



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 W. Broad Street
Monday, January 22, 2024
5:30 p.m.**

(These minutes to be approved at the February 12, 2024 Council Meeting)

City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Jerome Rice, Jr, Mayor Pro Tem Janie Salley, Councilmembers Erica Brown, Jamie Fulmer, Ruth Littlejohn, Meghan Smith and Rob Rain. 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 December 11, 2023 and January 8, 2024 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 January 22, 2024 City Council Meeting -

Councilmember Smith 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- Mr. Alvarez spoke about Medicaid in South Carolina.

2. Mayor James Talley- Mayor Talley shared memories of the current City Hall and acknowledged former Councilmembers who were in attendance for the last meeting in Council Chambers at 145 W. Broad Street. (W.C. Bain, Linda Blanchone, Lib Fleming, Robert Reeder) Former Employees (Ed Memmott, Mandy Merck and James Ledlow)

VI. Presentation of the History of Spartanburg City Hall

Presenter: Dr. Phillip Stone, Archivist, Wofford College

Dr. Stone presented historical facts and information about Spartanburg City Hall's current location at 145 W. Broad Street.

Council received as information only.

VII. FY 2023 Audit and Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director

Dennis shared the results of the FY 2023 Audit completed by Green, Finney, Cauley, LLP

Council received as information only.

VIII. Resolution

A. A Resolution Declaring Juneteenth as a City Holiday

Presenter: Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

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

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

B. A Resolution to Update the Annual Salary of the City Manager and City Attorney Pursuant to Recent Performance Reviews and the City's Recently Completed Compensation Analysis.

Presenter: Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

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

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

IX. Ordinance

A. An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Documents Authorizing the Sell of Property Located on Spartanburg Water Works Road Bearing Tax Map Number 2-23-00-011.00

Presenter: Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

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

City Manager Chris Story updated Council about the heating situation at Robert Smalls Housing Development. He also advised that all offices located at 145 W. Broad Street for the City have now been relocated to 187 W. Broad Street and Municipal Court has relocated to the new County Courthouse. Mr. Story provided information regarding the beginning work for demolition of 145 W. Broad Street.

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

XI. Executive Session-*Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:36p.m. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

A. Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws to Discuss Matters Relating to "Project Knighttrider" an Economic Development Project.

B. Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws for Legal Advice Regarding a Development Agreement

Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to adjourn from Executive Sessions at 7:47 p.m.

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

XVI. Adjournment – *Mayor Jerome Rice, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the final City Council meeting at 145 W. Broad Street. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.*

Christie B. Lindsey

Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk