



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 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	Present
Anthony Gibson	Councilman, Ward 1	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	Title
Deron McCormick	City Manager
Howie Owens	Assistant City Manager
Mark Partin	Chief of Staff
Staci Johnson	Administrative Services Director
Jonathan Flinchum	Finance Director
Helen Roodman	Planning Director
Cathryn Poplin	Capital Improvement Manager
Shelley Kile	Communications & Tourism Director
Danny Crowe	General Counsel
Linda Hammett	City Clerk
CC Newman	Records Management Administrator

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Gibson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Council was asked to approve the July 16, 2024, meeting minutes. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Hastie _____ Second: _____ Councilman Corley _____ Vote: 7-0

OLD BUSINESS

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Consider appointments expired June 30, 2024, and other vacancies. **Approved**

Appointee	Board Assignment	Term
Tanjo Lonon	Downtown Sumter Committee	4 Years

Motion: _____ Councilman Gibson _____ Second: _____ Councilman Hastie _____ Vote: 7-0



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2. PD-00-08 (REVISION 26), CONSTITUTION DRIVE – ADDITIONAL TOWNHOUSE UNITS

Consider **Final Reading of Ordinance Number 2857** to increase the number of units allowed within the Townhouse Development on Brushwood and Constitution Drives from 52 to 56 in accordance with a site-specific development plan. This represents an additional 0.93-acre proposed for residential units within the commercial portion of Sumter West Planned Development. The property is located at 585 Constitution Drive and identified by Tax Map Number 185-00-01-128. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Davis _____ Second: _____ Mayor Pro Tempore Blessingame _____ Vote: 7-0

3. TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

Consider **Final Reading of Ordinance Number 2858** to approve the transfer of four (4) parcels of City-owned properties. The properties are located at 231 Manning Avenue and 107, 109, and 111 East Bee Street and identified by Tax Map Numbers 227-04-04-049, 227-04-04-057, 227-04-04-058, and 227-04-04-059. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Hastie _____ Second: _____ Mayor Pro Tempore Blessingame _____ Vote: 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

4. ANN-24-03, 2045 JEFFERSON ROAD

Consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to annex (by 100 percent annexation petition) approximately 36.79 acres of property located at 2045 Jefferson Road and identified by Tax Map Numbers 203-00-03-001 and 203-00-03-002. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Shaw _____ Second: _____ Councilman Davis _____ Vote: 7-0

5. REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION

Consider **Resolution Number 948** declaring the intent of the City of Sumter to reimburse itself for certain expenditures with the proceeds of tax-exempt obligations to be incurred by the City. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Corley _____ Second: _____ Councilman Shaw _____ Vote: 7-0

6. PROCUREMENT RESOLUTIONS

a) Consider **Resolution Number 949** authorizing a contract for the North Main Corridor Improvement Project. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Shaw _____ Second: _____ Mayor Pro Tempore Blessingame _____ Vote: 7-0

b) Consider **Resolution Number 950** authorizing a contract for the Live Oak Industrial Park Water Improvements Project (Water Plant Number 3 Raw Water Lines for Wells 37 and 38). **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Corley _____ Second: _____ Councilman Hastie _____ Vote: 7-0



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- c) Consider **Resolution Number 951** authorizing the acquisition of approximately 8.80 acres of land. The property is located on Patriot Parkway and is identified by Tax Map Number 185-00-01-131. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Davis _____ Second: _____ Mayor Pro Tempore Blessingame _____ Vote: 7-0

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Merchant City Staff delivered sand piles and bags to several locations (Eagle Road, Broad Street across from Shaw Air Force Base, and at the former Polic Department at the intersection of Harvin and Hampton Streets) for residents that live in low-lying areas in preparation for flooding from Tropical Storm Debby. Presented photographs of residents bagging sand to take to their homes.

Councilman Hastie The South Sumter Farmers Market donated 100 boxes of food to senior citizens during the last two (2) weeks, with plans to continue to donate 50 boxes per week. The market will be closed on Friday, August 9, 2024, due to Tropical Storm Debby.

Councilman Shaw Thankful that during today's meeting, Council approved several projects totaling \$2.5 million, all funded by state grants.

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Deron McCormick Provided an update from today's Emergency Preparedness meeting regarding Tropical Storm Debby. Reported that 10 to 10.5 inches of rain was expected in the Sumter area over the next few days. Another Emergency Preparedness meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, and updates will be sent to Council and to the public through the Communications Department.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:25 p.m.

Motion: _____ Councilman Hastie _____ Second: _____ Councilman Davis _____ Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Linda D. Hammett
City Clerk

August 2, 2024 Certification of Public and Media Notification