



CITY OF SPARTANBURG
SOUTH CAROLINA

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

City Council Meeting
County Council Chambers
366 N. Church Street
Monday, May 11, 2026
5:30 PM

- I. **Moment of Silence**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Approval of the Minutes of the April 27, 2026 Meeting**
- IV. **Approval of the Agenda of the May 11, 2026 Meeting**
- V. **Public Comment**
- VI. **A Proclamation Declaring May 11-16, 2026 as National Police Week in the City of Spartanburg**
Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor
- VII. **Strengthening Community Access Through Partnerships Presentation**
Presenters: Reggie Geter, Community Programs and Partnerships Manager-City of Spartanburg
Susan Cox, Special Education Services-SCSDB
Nikki Robinson, Transition Coordinator-SCSDB
Kaitland Davis, 2026 SCSDB Graduate, Intern
- VIII. **Ordinance**
 - A. **An Ordinance Establishing the Participation of the City of Spartanburg in the Spartanburg Children's Cabinet.**
(First Reading) Ordinance # 2026-006
Presenter: Marilyn Nguyen, Strategic Partnerships and Opportunities Manager
Jauntavia Padgett, Director of Advocacy, Spartanburg Academic Movement
- IX. **FY27 Budget Process Overview Presentation**
Presenters: Chris Story, City Manager
Dennis Locke, Finance Director
- X. **Staff Updates**

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XI. City Council Updates

XII. 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.**

XIII. Adjournment.

City Code Sec. 2-57. Citizen Appearance. Any citizen of the City of Spartanburg may speak at a regular meeting on any matter pertaining to City Services and operations germane to items within the purview and authority of City Council, except personnel matters, by signing a Citizen's Appearance form prior to the meeting stating the subject and purpose for speaking. No item considered by Council within the past twelve (12) months may be added as an agenda item other than by decision of City Council. The forms may be obtained from the Clerk and maintained by the same. Each person who gives notice may speak at the designated time and will be limited to a two (2) minute presentation.



**City Council Meeting
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366 N. Church Street
Monday, April 27, 2026
5:30p.m.**

(These minutes to be approved at the May 11, 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, Assistant City Manager Kevin Limehouse, Interim City Attorney Max Hyde and City Clerk Christie Lindsey were in attendance. Deputy City Manager Mitch Kennedy was absent. 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 April 13, 2026 City Council Meeting

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the minutes as received.

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

IV. Approval of the Agenda for the April 27, 2026, City Council Meeting

Councilmember Smith made a motion to amend the Agenda changing Item IX from an Ordinance to a Presentation.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Littlejohn made a motion to approve the Amended Agenda.

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

V. Public Comment –

- 1. Marie Griffin**-Name was called as she submitted form to speak, not in attendance.
- 2. Stanley Case**- Spoke in reference to the clock tower being placed at the County Courthouse
- 3. Robert Stoddard, Jr.**-Spoke in reference to the clock tower being placed on Courthouse property.
- 4. Kimberly Branch**-advised that members of the clock tower group had appeared before County Council and spoke to them during public comment regarding the clock tower being placed at the County Courthouse.
- 5. Wesley Stoddard**-Spoke about the history of the clock tower and wants it to be placed at the County Courthouse.
- 6. Andy Dragt**-Spoke in support of the clock tower being placed at Barnet Park

VI. A Proclamation Declaring the Month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Spartanburg

Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor

Mayor Rice presented members of Project R.E.S.T. with the proclamation declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Spartanburg.

VII. Consent Agenda

- A. An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina, to Execute and Deliver an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement in an Amount Not Exceeding \$4,500,000 Between the City and the Lessor Thereof to Defray the Cost of Acquiring Certain Equipment and Other Matters Relating Thereto. Ordinance # 2026-004**

Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director

- B. An Ordinance to Provide for the Annexation of the Property Located at 2191 Country Club Road, Which is Identified as Parcel ID: 7-17-06-071.00 on the Spartanburg County Tax Map, as Well as the Property Located at 2251 S. Pine Street, Which is Identified as Tax Map Parcel ID: 7-17-10-062.00 on the Spartanburg County Tax Map, and Further to Amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Spartanburg to Include the Annexed Property, and Further to Rezone the Property to Zoning Designation B-3, General Retail District, and Providing for Severability and Effective Date.**

Ordinance # 2026-005

Presenter: Fredalyn Frasier, Planning Director

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

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

VIII. Hospitality Tax Committee Board Appointment

Presenter: Christie Lindsey, City Clerk

Ms. Lindsey provided Council with the interview committee's recommendation that Ms. Janeen Scott be appointed to fill the unexpired term for the Hospitality Tax Committee.

Councilmember Salley made a motion to appoint Janeen Scott to the H-Tax Committee.

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

IX. Presentation Establishing the Participation of the City of Spartanburg in the Spartanburg Children's Cabinet.

Presenters: Marilyn Nguyen, Strategic Partnerships and Opportunities Manager

Jauntavia Padgett, Director of Advocacy, Spartanburg Academic Movement

Council received as information only.

X. Resolution

- A. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into A Development Agreement with Axio, LLC for an Aviation Headquarters Facility and Other Matters Related Thereto.**

Resolution #2026-003

Presenter: Kevin Limehouse, Assistant City Manager

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

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

XI. Clock Tower Location

Presenter: Chris Story

Mayor Pro Tem Littlejohn made a motion to approve the clock tower to be rebuilt at Barnet Park.

Councilmember Smith seconded the motion which carried 6 to 1.

Councilmember Brown voted in opposition of the motion.

XII. Staff Updates

None

XIII. 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.

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

Council adjourned to executive session at 7:14p.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

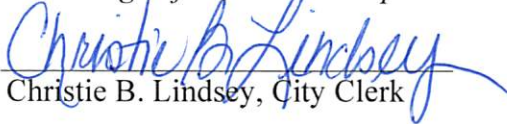
Council convened to regular session at 7:44 p.m. Mayor Rice stated that discussions were held with no decisions made.

XIV. Adjournment

Councilmember Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk



REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

TO: Chris Story, City Manager

FROM: Marilyn Nguyen, Strategic Partnerships and Opportunities Manager

SUBJECT: Children's Cabinet Formation and Participation

DATE: May 6, 2026

BACKGROUND:

Following the presentation provided to City Council on the April 27, 2026 meeting by Jauntavia Padgett, the Director of Advocacy at Spartanburg Academic Movement and myself, City staff would like to bring the drafted ordinance noting the City's participation in the Children's Cabinet and its formation for first reading.

The Children's Cabinet would include leaders from the City as well as the County to focus on systems level alignment and developing strategic priorities to support children and families across Spartanburg County.

As a pathway to ensure youth voice informs the cabinet, the ordinance also establishes ground for the formation of a Youth Council, which would be fully established defined by the Mayor and the City.

The Cabinet aims to launch following the approval of the ordinance from City Council.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance in the first reading as written.

The Children's Cabinet Workgroup recommends formal recognition of the Children's Cabinet through a city ordinance to strengthen sustainability and clarify roles and expectations.

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA: N/A

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-006

CITY OF SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITY OF SPARTANBURG IN THE SPARTANBURG CHILDREN'S CABINET.

WHEREAS, the City of Spartanburg recognizes that coordinated, cross-sector collaboration improves outcomes for children, youth, and families; and

WHEREAS, disparities in education, health, housing stability, and economic opportunity impact Spartanburg children and youth; and

WHEREAS, the City has authority under South Carolina law to participate in advisory bodies that support municipal governance; and

WHEREAS, WHEREAS, improving long-term educational and social outcomes for children across the City of Spartanburg requires intentional coordination and alignment of policies and systems across sectors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina, as follows:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.

The City of Spartanburg shall maintain an active presence on the Spartanburg Children's Cabinet (hereinafter, the "Cabinet"). The Cabinet shall serve as an advisory and action-oriented collaborative body to align public, nonprofit, and community stakeholders through shared data, coordinated policy, and systems-level action to improve outcomes for children, youth, and families. The Cabinet shall coordinate cross-sector solutions, influence policy, strengthen decision-making, and promote accountability for results.

SECTION 2. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.

The City shall recognize the Spartanburg Academic Movement (SAM) as the provider of administrative, facilitation, and operational support to the Cabinet.

SECTION 3. ADVISORY ROLE AND POWERS.

The Cabinet shall serve in an advisory capacity to City Council and all relevant non-profits and stakeholders. In its role the cabinet may:

- Promote coordination between the city, other government entities and partner agencies;
- Review policies and systems for their impact on children, youth, and families; and
- Recommend priorities and initiatives that support children, youth, and families, including opportunities for aligned public and private action.
- Identify and leverage opportunities for public and private partnerships to strengthen collective impact across the community.

SECTION 4. MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION.

The Cabinet shall consist of not fewer than ten (10) and not more than twenty-four (24) members, representing three sectors as follows:

- Eight (8) public sector representatives;
- Eight (8) nonprofit or community-based organization representatives; and
- Eight (8) community representatives, including individuals with lived experience as parents, caregivers, or youth, reflecting the diversity of communities and experiences across Spartanburg.

Public sector representatives shall include, at minimum:

- The Mayor;
- The City Manager or appointee; and
- At least one Spartanburg School District Superintendent.

The Cabinet may be seated in phases, beginning with an initial cohort and expanding to full authorized membership as strategic priorities and performance metrics are established.

SECTION 5. TERMS AND VACANCIES.

Members shall serve two-year terms. Initial appointments shall be staggered to ensure continuity of leadership. No member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms unless otherwise specified in the Cabinet bylaws. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. Members representing the City may be removed consistent with City policy and applicable law.

SECTION 6. ELIGIBILITY.

All members shall reside within Spartanburg County or shall have demonstrated engagement in work, initiatives, or leadership that meaningfully impacts Spartanburg County. Additional membership qualifications shall be defined in the Cabinet bylaws.

SECTION 7. BYLAWS AND OPERATIONS.

The Cabinet shall adopt bylaws to govern its operations, membership processes, and procedures, consistent with this ordinance. The Cabinet may establish committees or working groups as necessary to carry out its work. All official actions shall be recorded and maintained in accordance with applicable law.

The Cabinet shall provide an annual report to City Council in writing and public session.

SECTION 8. YOUTH COUNCIL.

The Mayor shall establish and support a Youth Council dedicated to amplifying youth perspectives in civic and community decision-making. The Youth Council shall serve as a working group or committee of the Cabinet, ensuring that the experiences and perspectives of Spartanburg's young people meaningfully inform Cabinet priorities, deliberations, and recommendations. Its structure and operations shall be defined in the Cabinet bylaws.

SECTION 9. REVIEW.

This ordinance shall be reviewed by City Council annually from the date of enactment to assess effectiveness and opportunities for regional alignment.

DONE AND RATIFIED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Jerome Rice, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christie Lindsey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney