



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES
Tuesday, July 18, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
Sumter Opera House – City Council Chambers
21 N. Main Street | Sumter, South Carolina

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Merchant.

COUNCIL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
David P. Merchant	Mayor	Present
Anthony Gibson	Councilman Elect – Ward 1	Present
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	Director of Public Services
Danny Crowe	General Counsel
Helen Roodman	Planning Director
Shelley Kile	Communications & Tourism Director
Jonathan Flinchum	Assistant Finance Director

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilman Corley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 20, 2023 – Regular Meeting - **Approved**

Motion: Councilman Corley

Second: Councilman Davis

Vote: 6-0



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PUBLIC HEARING(S) - 6:00 P.M.

1. RZ-23-13, 16 LYNAM ROAD

Receive comments from the public and consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to rezone an approximate .55-acre parcel of land located at 16 Lynam Road (Tax Map No. 206-03-02-004) from Residential-15 (R-15) to Residential-6 (R-6). **Approved – no public comments**

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Consider appointments expired June 30, 2023, and other vacancies. **No action taken**

2. RZ-23-07, 33 THIRD AVENUE

Consider **Final Reading** of **Ordinance No. 2816** rezoning 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**

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

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

Consider **Final Reading** of **Ordinance No. 2817** rezoning four (4) separate parcels of land totaling approximately 3.81 acres and located at 494, 496, 498, and 500 Pinewood Road (Tax Map Nos. 206-1-05-011, 206-00-05-020, 206-00-05-026, and 206-13-01-001) from Planned Development (PD) to General Commercial (GC). **Approved**

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

4. ANNEXATION – FINAL READING (ANN-23-03), 971 HEATHER LANE

Consider **Final Reading** of **Ordinance No. 2818** annexing (by 100 percent annexation petition) approximately 1.03 acres of land located at 971 Heather Lane (Tax Map No. 207-05-03-004). **Approved**

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



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NEW BUSINESS

1. ANNEXATIONS – FIRST READING

a) ANN-23-04, 2560 Broad Street

Consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to annex (by 100 percent annexation petition) (1) parcel of land approximately 3.38 acres in size and located at 2560 Broad Street (Tax Map No. 203-08-01-011). **Approved**

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

b) ANN-23-05, 2581 and 2587 Broad Street

Consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to annex (by 100 percent annexation petition) (2) parcels of land totaling approximately 5.2 acres and located at 2581 and 2587 Broad Street (Tax Map No. 203-07-01-001 and 203-07-01-002). **Approved**

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

2. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Merchant

Councilman Corley

- Compliments to BJ Reed and her staff for a successful basketball camp.
- Special thanks to the Hope Centers.
- Receiving lots of positive comments regarding the new parking lot located at Harvin Street.

3. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Deron McCormick

- Reminder that June 30th preliminary financial information was placed in the Council packets.
- Possible shift coming with the date for the Birnie Hope Center Expansion Ribbon Cutting. More information to come.



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4. COMMENTS BY CITY CITIZENS

Linda Hasty
Sarah Williams
Rethea Lemmon
Tasha Gardner
Junita Miller
Brenda Williams Fogle

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Linda D. Hammett
City Clerk

07/14/2023 Certification of Public and Media Notification