



City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 W. Broad Street
Monday, December 11, 2023
5:30 p.m.

(These minutes to be approved at the January 8, 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 November 27, 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 December 11, 2023 City Council Meeting -
*Councilmember Salley made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Councilmember Littlejohn 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. Sevi Alvarez
 2. Guy Boyle
- VI. Proclamation Recognizing Cleveland Academy of Leadership
Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor
*Mayor Rice presented Dr. Maurice Clark, Principal of Cleveland Academy of Leadership with the Proclamation. Dr. Clark provided an update to Council on the achievements of Cleveland Academy of Leadership within the last two years.
Council received presentation as information only.*
- VII. Update on Use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for Affordable Housing Strategies
Presenter: Martin Livingston, Community Development Director

VII. Resolution

A. Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Enter Into an Employment Contract For the Municipal Judge

Presenter: Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

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

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

IX. Update on Morgan Square Project

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Chris Story provided Council with an update on the Morgan Square project and they received it as information only.

X. Staff Updates-City Manager Chris Story provided Council with updates including the recent hire of a Grants Manager who will start the end of January, 2024. Assistant City Manager Kevin Limehouse provided an update on the parking garage systems and a covered waiting area for the bus at Walmart. Jay Squires, Public Works Director, updated Council regarding the 221 Corridor leading into the City of Spartanburg.

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

XII. Executive Session-

A. An Executive Session to Discuss Proposed Contractual Arrangements related to the potential lease of City Property Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

B. An Executive Session for the Routine Annual Review of the City Manager And City Attorney pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to enter into Executive Sessions at 7:06 p.m.

Councilmember Smith 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 8:20 p.m.


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk