



**City Council Meeting
County Council Chambers
366 N. Church Street
Monday, February 12, 2024
5:30 p.m.**

(These minutes to be approved at the February 26, 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 January 22, 2024 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda for the February 12, 2024 City Council Meeting -**
Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Councilmember Brown 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
None
- VI. Recognition of City of Spartanburg Retiree, Kay Byrnes, Administrative Assistant Property Maintenance & Housing Inspections Team.**
Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor
Mayor Rice presented Kay Byrnes with an award and thanked her for her years of dedicated service to the City of Spartanburg.
- VII. Update on Hello Family-Year 2**
Presenter Kaitlin Watts, Director of Hello Family
Katlin provided Council with information on the 2nd year of the Hello Family Program and goals to continue the success of the program.
Council received the update as information only.

VIII. Spartanburg Divine 9 Update

Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Deputy City Manager

Mitch Kennedy introduced Bernard Wheeler who updated Council with all the events and services that the Divine 9 has provided throughout the City in 2023. JaLisa Jordan, with Spartanburg Regional, updated Council on the CHAD program and the Divine 9's involvement in the program. Michael Brown also spoke to Council on the fresh produce program implemented at the Community Centers in the City and the assistance provided by the Divine 9 to make the initiative a success.

Bernard Wheeler recognized all members of the Divine 9 who were in attendance for the meeting.

Council received the update as information only.

IX. Update on Spartanburg Downtown Transportation Plan

Presenters: Martin Livingston, Community Development Director

Ernie Boughman, Toole Design

Ernie Boughman provided Council with an outline of the study area and advised that recommendations will be forthcoming to Council for their comments and approval.

Council received the update as information only.

X. Consent Agenda

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

XI. Resolution

A. A Resolution Certifying One (1) Unit as an Abandoned Building Site Pursuant to The South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Act 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, regarding the property located at 254 W. Main Street, City of Spartanburg, Spartanburg County TMS# 7-12-10-026.00

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Mayor Pro Tem Salley made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

B. A Resolution Certifying Six (6) Units as an Abandoned Building Site Pursuant to The South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, regarding the property located at 500 W. Main Street, City of Spartanburg, Spartanburg County TMS# 7-12-13-024.00

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Mayor Pro Tem Salley made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

C. A Resolution Certifying Four (4) Units as an Abandoned Building Site pursuant to The South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, regarding the property located at 134-136 Magnolia Street, City of Spartanburg, Spartanburg County TMS# 7-12-20-002.00

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Mayor Pro Tem Salley made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented.

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

XII. Staff Updates

Chris Story provided Council with several updates including the move from City Hall to the new location at 187 W. Broad Street. He advised that all departments have been moved from City Hall and fencing will go up around the former City Hall to prepare for abatement and demolition on February 16, 2024. He is currently working with Jay Squires and Randall Farr regarding proposals for on street parking on Spring Street.

Mr. Story told Council that the Fire Department members and equipment that are currently housed at 145 W. Broad Street will move to the new Fire Facility at Wofford Street in the next couple of weeks.

The Parking Garages will be moving to a new system around the end of February, the first of March.

He ended with advising Council that he and staff are in regular communication with the owners and developers of Robert Smalls to address the current issues going on with the housing community. There will be an onsite partner day at Robert Smalls on March 8, 2024.

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

XIV. Executive Session-

A. Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) of the South Carolina Code of Laws Concerning A Personnel Matter

Councilmember Brown made a motion to enter into Executive Sessions at 6:36 p.m.

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

XVI. Adjournment – Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session at 6:50p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Salley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Fulmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Christie B. Lindsey

Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk