



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tempore James B. Blassingame

City Council	Title	Status
David P. Merchant	Mayor	Absent
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
Howie Owens	Assistant City Manager
Mark Partin	Chief of Staff
Staci Johnson	Administrative Services Director
Jonathan Flinchum	Finance Director
Russell Roark	Police Chief
Helen Roodman	Planning Director
Michael Geddings	Director of Public Services
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 Hastie

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Council was asked to approve the May 20, 2025, regular meeting minutes and May 22, 2025, special called meeting minutes. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Shaw Second: _____ Councilman Hastie Vote: 6-0

OLD BUSINESS

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Consider appointments expired December 31, 2024, and other vacancies. **No Action Taken**



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2. PD-25-01, PINWOOD ROAD AND STADIUM ROAD

Consider ***Final Reading*** of ***Ordinance Number 2877*** rezoning approximately 34.38 acres of property from Residential-15 (R-15) to Planned Development (PD-25-01). The property is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Pinewood Road and Stadium Road and is identified by Tax Map Number 207-00-05-001. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilwoman Kennedy _____ Second: _____ Councilman Shaw _____ Vote: 6-0

3. BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Consider ***First Reading*** of an ordinance to amend the City of Sumter’s budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Gibson _____ Second: _____ Councilman Davis _____ Vote: 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Consider ***First Reading*** of an ordinance to amend the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Shaw _____ Second: _____ Councilman Hastie _____ Vote: 6-0

5. ANN-25-04, 1445 CAMDEN HIGHWAY

Consider ***First Reading*** of an ordinance to annex by 100 percent petition approximately 2.33 acres of land (including right-of-way) located at 1445 Camden Highway and identified by Tax Map Numbers 202-00-03-014 and 202-00-03-021. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilwoman Kennedy _____ Second: _____ Councilman Gibson _____ Vote: 6-0

6. PROCUREMENT RESOLUTION

Consider ***Resolution Number 986*** authorizing a contract for the Prisma Health Shot Pouch Greenway Lighting and Camera Installation Project. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Hastie _____ Second: _____ Councilman Shaw _____ Vote: 6-0

7. RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

Consider ***Resolution Number 987*** in support of Sumter County’s application to the South Carolina State Infrastructure Bank for assistance in funding the US-378/76 Corridor Improvement Project, also known as “Connect 378”. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Davis _____ Second: _____ Councilman Gibson _____ Vote: 6-0



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8. ABANDONED BUILDING RESOLUTION

Consider **Resolution Number 988** providing certification of 17 North Main Street as an abandoned building site under the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act of the South Carolina Code of Laws. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Shaw Second: _____ Councilman Davis Vote: 6-0

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

- Mayor Pro Tempore Blassingame
- Commended Councilmembers for their active participation in recent community meetings and events.
 - Attended the following events:
 - Sumter County Veterans Association Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Park - May 26, 2025.
 - Veterans Appreciation Committee Memorial Day celebration at South Sumter Park - May 26, 2025.
 - EnerSys Sumter, USA Ribbon Cutting - May 29, 2025.
 - Retirement celebration for Harriette “Sister” Heath Wimberly – May 22, 2025.
 - Blue Palmetto Dinner in Columbia, SC - May 30, 2025.
- Councilman Hastie
- Thanked the City for supporting the Memorial Day celebration at South Sumter Park on May 26, 2025.
 - Announced Family Fun Day at South Sumter Park on June 12, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - Noted the South Sumter Farmers Market on Manning Avenue will operate Fridays from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., from June 13, 2025, through October 10, 2025.
 - Recognized Ronnie Rhodes, Regional Director of South Carolina State University for the Santee Wateree Region, and three Sumter student interns in attendance.
- Councilman Davis
- Attended the Idlewild Homeowners Association meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.
 - Residents of Idlewild and Timberline Meadows Subdivisions are requesting the City’s assistance with improving traffic control on Loring Mill Road.



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| Councilman Gibson | - Attended the Open House and Restoration Advisory Board Meeting hosted by Shaw Air Force Base on Monday, June 2, 2025. |
| Councilwoman Kennedy | - Thanked City staff for the recent upgrades at Memorial Park. |

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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| Deron McCormick | - Announced the following upcoming events: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Touch a Truck Storm Readiness event on Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Sumter Opera House parking lot.- Ribbon cutting for South Sumter Park on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.- Grand Closing Bash for the Sumter Opera House on Friday, June 13, 2025. |
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11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:57 p.m.

Motion: _____ Councilman Davis Second: _____ Councilman Hastie Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted:

Linda D. Hammett
City Clerk

May 30, 2025 Certification of Public and Media Notification