



City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 W. Broad Street
Monday, October 23, 2023
5:30 p.m.

(These minutes approved at the November 13, 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 October 9, 2023 City Council Meeting –
*Councilmember Fulmer 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 October 23, 2023 City Council Meeting -
*Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Councilmember Brown 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. Keisha Gray
 2. Midas Hampton
 3. Dr. Russell Booker
 4. Scott Neely
 5. Dr. Phillip Stone
- VI. Recognition of City of Spartanburg Retiree, Mark Ford, Environmental Services Manager
Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor
Mayor Rice presented Mark Ford with an award honoring his years of service to the City of Spartanburg.

VII. Presentation of Proclamation Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Duncan Park

Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor

Mayor Rice presented the proclamation to members of the Duncan Park Neighborhood

VIII. Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing October 15, 2023 as National Federation of the Blind Day

Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor

Mayor Rice presented the proclamation to members of the Spartanburg Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind.

IX. Presentation of Certificates for Appreciation to the Mayor and City Council Members by ReGenesis Health Care

Presenter: Marlon Hunter, President & CEO of ReGenesis Health Care

X. Update on Duncan Park Improvements and Trail Improvement Projects

Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Deputy City Manager

Council received update as information only.

XI. Resolutions

A. A Resolution to Specify Utilization of Previously Allocated American Rescue Plan Funds for Recreation Projects

Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Deputy City Manager

Mayor Pro Tem Rain made a motion to approve the resolution as presented.

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

B. A Resolution to Approve the City to Enter Into an Agreement with Community First Developers, LLC for Duncan Park Trail Improvements

Presenter: Jay Squires, Public Works Director

Mayor Pro Tem Rain made a motion to approve the resolution as presented.

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

C. A Resolution Approving the Issuance by Spartanburg Housing of its not to Exceed \$27,000,000 Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Hope Road Project) Series 2023 Pursuant to Section 147(F) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 As Amended; Providing Certain Other Matters in Connection Therewith; and Providing an Effective Date

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Community Development Director

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

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

XII. Ordinance

A. An Ordinance to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Lease of Various City Owned Aircraft Hangars at the Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport

Presenter: Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

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

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

XIII. Staff Updates

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

XV. 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 TFV” a Potential Mixed-Use Development in the Downtown Area.

B. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Economic Development “Project Railyard” a Potential Mixed-use Development in the Downtown Area.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to enter into Executive Sessions at 6:58 p.m. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

XVI. Adjournment – Councilmember Smith 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