



**City Council Meeting
County Council Chambers
366 N. Church Street
Monday, May 26, 2026
5:30p.m.**

(These minutes to be approved at the June 8, 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 May 11, 2026 City Council Meeting

*Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Meghan Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

IV. Approval of the Agenda for the May 26, 2026, City Council Meeting

*Mayor Pro Tem Littlejohn made a motion to approve the Agenda.
Councilmember Fulmer seconded the motion which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

V. Public Comment –

- 1. Vanessa Lech**-No show for public comment.
- 2. Haeli Dragt**-Spoke about public transportation being more accessible for local colleges and students.
- 3. Gina Dragt**-Spoke in appreciation and advocated for the DAN trail system in the City.
- 4. Livingston Hawkins**-Thanked Council and staff for working with SCDOT regarding the E. Main Street road diet.
- 5. Andy Dragt**-Thanked Council & the City community for a warm welcome to Spartanburg when he and his family moved here. He also is excited about the growth and positive changes it can bring to the City.
- 6. Steve Duncan**-No show for public comment.

VI. Consent Agenda

- A. An Ordinance Establishing the Participation of the City of Spartanburg in the Spartanburg Children’s Cabinet.
Ordinance#2026-006
Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented.
Councilmember Fulmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.**

VII. 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan Survey
Presenter: Daniel Griggs, SPATS Committee Member
Council received as information only.

VIII. Public Hearing

- A. An Ordinance to Provide for the Adoption of a City Operating Budget, Its Execution and Effect, for the Fiscal Period July 1, 2026 Through June 30, 2027. Ordinance# 2026-007 (First Reading)**
Presenters: Chris Story, City Manager
Dennis Locke, Finance Director

Councilmember Smith made a motion to open the public hearing.
Mayor Pro Tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Mayor Rice opened the floor for those in favor of the budget to speak.

Vanessa Lech-spoke in favor of the budget in regards to additional resources for downtown policing and for no raise in taxes on property.

Mayor Rice opened the floor for those in opposition of the budget to speak.

There were no speakers in opposition.

Councilmember Salley made a motion to close the public hearing.
Councilmember Fulmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented.
Mayor Pro Tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

IX. Ordinance

- A. An Ordinance to Raise Revenues for the City of Spartanburg for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to Levy Taxes on All Real Estate and Personal Property, Except Such as is Exempted by Law, in the Corporate Limits of the City of Spartanburg for Corporate Purposes of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and to Provide Penalties for the Delinquent Payment of Taxes Levied and Provide For. Ordinance# 2026-008 (First Reading)**
Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager
Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented.
Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
- B. An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Spartanburg South Carolina 2020 to Include a Provision Regarding Obstructing Public Property Ordinance# 2026-009 (First Reading)**
Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Deputy City Manager
Councilmember Salley made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented.
Mayor Pro Tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

- C. **An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Development Agreement By and Between the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina and Barrett Realty Investments, Inc., with Respect to a Mixed Use Development at 145 W. Broad Street in Downtown Spartanburg; and Other Matters Related Thereto.**

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

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

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

X. Staff Updates

No Updates

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

Council adjourned to executive session at 6:58p.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

C. An Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-7-70(a)(5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Economic Development “Project Creekside” a Potential Mixed-Income Residential Development near the Downtown Area.

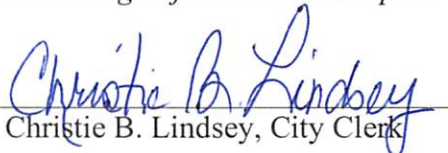
Council convened to regular session at 8:14 p.m. Mayor Rice stated that discussions were held with no decisions made.

XIV. Adjournment

Councilmember Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk