



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 W. Broad Street
Monday, September 11, 2023
5:30 p.m.**

(These minutes to be approved at the September 25, 2023 Council Meeting)

City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Jerome Rice, Jr, Mayor Pro Tem Rob Rain, Councilmembers Erica Brown, Jamie Fulmer, Ruth Littlejohn, Meghan Smith and Janie Salley. City Manager Chris Story, Deputy City Manager Mitch Kennedy, Assistant City Manager Kevin Limehouse and City Attorney Robert P. Coler were in attendance. Notice of the meeting was posted with the Media 24 hours in advance according to the Freedom of Information Act. All City Council meetings are live streamed/recorded. To view the video for a complete transcript, please visit <https://www.cityofspartanburg.org/city-council>

- I. Moment of Silence – observed**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance - recited**
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the August 28, 2023 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda for the September 11, 2023 City Council Meeting -**
Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
- V. Public Comment –**
*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk
1. James Jones
- VI. Presentation of Proclamation declaring September 17, 2023 though September 23, 2023 As Constitution Week**
Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor
- VII. Update Regarding Redistricting Notification and Voting Precincts Change**
Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Deputy City Manager
Mitch Kennedy, John Baucom (Director of Voter Registration for Spartanburg County) and Christopher George (Communications Director-City of Spartanburg) presented Council with Information regarding the redistricting of City Council Districts, the Precincts names and locations, and advised how they are notifying voters of all changes to ensure they know the Correct location to vote.
Council received the presentation as information only.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- A. An Ordinance to Grant a Franchise to Lumos Fiber, LLC to Install and Maintain Fiber Optic Cable and Accessories for the Provisions of Telecommunications Services in the Streets and Public Rights of Way in The City.**

Presenter: Robert Coler, City Attorney

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

IX. Public Hearings

- A. An Ordinance to Amend the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element, By Amending Section 206, Changes to District Boundaries, Specifically, the Property Located at 831 John B. White Sr., Blvd, and is Further Identified as Tax Map ID: 6-21-11-114.01 On the Spartanburg County Tax Map, as a Part and Parcel of the City of Spartanburg which is zoned R-12, with a Land Use Designation of General Residential District to be Assigned a Zoning Designation of LOD, with a Land Use Designation of Limited Office District and Providing for Severability and Effective Date.**

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Community Development Director

Councilmember Smith made a motion to open the public hearing.

Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Mayor Rice opened the floor for those who wanted to speak in favor of the ordinance.

No one spoke in favor.

Mayor Rice opened the floor for those who wanted to speak in opposition of the ordinance. No one spoke in opposition.

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilmember Salley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented.

Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

- B. An Ordinance to Amend the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element, By Amending Section 206, Changes to District Boundaries, Specifically, the Property Located at 249 E. Blackstock Road, and is Further Identified As Tax Map ID: 6-21-13-002.00 on Spartanburg County Tax Map, as a Part and Parcel of the City of Spartanburg which is Zoned LOD, with a Land Use Designation of Limited Office District to be Assigned a Zoning Designation of B-1, with a Land Use Designation of Neighborhood Shopping District and Providing for Severability And Effective Date.**

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Community Development Director

Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to open the public hearing.

Councilmember Fulmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Mayor Rice opened the floor for those who wanted to speak in favor of the ordinance.

1. Greyson Furnas-Colliers International Brokerage Associate-Spoke in favor of The ordinance.

Mayor Rice opened the floor for those who wanted to speak in opposition of the Ordinance.

No one spoke in opposition of the ordinance

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

X. City of Spartanburg Boards and Commissions Update

Presenter: Christie Lindsey, City Clerk

Council voted on the following appointments:

Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals-*Councilmember Smith made a Motion to appoint Yury Naumovich to the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

Hospitality Tax Committee-*Councilmember Smith made a motion to appoint Quianna Poole to the Hospitality Tax Committee. Councilmember Salley seconded the motion, Which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee-*Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion To appoint Susan Meyers to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

Planning Commission-*Councilmember Salley made a motion to appoint Kevin DeMark To the Planning Commission. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which Carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee-*Councilmember Smith made a motion to appoint Colby King to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded The motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

Public Safety Committee-*Councilmember Salley made a motion to appoint David Williams, Taylor Cash and Ed Epps to the Public Safety Committee. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

Airport Advisory Committee-*Councilmember Salley made a motion to appoint Eddie Gantner to the Airport Advisory Committee. Councilmember Littlejohn Seconded the Motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

XI. Staff Updates-**Mr. Story** updated Council on the new Police Facility, the new City/County joint building and the temporary location for City Hall in the interim.

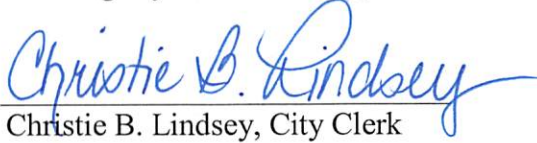
XII. City Council Updates- Each Councilmember gave updates on their activities since the previous council meeting.

XIII. Executive Session-

A. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Economic Development "Project Core" a Potential Mixed-use Development in the Downtown Area.

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to enter into Executive Sessions at 6:52 p.m. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

XIII. Adjournment – Councilmember Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk