



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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 |
| Staci Johnson | Administrative Services Director |
| Jonathan Flinchum | Finance Director |
| Russell Roark | Police Chief |
| Karl Ford | Fire Chief |
| Helen Roodman | Planning Director |
| Michael Geddings | Director of Public Services |
| Jeffery Jackson | Assistant Police Chief |
| B.K. Floyd | Captain Administrative Services |
| Shirlene Skipper | Director of 911 |
| Shelley Kile | Communications & Tourism Director |
| Clarence Gaines | Community Development/Housing Director |
| Larry McFadden | HOPE Centers Coordinator |
| Danny Crowe | General Counsel |
| Linda Hammett | City Clerk |
| CC Newman | Records Management Administrator |

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Davis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Council was asked to approve the November 5, 2024, meeting minutes. **Approved**

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

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Recognized Shirlene Skipper as the South Carolina APCO/NENA 911 Director of the Year.



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PUBLIC HEARINGS – 6:00 P.M.

1. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Receive comments from the public regarding the proposed Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. **No action taken**

| Citizens |
|----------------------|
| Linda Hasty |
| Tasha Gardner-Greene |
| Beverly Davis |
| Dennis Gregg |
| Ruth McKinney |

2. OA-24-07, RESIDENTIAL ACCESSORY STRUCTURE STANDARDS

Receive comments from the public and consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to amend Article 4.g.2, Residential Accessory Structure Standards of the City of Sumter Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance. **Approved**

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

| Affirmative | Negative |
|-------------|----------|
| None | None |

3. MA-24-01, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 5-YEAR EVALUATION

Receive comments from the public and consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to amend the text, pictures, tables, figures, and maps of the Sumter 2040 Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the required 5-year evaluation of the document. **Approved**

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

| Affirmative | Negative |
|---------------|----------|
| Damian Akiano | None |

OLD BUSINESS

4. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Consider appointments expiring December 31, 2024, and other vacancies. **Approved**

| Appointee | Board Assignment | Term |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Vernon Disney | Housing Authority Board | 5 Years |
| Gary Brown | Planning Commission | 4 Years |

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5. CITY CODE AMENDMENT (GARAGE SALES)

Consider **Final Reading of Ordinance Number 2862** amending Chapter 70 (Secondhand Goods), Article II (Garage Sales), Section 70-33 (Permit required) of the City of Sumter Code of Ordinances. **Approved**

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

First Reading approval was given November 5, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

6. PROCUREMENT RESOLUTIONS

a) Consider **Resolution Number 967** authorizing a contract for professional services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Planning. **Approved**

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

b) Consider **Resolution Number 968** authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2025 Rescue Apparatus. **Approved**

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

7. EQUIPMENT DONATION

Consider **Resolution Number 969** authorizing the donation of equipment. **Approved**

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

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

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| Mayor Merchant | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Congratulated County Councilwoman-Elect Tasha Gardner-Greene on her recent election to Sumter County Council, District Seven (7).- Recognized Boy Scout Austin Jones who was in attendance to fulfill a requirement for a merit badge to become an Eagle Scout. |
| Councilman Hastie | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Attended the South Sumter Neighborhood Association meeting on Monday, November 18, 2024, at the South Sumter Gym.- Inquired about the completion date for the South Sumter Park Revitalization project.- Invited Council and the public to attend the South Sumter Neighborhood Association's Christmas Party on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the South Sumter Gym.- Expressed the need for sidewalk improvements surrounding Lemira Elementary School.- Requested an update pertaining to the management of the South Sumter Gym. |



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Councilman Davis

- Gave a brief overview of the Sumter Urban Area Transportation Study (SUATS) Committee and provided updates on the following upcoming projects:
 - North Main Street and Manning Avenue Corridor projects
 - Manning Avenue Bridge project
 - U.S. Highway 76/378 Bypass improvements
 - Broad Street/Highway 521 North Intersection improvements
 - Lafayette Boulevard sidewalk improvements
 - Miller Road sidewalk improvements

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Deron McCormick

- Stated that the estimated time of completion for the South Sumter Park Revitalization is March/April 2025.

10. COMMENTS BY CITY CITIZENS

| Citizens |
|----------------------|
| Ruth McKinney |
| Tasha Gardner-Greene |
| Linda Hasty |

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:48 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Linda D. Hammett
City Clerk

November 15, 2024 Certification of Public and Media Notification