



SUMTER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

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

Attendees	Title
Deron McCormick	City Manager
Howie Owens	Assistant City Manager
Mark Partin	Chief of Staff
Staci Johnson	Administrative Services Director
Jonathan Flinchum	Finance Director
Cheryl Cato	Assistant Finance Director
David Ferrell	Assets Manager and Operations Specialist
Linda Hammett	City Clerk
CC Newman	Records Management Administrator
Randall Cooper	Audit Partner, The Brittingham Group, L.L.P.
Kendra Vandross	Audit Partner, The Brittingham Group, L.L.P.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Anthony Gibson

NEW BUSINESS

1. AUDIT REPORT

Kendra Vandross of The Brittingham Group, L.L.P. presented the annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The annual Comprehensive Financial Report noted the following details:

- The City received unmodified audit opinions in all areas.
- The City will apply for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.
- The City's financial position is strong with a net position of \$210,143,363.00 as of June 30, 2024.
- The City had an increase in net position of \$46,687,337.00.
- No internal control findings were noted in the annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.



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2. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:39 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Linda D. Hammett
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City Clerk

December 10, 2024 Certification of Public and Media Notification