



**City Council Meeting
County Council Chambers
366 N. Church Street
Monday, March 23, 2026
5:30p.m.**

(These minutes to be approved at the April 13, 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 March 9, 2026 City Council Meeting

Councilmember Fulmer 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 23, 2026, City Council Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Littlejohn made a motion to approve the agenda.

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

V. Public Comment –

1. James Jones-Spoke in regards to the rebuilding of the clock tower and public input.

2. Lori Coggins-Spoke in regards to downtown businesses, parking spaces and the rebuilding of the clock tower.

3. Wesley Stoddard-Spoke in regards to the clock tower and its history.

4. Dr. Brenda Lee Pryce-Spoke about the Unveiling Ceremony-The Journey Continues that took place on March 1, 2026 in the Southside neighborhood.

VI. Appointment of Councilmembers for the Hospitality Tax Committee

Presenter: Christie Lindsey, City Clerk

City presented Councilmember Salley and Councilmember Rodgers as recommendations to serve on this board for a one-year term.

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the recommendations.

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

VII. Ordinance

- A. An Ordinance to Amend Various Sections of the Code of the City of Spartanburg to Improve Neighborhood Code Enforcement (First Reading) Ordinance # 2026-003**

Presenters: Kevin Limehouse, Assistant City Manager

Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which passed 6 to 1, with Councilmember Brown voting in opposition.

VIII. Presentation on Barnet Park Venue Improvements and Programming Enhancements

Presenters: Chris Story, City Manager

Mitch Kennedy, Deputy City Manager

Council received as information only.

IX. Presentation on Clock Tower

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Council received as information only.

X. Staff Update

Mr. Coler announced he will be leaving the City on March 27, 2026 and thanked Council for the opportunity to work with them over the last seven years and to work for the City of Spartanburg as their City Attorney.

Mr. Story also thanked Mr. Coler and wished him well on his future endeavors.

Mr. Story also advised Council that we would have a new temporary surface parking lot at the corner of St. John Street and Church Street for public parking.

XII. City Council Updates

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

Councilmember Salley made a motion to adjourn to executive session.

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

Council adjourned to executive session at 7:25p.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)(5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Economic Development “Project New Vision” a Potential Mixed-Income Residential Development near the Downtown Area.

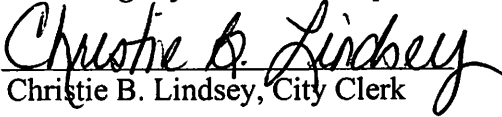
Council convened to regular session at 8:14 p.m. Mayor Rice stated that discussions were held with no decisions made.

XIV. 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 8:15p.m.


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk