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SUMTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026

**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
Rebecca Lynn Kennedy	Councilwoman, Ward 4	Present
Colin C. Davis	Councilman, Ward 5	Present
Gifford M. Shaw	Councilman, Ward 6	Present

City Staff	Title
Deron McCormick	City Manager
Mark Partin	Chief of Staff
Staci Johnson	Administrative Services Director
Russell Roark	Police Chief
Helen Roodman	Planning Director
Michael Geddings	Director of Public Services
Danny Crowe	General Counsel
Linda Hammett	City Clerk
CC Newman	Records Management Administrator
Carter James	Communications Manager

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman Calvin K. Hastie, Sr.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

City Council was asked to approve the December 16, 2025, regular meeting minutes and the December 18, 2025, special meeting minutes. **Approved**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Hastie \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Gibson \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: 7-0

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Consider appointments expired December 31, 2025, and other vacancies. **No action taken**



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NEW BUSINESS

2. MORATORIUM ORDINANCE

Consider First Reading of an ordinance establishing a temporary moratorium on applications, processing and approval of applications for development of major residential subdivisions under the current City Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance and proposed Unified Development Ordinance. Approved

Motion: Councilwoman Kennedy Second: Councilman Davis Vote: 7-0

3. PROCUREMENT RESOLUTION

Consider Resolution Number 1020 authorizing a contract for the Citywide Computer Replacement Project. Approved

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

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

- Mayor Pro Tempore Blasingame - Attended the following events:
- The Christmas Eve Worship Service at Alice Drive Baptist Church on December 24, 2025.
- The Emancipation Proclamation Celebration at Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church on January 1, 2026.
- The "Let's Turn the Dirt" Community Groundbreaking Celebration on Manning Avenue on January 1, 2026.
Councilman Hastie - South Carolina State University won the Black Historical Colleges and Universities Football Championship during the 2025 Celebration Bowl on December 13, 2025. The University's flag will fly over the State House on January 19, 2026.

5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Deron McCormick - City operations are going well. Staff will soon be working on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:12 p.m.

Motion: Councilman Davis Second: Councilwoman Kennedy Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Linda D. Hammett (handwritten signature)

Linda D. Hammett
City Clerk

January 2, 2026 Certification of Public and Media Notification