



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

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	Absent
Anthony Gibson	Councilman, Ward 1	Present
Calvin K. Hastie, Sr.	Councilman, Ward 3	Absent
Rebecca Lynn Kennedy	Councilwoman, Ward 4	Absent
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
Michael Geddings	Director of Public Services
Jeffery Jackson	Assistant Police Chief
William Richardson	Safety & Risk Manager
Shelley Kile	Communications & Tourism Director
Susan Wild	Director of Partnerships
Danny Crowe	General Counsel
Linda Hammett	City Clerk
CC Newman	Records Management Administrator

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Shaw

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Council was asked to approve the April 15, 2025, regular meeting minutes. **Approved**

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service	Presentation
Shameeka McKoy	Overview of current initiatives under the Emergency Watershed Protection Program.



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OLD BUSINESS

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Consider appointments expired December 31, 2024, and other vacancies. **No action taken**

2. BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Receive an updated draft for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. **No action taken**

NEW BUSINESS

3. PROCUREMENT RESOLUTIONS

- a) Consider **Resolution Number 984** authorizing the purchase of a Thirteen (13) Yard Non-Commercial Driver's License Rear Loader Garbage Truck.

Motion: _____ Councilman Davis _____ Second: _____ Councilman Gibson _____ Vote: 4-0

- b) Consider **Resolution Number 985** authorizing a contract for the Bobby Richardson Sports Complex Project Start Up and Schematic Design.

Motion: _____ Councilman Davis _____ Second: _____ Councilman Gibson _____ Vote: 4-0

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

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| Mayor Merchant | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A proclamation was recently signed designating May 2025, as <i>National Tennis Month</i>. In recognition of this, the Palmetto Tennis Center will host the following major tournaments:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- United States Tennis Association (USTA) Southern 18 & Over 5.0 Combo Regional Championship, scheduled for July 11-13, 2025, with approximately 250 participants.- USTA South Carolina Tri-Level State Championships, scheduled for August 19-21, 2025, with approximately 325 participants.- Thanked Councilman Shaw and the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Committee for their hard work and dedication in support of the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast held on May 1, 2025. |
| Councilman Davis | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The 2025 South Carolina Independent School Association State Softball Tournament will be held at Patriot Park Sportsplex on May 9-10, 2025. |
| Councilman Shaw | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Thanked Mayor Merchant and the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Committee for another successful Prayer Breakfast. Approximately 400 people attended and received an inspiring message from Keynote Speaker Rodney D. Bullard. |



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5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Deron McCormick

- Thanked Council for their participation in the Broad Street Trailhead Groundbreaking held on Monday, April 28, 2025.
- Upgrades at South Sumter Park are near completion.
- Upgrades at Westend Park are well underway.
- Looking forward to a successful Iris Festival on May 16-18, 2025.
- The first workshop for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:18 p.m.

Motion: _____ Councilman Shaw Second: _____ Councilman Gibson Vote: 4-0

Respectfully submitted:

Linda D. Hammett
City Clerk

May 2, 2025 Certification of Public and Media Notification