



SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY | JULY 21, 2026 | 5:00 PM

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING | 3RD FLOOR | COUNCIL CHAMBERS

13 E. CANAL STREET | SUMTER, SC

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: James T. McCain, Jr., Chairman; James R. Byrd, Jr., Vice Chairman; Vivian Fleming McGhaney, Tasha Gardner-Greene, Artie Baker, Charles T. Edens, and Carlton B. Washington.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Gary Mixon, Amanda W. Mitchum, Lorraine Dennis, Johnathan Bryan, Joe Perry, Helen Roodman, Shirley Goodman, Kirsten McCoy, Greg Hawkins, and two Sheriff's Deputies.

MEDIA PRESENT: Kylie Cordell, The Sumter Item.

PUBLIC PRESENT: There were approximately 20 members of the public in attendance at this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman James T. McCain, Jr.

INVOCATION: The invocation was delivered by Councilmember Vivian Fleming-McGhaney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chairman James T. McCain, Jr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: Motion and a second was given to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote: Unanimously carried by Council.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) Unveiling of the Custom Sumter250 Seal Crafted by Sid Singleton

Council participated in the unveiling of the custom Sumter250 Seal crafted by Mr. Sid Singleton. Mr. Singleton joined Chairman McCain and members of Council for the ceremonial unveiling.

Action: No action was required.

(2) Second Reading on the Following Moratoria Ordinances:

County Administrator Gary Mixon provided an overview of the proposed moratoria and explained that the ordinances were being considered separately to allow Council and staff flexibility to address each land use on an independent timeline. He advised that no changes had been made since First Reading and that, following Third Reading, the proposed moratoria would provide a 180-day review period, with the potential for a 90-day extension if necessary.

(a) Ordinance 26-1050, Solar Moratorium – An Ordinance to Impose a Temporary Moratorium on the Approval of New Permits for Primary and Accessory Photovoltaic Solar Energy Systems.

Action: Motion was made by Councilmember Artie Baker and seconded by Vice Chairman James R. Byrd, Jr. to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 26-1050.

Vote: Unanimously carried by Council.

- (b) **Ordinance 26-1051, BESS Moratorium – An Ordinance to Impose a Temporary Moratorium on the Approval of New Permits for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).**

Action: Motion was made by Councilmember Charles T. Edens and seconded by Councilmember Tasha Gardner-Greene to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 26-1051.

Vote: Unanimously carried by Council.

- (c) **Ordinance 26-1052, Data Center Moratorium – An Ordinance to Impose a Temporary Moratorium on the Approval of New Permits for Data Centers.**

Note: During discussion, Vice Chairman James R. Byrd, Jr. requested that staff prioritize its review of data centers because of their importance to day-to-day life and national security. Council expressed agreement with the request.

Action: Motion was made by Councilmember Artie Baker and seconded by Councilmember Charles T. Edens to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 26-1052.

Vote: Unanimously carried by Council.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion and a seconded was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:09 PM.

Vote: Unanimously carried by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda W. Mitchum
Clerk to Sumter County Council

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Date Approved: August 11, 2026



James T. McCain, Jr., Chairman
Sumter County Council