark Partin	Organizational Improvement Director
Shelley Kile	Communications & Tourism Director
Carter James	Communications Coordinator
Beth Reames	Finance Director
Jonathan Flinchum	Assistant Finance Director
Jeff Derwort	Zoning Administrator
Anthony Gibson	Council-Elect
Danny Crowe	General Counsel

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Calvin K. Hastie, Sr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES May 2, 2023 - Special Meeting - **Approved**
 May 16, 2023 - Regular Meeting - **Approved**
 May 30, 2023 - Special Meeting - **Approved**

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



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OLD BUSINESS

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

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

Consider **Final Reading** of **Ordinance No. 2807** 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**

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

RZ-23-05, 187 SOUTH LAFAYETTE DRIVE

Consider **Final Reading** of **Ordinance No. 2808** 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). **Approved**

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

RZ-23-06, 1100 WEST LIBERTY STREET

Consider **Final Reading** of **Ordinance No. 2809** 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**

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

OA-23-02 USE TABLE NAICS ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS

Consider **Final Reading** of **Ordinance No. 2810** to amend Article 3, Exhibit 3-5 and Article 5 to correct and update use references using the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). **Approved**

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



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BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2023

Consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to amend the City of Sumter’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2023.
Approved.

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

BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2024

Continue discussion and consider **First Reading** of the following ordinances pertaining to the budget for Fiscal Year 2024:

- (a) First **Reading** of an ordinance to amend Chapter 98 of the City of Sumter Code of Ordinances pertaining to water and sewer rates, to include a fee for damage to meters and tampering.
Approved

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

- (b) Consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to amend Chapter 78 of the City of Sumter Code of Ordinance pertaining to fees and charges for roll-cart waste collection services. **Approved**

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

- (c) Consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to adopt the City of Sumter’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. **Approved**

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

NEW BUSINESS

ANNEXATION (ANN-23-02), 16 LYNAM ROAD

Consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to annex (by 100 percent annexation petition) an approximate 0.55-acre parcel of land located at 16 Lynam Road (Tax Map No. 206-03-02-004). **Approved**

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



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COUNCIL REPORTS

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

Mayor Merchant

- Mayor Merchant acknowledged Clemson University summer interns Miles Randolph and Miller Jones and thanked them for serving with the City for the summer.

James B. Blasingame Attended the following community events:

- Iris Festival “Taste at The Gardens”
- USC Sumter Memorial Day event
- South Sumter Park Memorial Day event
- American Legions Veteran of Foreign Wars event
- Santee-Lynches Board of Directors meeting

Calvin K. Hastie, Sr. Attended the following community events:

- Memorial Day celebration at South Sumter Park where five Tuskegee Airmen were honored

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Deron McCormick

- Thanked City Staff and volunteers for their hard work in preparation for and during the Iris Festival
- Thanked the Finance Staff for their hard work on the budget for Fiscal Year 2024

Shelley Kile

- Introduced new Communications Coordinator, Carter James
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, Mayor Merchant stated the need to hold an Executive Session to discuss appointments to boards and commissions.

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Second: Blasingame Vote: 6-0



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PUBLIC SESSION

After Executive Session, Council returned to public session. Mayor Merchant reported that no official actions were taken during Executive Session.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Linda D. Hammett

Linda D. Hammett
City Clerk

6/2/2023 Certification of Public and Media
Notification