



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:00 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	Absent
Rebecca Lynn Kennedy	Councilman, Ward 4	Present
Colin C. Davis	Councilman, Ward 5	Present
Gifford M. Shaw	Councilman, Ward 6	Absent

City Staff	Title
Deron McCormick	City Manager
Howie Owens	Assistant City Manager
Staci Johnson	Administrative Services Director
Jonathan Flinchum	Finance Director
Michael Geddings	Director of Public Services
Linda Hammett	City Clerk
CC Newman	Records Management Administrator

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilman Davis

**AMENDMENT TO AGENDA**

Council amended the agenda to move Executive Session to the first order of business.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Davis \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor Pro Tempore Blassingame \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-0

**1. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting adjourned for Executive Session.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Councilwoman Kennedy \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Davis \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-0

*No action was taken during Executive Session.*

**PUBLIC SESSION**

City Council made a motion to return to Public Session.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Davis \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Gibson \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ 5-0

**2. BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

Discuss a proposed amendment to the City of Sumter’s budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. **No action taken**

**3. BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

a) Consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to amend commercial garbage collection rates. **Approved**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Davis \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor Pro Tempore Blassingame \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ 5-0

b) Consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to adopt the City of Sumter’s budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. **Approved**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Councilwoman Kennedy \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Gibson \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ 5-0

**4. AUDITOR SELECTION**

Approve selection of an auditor for a three (3) year term. **Approved**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Councilman Davis \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor Pro Tempore Blassingame \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ 5-0



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**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:42 p.m.

Motion: Councilwoman Kennedy Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Blassingame Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda D. Hammett". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Linda D. Hammett  
City Clerk

May 21, 2025 Certification of Public and Media Notification