



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES  
Tuesday, July 18, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.  
Sumter Opera House – City Council Chambers  
21 N. Main Street | Sumter, South Carolina

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Merchant.

**COUNCIL**

Attendee Name	Title	Status
David P. Merchant	Mayor	Present
Anthony Gibson	Councilman Elect – Ward 1	Present
James B. Blassingame	Councilman, Ward 2	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**

Attendee Name	Title
Deron McCormick	City Manager
Howie Owens	Assistant City Manager
Staci Johnson	Administrative Services Director
Linda Hammett	City Clerk
CC Newman	Records Management Administrator
Michael Geddings	Director of Public Services
Danny Crowe	General Counsel
Helen Roodman	Planning Director
Shelley Kile	Communications & Tourism Director
Jonathan Flinchum	Assistant Finance Director

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Councilman Corley

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – June 20, 2023 – Regular Meeting - **Approved**

Motion: Councilman Corley

Second: Councilman Davis

Vote: 6-0



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**PUBLIC HEARING(S) - 6:00 P.M.**

**1. RZ-23-13, 16 LYNAM ROAD**

Receive comments from the public and consider ***First Reading*** of an ordinance to rezone an approximate .55-acre parcel of land located at 16 Lynam Road (Tax Map No. 206-03-02-004) from Residential-15 (R-15) to Residential-6 (R-6). **Approved – no public comments**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Consider appointments expired June 30, 2023, and other vacancies. **No action taken**

**2. RZ-23-07, 33 THIRD AVENUE**

Consider ***Final Reading*** of ***Ordinance No. 2816*** rezoning approximately 0.86 acres of land located at 33 Third Avenue (Tax Map No. 227-05-03-002) from Residential-6 (R-6) to General Residential (GR). **Approved**

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

**3. RZ-23-09, 494, 496, 498, AND 500 PINewood ROAD**

Consider ***Final Reading*** of ***Ordinance No. 2817*** rezoning four (4) separate parcels of land totaling approximately 3.81 acres and located at 494, 496, 498, and 500 Pinewood Road (Tax Map Nos. 206-1-05-011, 206-00-05-020, 206-00-05-026, and 206-13-01-001) from Planned Development (PD) to General Commercial (GC). **Approved**

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

**4. ANNEXATION – FINAL READING (ANN-23-03), 971 HEATHER LANE**

Consider ***Final Reading*** of ***Ordinance No. 2818*** annexing (by 100 percent annexation petition) approximately 1.03 acres of land located at 971 Heather Lane (Tax Map No. 207-05-03-004). **Approved**

Motion: Councilman Blassingame      Second: Councilman Shaw      Vote: 6-0



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**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. ANNEXATIONS – FIRST READING**

**a) ANN-23-04, 2560 Broad Street**

Consider ***First Reading*** of an ordinance to annex (by 100 percent annexation petition) (1) parcel of land approximately 3.38 acres in size and located at 2560 Broad Street (Tax Map No. 203-08-01-011). **Approved**

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

**b) ANN-23-05, 2581 and 2587 Broad Street**

Consider ***First Reading*** of an ordinance to annex (by 100 percent annexation petition) (2) parcels of land totaling approximately 5.2 acres and located at 2581 and 2587 Broad Street (Tax Map No. 203-07-01-001 and 203-07-01-002). **Approved**

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

**2. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Merchant

- Compliments to BJ Reed and her staff for a successful basketball camp.

Councilman Corley

- Special thanks to the Hope Centers.
- Receiving lots of positive comments regarding the new parking lot located at Harvin Street.

**3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Deron McCormick

- Reminder that June 30<sup>th</sup> preliminary financial information was placed in the Council packets.
- Possible shift coming with the date for the Birnie Hope Center Expansion Ribbon Cutting. More information to come.



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**4. COMMENTS BY CITY CITIZENS**

Linda Hasty  
Sarah Williams  
Rethaea Lemmon  
Tasha Gardner  
Junita Miller  
Brenda Williams Fogle

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Motion: Councilman Corley      Second: Councilman Blassingame      Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted:

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Linda D. Hammett  
City Clerk  
07/14/2023 Certification of Public and Media Notification