



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 W. Broad Street
Monday, October 9, 2023
5:30 p.m.**

(These minutes to be approved at the October 23, 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 25, 2023 City Council Meeting –
Councilmember Fulmer 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 October 9, 2023 City Council Meeting -
Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Councilmember Salley 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. Colby King

VI. Recognition of 2023 Citizens Academy Graduates

Presenter: Kathy Hill, Community Relations Director

Kathy Hill recognized the 6th graduating class of the Citizens Academy Program.
17 graduates completed the program

VII. Proclamations

A. Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr. Mayor

Mayor Rice presented the proclamation to members of the organization Project R.E.S.T.

B. Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing October 15, 2023 as Pregnancy And Infant Loss Awareness Day

Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr. Mayor

Mayor Rice presented the proclamation to Caroline Goodman and Molly Chappell-McPhail. Caroline Goodman advised Council and attendees that The Memorial on October 15, 2023 would be held at Hatcher Gardens here in Spartanburg.

VIII. Consent Agenda

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

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 Smith made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. Mayor Pro Tem Rain recused himself from voting on the Consent Agenda items Referencing his prior comments during the 1st reading of both ordinances on September 25, 2023.

IX. Resolutions

A. A Resolution to Purchase Property Located on W. Kennedy Street Bearing Tax Map Parcel 7-12-24-003.00

Presenter: Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

B. A Resolution to Approve the City to Enter Into an Agreement with Roebuck Nursery & Landscaping, LLC for the Duncan Park Invasive Plant Eradication Project

Presenter: Jay Squires, Public Works Director

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

X. Boards and Commissions Vacancies Update

Presenter: Christie Lindsey, Clerk

Councilmember Smith made a motion to appoint Chad Buckingham to the Airport Advisory Committee board. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

XII. Staff Updates

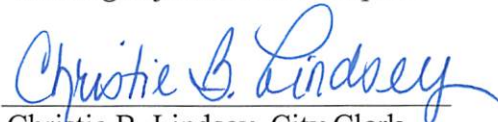
XIII. City Council Updates-Each Councilmember gave updates on their activities since the previous council meeting.

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 Red” a Potential Mixed-Use Development.**
- B. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Economic Development “Project Nativity” a Potential Community Development.**
- C. 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 6:24 p.m. Councilmember Fulmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

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


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk