



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

(These minutes to be approved at the May 26, 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 City Manager Mitch Kennedy, Assistant City Manager Kevin Limehouse, Interim City Attorney Max Hyde 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 April 27, 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 May 11, 2026, City Council Meeting

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

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

V. Public Comment –

1. Crystle Flores-Name was called as she submitted form to speak, not in attendance.

2. Kathryn Harvey-Introduced Congressman Jonthan Jackson (Illinois First District).
Congressman Jackson spoke briefly regarding his visit to Spartanburg.

VI. A Proclamation Declaring May 11-16, 2026 as National Police Week in the City of Spartanburg

Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor

Mayor Rice presented Chief Thompson and MPO Parris the proclamation declaring May 11-16th, 2026 as National Police Week in the City.

VII. Strengthening Community Access Through Partnerships Presentation

Presenters: Reggie Geter, Community Programs and Partnerships Manager

Susan Cox, Special Education Services-SCSDB, Nikki Robinson, Transition

Coordinator-SCSDB, Kaitland Davis, 2026 SCSDB Graduate & City Intern

Council received as information only.

VIII. Ordinance

- A. **An Ordinance 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

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented.

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

IX. FY27 Budget Process Overview Presentation

Presenters: Chris Story, City Manager

Dennis Locke, Finance Director

Council received as information only.

X. Staff Updates

MPO Parris with the Spartanburg Police Department shared information about two campaigns that the Police Department is currently participating in with other law enforcement agencies around the state. Those campaigns are Buckle Up South Carolina and Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

Mr. Story shared with Council the Fair Housing Hotline is available for individuals in the Community that have questions about housing and landlord/tenant questions. The number is (864) 596-2102.

XIII. City Council Updates

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

Mayor Pro Tem Littlejohn 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 6:40p.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**

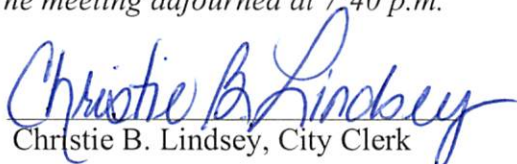
Council convened to regular session at 7:39 p.m. Mayor Rice stated that discussions were held with no decisions made.

XIV. Adjournment

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk