



**City Council Meeting
County Council Chambers
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

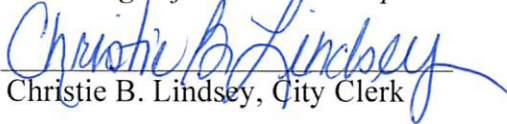
Council convened to regular session at 7:44 p.m. Mayor Rice stated that discussions were held with no decisions made.

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