



City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 W. Broad Street
Monday, September 25, 2023
5:30 p.m.

(These minutes approved at the October 9, 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 September 11, 2023 City Council Meeting –
*Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*
- IV. Approval of the Agenda for the September 25, 2023 City Council Meeting -
*Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Councilmember Littlejohn 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. Melvin Norwood
 2. Mike Fowler
 3. Ceej Jefferson
 4. Santiago Mariani
 5. Annie Kerns
 6. Dea Norton
 7. McKay Moore
 8. Toni Sutton
- VI. Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing National Night Out
Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem Rain presented the proclamation to several members of neighborhood associations across the City of Spartanburg.

VII. Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the Spartanburg Fire Department

Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr. Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Rain presented the proclamation to Assistant Chiefs Brad Hall, Phil Stark and Mr. Dea Norton, retired City of Spartanburg firefighter.

VIII. Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing September 2023 as Sickle Cell Awareness Month

Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr. Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Rain presented the proclamation to Councilmember Ruth Littlejohn.

IX. Consent Agenda

- 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 Fulmer made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Councilmember Smith 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 Fulmer made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

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

X. Resolution

- A. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Midwest Maintenance, Inc. for the Provision of Professional Services in the Form of Repair and Conservation of Brick Masonry on the Federal Courthouse located on Magnolia Street.**

Presenter: Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

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

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

XI. Ordinance

A. An Ordinance to Enter into a Development Agreement with Johnson Development Associates, Inc. to Redevelop a Site for Multi-Use Projects.

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Mayor Pro Tem Rain spoke prior to the vote on this ordinance and advised the Mayor and his fellow councilmembers that he is currently employed with Johnson Development. He was not a part of any discussions or decisions made by Johnson Development in regards to this project, but felt it best to recuse himself from any vote in this matter.

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Councilmember Salley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

B. An Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to Sell Property Located on Henry Street Bearing Tax Map Parcel Numbers 7-12-14-036.00, 036.01, 7-12-14-004.02, And the Road Located Between Tax Map Parcel Numbers 7-12-14-005.00 and 7-12-14-037.00

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

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

Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

XII. Staff Updates

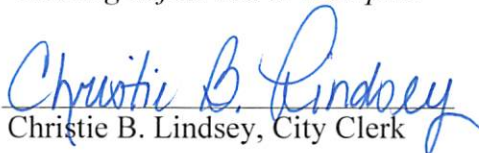
XIII. City Council Updates-Each Councilmember gave updates on their activities since the previous council meeting.

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 Smith made a motion to enter into Executive Sessions at 7:11 p.m. Councilmember Fulmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

XIII. Adjournment – Councilmember Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Salley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk