



**City Council Meeting  
County Council Chambers  
366 N. Church Street  
Monday, March 9, 2026  
5:30p.m.**

**(These minutes to be approved at the March 23, 2026 Council Meeting)**

**City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Jerome Rice, Mayor Pro Tem J. Ruth Littlejohn, Councilmembers Jamie Fulmer, Janie Salley, Meghan Smith, Erica Brown and Leslie Rodgers. City Manager Chris Story, Deputy Assistant City Manager Mitch Kennedy, Assistant City Manager Kevin Limehouse, City Attorney Robert Coler and City Clerk Christie Lindsey 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 February 23, 2026 City Council Meeting**  
*Mayor Pro Tem Littlejohn made a motion to approve the minutes as received.  
Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*
- IV. Approval of the Agenda for the March 9, 2026, City Council Meeting**  
*Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the agenda.  
Mayor Pro Tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*
- V. Public Comment –**
  - 1. Javar Juarez-**Presented Council with a Resolution regarding a story covered on 9/22/2025 took second place in featured news writing.
  - 2. Christopher Jefferson-**Update on affordable housing in the City. Highlighting Oak and Ave Property Group being a recipient of Made it Home Program.
  - 3. Chris Mathis-**Advocate for the Dog Park on the Rail Trail being cleaned up and maintained.
- VI. A Proclamation Declaring March 2, 2026 through March 9, 2026 as Xi Theta Lambda Charter Week in the City of Spartanburg**  
**Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor**  
*Mayor Rice presented several members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Xi Theta Lambda Chapter with the proclamation.*

**VII. Declaration of Vacancies for the City of Spartanburg Board and Commissions.**

**Presenter: Christie Lindsey, City Clerk**

*The complete listing of vacancies declared by the clerk are attached as an exhibit to these minutes.*

*Council received as information only.*

**VIII. FY 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report**

**Presenters: Dennis Locke, Finance Director**

**David Phillips, CPA, Greene Finney Cauley, LLP**

*David Phillips presented Council with an overview of the FY 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.*

*Council received as information only.*

**IX. Staff Update**

Mr. Story advised Council that City staff is in the process of preparing to make a recommendation for a new location of the clock tower. He also advised Council that Police Chief Alonzo Thompson will be retiring this year and he will be assisting staff in making a smooth transition during this process.

**XII. City Council Updates**

Each Councilmember gave updates on their activities since the previous council meeting.

*Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to adjourn to executive session.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

*Council adjourned to executive session at 6:24p.m.*

**XIII. Executive Session**

**A. An Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) of the South Carolina Code of Laws to Discuss a Personnel Matter.**

**B. An Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70-(a)(2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws in Regards to a Potential Real Estate Transaction.**

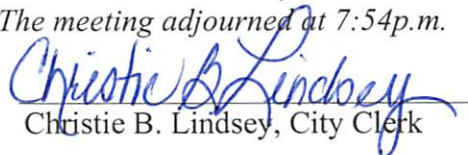
*Council convened to regular session at 7:53p.m. Mayor Rice stated that discussions were held with no decisions made.*

**XIV. Adjournment**

*Mayor Pro Tem Littlejohn made a motion to adjourn the meeting.*

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

*The meeting adjourned at 7:54p.m.*

  
Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk

Airport Advisory Board

4 Openings

3 Year Term

Residency Not Required

3 of the 4 can be reappointed for an additional term  
(2 County seats up next year)

HARB

2 Openings

3 Year Term

Residency Required

1 of 2 can be reappointed for an additional term

Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee

2 Openings

3 Year Term

Residency/Significant Business Interest Required

1 of 2 eligible for an additional term.

Construction Board of Appeals

2 Openings

3 Year Term

Residency Not Required

2 of 2 eligible for an additional term.

Design Review Board

1 Opening

3 Year Term

Residency/Significant Business Interest Required.

0 of 1 eligible for an additional term.

Hospitality Tax Committee

1 Open Unexpired Term (2027)

3 Year Term

Residency/Significant Business Interest Required.

Need 2 Councilmembers

Housing Board of Adjustment and Appeals

2 Openings

3 Year Term

Residency Required

Planning Commission

2 Openings

4 Year Term

Residency Required

2 of 2 eligible for reappointment

Public Safety Committee

4 Vacancies

3 Year Term

Residency Required

4 of 4 eligible for an additional term

Storm Water Appeals

2 Openings

3 Year Term

Residency Required

Zoning Board of Appeals

2 Openings

3 Year Term

Residency Required

(1 unexpired term and 1 vacancy)