



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024

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	Absent
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
Russell Roark	Police Chief
Karl Ford	Fire Chief
Helen Roodman	Planning Director
Michael Geddings	Director of Public Services
Ernie Dollard	Assistant Fire Chief
Susan Wild	Director of Partnerships
Sharon Felder	Business License Department Supervisor
Steven Dara	Senior Division Chief of Administrative Operations
Jeffrey Shirley	Division Chief of Administrative Operations
Robert Singleton	Captain of Patrol
Hazel Dennis	Sergeant of Patrol
Joseph A. Kellahan	Sergeant of Patrol
Carter James	Communications Manager
Danny Crowe	General Counsel
Linda Hammett	City Clerk
CC Newman	Records Management Administrator
Anukkah Chandler	Communications Specialist

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Hastie

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City Council was asked to approve the November 19, 2024, regular meeting minutes and the November 22, 2024, special called meeting minutes. **Approved**

Motion: _____ Councilman Hastie _____ Second: _____ Mayor Pro Tempore Blassingame _____ Vote: 6-0

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Recognized City of Sumter employees with ten (10) and fifteen (15) years of service.

OLD BUSINESS

1. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

2. OA-24-07, RESIDENTIAL ACCESSORY STRUCTURE STANDARDS

Consider **Final Reading of Ordinance Number 2863** amending Article 4.g.2, Residential Accessory Structure Standards of the City of Sumter Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance. **Approved**

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

First Reading approval was given November 19, 2024.



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3. MA-24-01, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 5-YEAR EVALUATION

Consider **Final Reading** of **Ordinance Number 2864** amending the text, pictures, tables, figures, and maps of the Sumter 2040 Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the required 5-year evaluation of the document. **Approved**

Motion: Councilman Shaw Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Blessingame Vote: 6-0
First Reading approval was given November 19, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

4. ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Councilman James B. Blessingame was re-elected as Mayor Pro Tempore. **Approved**

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

5. ANN-24-04, 2158 AVALON DRIVE

Consider **First Reading** of an ordinance to annex (by 100 percent annexation petition) approximately 0.63 acres of land (including right-of-way) located at 2158 Avalon Drive and identified by Tax Map Number 207-14-02-016. **Approved**

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

6. COUNCIL REPORTS

- Mayor Merchant
 - The Fantasy of Lights Opening Ceremony was held on Sunday, December 1, 2024.
 - The Christmas Parade will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.
 - Requested that Police Chief Russell Roark provide safety tips to prevent automobile break-ins.
- Councilman Hastie
 - Requested that the City of Sumter Curbside Recycling Program flyer be updated and sent to residents along with their water bills.
- Councilman Shaw
 - Announced that his newest granddaughter, Margaret Carter Mann, was born on Monday, December 2, 2024.

7. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

- Deron McCormick
 - The South Sumter Art Park Ribbon Cutting will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.
 - The Arbor Day Celebration is scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Veterans Park.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Linda D. Hammett
City Clerk

November 26, 2024 Certification of Public and Media Notification