



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 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	<b>Deceased (11/02/2022)</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:**

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
Michael Geddings	Public Services Director
Anthony Gibson	Council-Elect
Danny Crowe	General Counsel
Helen Roodman	Planning Director
Beth Reames	Finance Director
Jonathan Flinchum	Assistant Finance Director
Shelley Kile	Communication & Tourism Director

**INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Gifford M. Shaw

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – June 6, 2023 Regular Meeting - **Approved**

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



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**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

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| Danielle Malachi,<br>Codes Enforcement<br>Keith Ivey and<br>Andrew Coston | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presented Litter Awards for 2022</li> <li>• Presentation on activities of the Midlands Fatherhood Coalition</li> </ul> |
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**PUBLIC HEARING(S) - 6:00 P.M.**

**RZ-23-07, 33 THIRD AVENUE**

Receive comments from the public and consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to rezone approximately 0.86 acres of land located at 33 Third Avenue (Tax Map No. 227-05-03-002) from Residential-6 (R-6) to General Residential (GR). **Approved – no public comments**

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

**RZ-23-09, 494, 496, 498, AND 500 PINEWOOD ROAD**

Receive comments from the public and consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to rezone four (4) separate parcels of land totaling approximately 3.81 acres and located at 494, 496, 498 and 500 Pinewood Road (Tax Map Nos. 206-00-05-011, 206-00-05-020, 206-00-05-026 and 206-13-01-001 from Planned Development (PD) to General Commercial (GC). **Approved – no public comments**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Appointments ratified:

<b>Appointee</b>	<b>Board/Commission</b>	<b>Term</b>
Isaac Carr	City Housing and Economic Development Corporation	3 Years
Gale Player	City Housing and Economic Development Corporation	3 Years
Mary Kolb	City Housing and Economic Development Corporation	3 Years
Rosalind Doughty	City Housing and Economic Development Corporation	3 Years
Dollie Swinton	Community Development Housing Board	4 Years
Greg Thompson	Sumter Development Board	3 Years
Jay Davis	Downtown Sumter Board	4 Years
Harold Nixon	Downtown Sumter Board	4 Years
Scott Burkett	Litter Advisory Board	3 Years

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



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**BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2023**

Consider **Final Reading** of **Ordinance No. 2811** amending the City of Sumter’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2023. **Approved**

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

**BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2024**

Consider **Final Reading** of the following ordinances pertaining to the budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

- (a) Consider **Final Reading** of **Ordinance No. 2812** amending 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 Davis Vote: 6-0

- (b) Consider **Final Reading** of **Ordinance No. 2813** amending Chapter 78 of the City of Sumter Code of Ordinance pertaining to fees and charges for roll-cart waste collection services. **Approved**

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

- (c) Consider **Final Reading** of **Ordinance No. 2814** adopting the City of Sumter’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. **Approved**

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

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

Consider **Final Reading** of **Ordinance No. 2815** annexing (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 Corley Vote: 6-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ANNEXATION-FIRST (ANN-23-03), 971 HEATHER LANE**

Consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to annex (by 100 percent annexation petition) approximately 1.03 acres of land located at 971 Heather Lane (Tax Map No. 207-05-03-004).

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



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### COUNCIL REPORTS

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| Mayor Merchant      | • Attended the Shaw AFB birthday cake cutting celebration of the U.S Army  |
| James B. Blasingame | • He and Councilman Hastie attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Midlands Fatherhood Coalition Dad's Den on June 14, 2023 |
| Steven H. Corley    | • Received many public comments expressing appreciation for the new street signs   |

### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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| Deron McCormick | Financial Reports for May 2023 included in Council's folders<br>Referenced article in the Station Design magazine highlighting the Sumter Fire Department Headquarters (copy provided to Council) |
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### COMMENTS BY CITY CITIZENS

Rick Brownlow  
Lucy Mahon  
James Robinson  
Ernestine Govan

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council held an Executive Session in accordance with Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws to discuss a potential contractual matter related to street paving.

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

### PUBLIC SESSION

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

Motion: Councilman Davis      Second: Councilman Shaw      Vote: 4-0

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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



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Respectfully submitted:

*Linda D. Hammett*

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City Clerk

06/16/2023 Certification of Public and Media Notification