



CITY OF SPARTANBURG

SOUTH CAROLINA

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

City Council Meeting
County Council Chambers
366 N. Church Street
Monday, March 25, 2024
5:30 PM

- I. Moment of Silence**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the February 26, 2024 Meeting**
- IV. Approval of the Agenda of the March 25, 2024 Meeting**
- V. Public Comment**
- VI. Mary Black Foundation Update**
Presenter: Molly Talbot-Metz, President/CEO, Mary Black Foundation
- VII. Declaration of Vacancies for Boards and Commissions**
Presenter: Christie Lindsey, City Clerk
- VIII. Staff Updates**
- IX. City Council Updates**
- X. Executive Session**
 - A. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Economic Development "Project Core" a Potential Mixed-use Development in the Downtown Area**
 - B. 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. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Economic Development "Project Wrap" a Potential Mixed-use Development in the Downtown Area.**
- XI. Adjournment.**

As required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Spartanburg will provide interpretive services for the City Council Meetings. Requests must be made to the Communications & Marketing Office (596-2020) 24 hours in advance of the meeting. This is a Public Meeting and notice of the meeting was posted with the Media 24 hours in advance according to the Freedom of Information

City Code Sec. 2-57. Citizen Appearance. Any citizen of the City of Spartanburg may speak at a regular meeting on any matter pertaining to City Services and operations germane to items within the purview and authority of City Council, except personnel matters, by signing a Citizen's Appearance form prior to the meeting stating the subject and purpose for speaking. No item considered by Council within the past twelve (12) months may be added as an agenda item other than by decision of City Council. The forms may be obtained from the Clerk and maintained by the same. Each person who gives notice may speak at the designated time and will be limited to a two (2) minute presentation.



**City Council Meeting
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366 N. Church Street
Monday, February 26, 2024
5:30 p.m.**

(These minutes to be approved at the March 25, 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 February 12, 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 26, 2024 City Council Meeting -
Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Councilmember Fulmer 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*

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| 1. Steven Lopez- | Co-Owner Stisa Talent Agency |
| 2. Lisa Lopez- | Co-Owner Stisa Talent Agency |
| 3. Justin Myrick- | Member of Stisa Talent Agency |
| 4. Tara Olenja- | Parent of Member of Stisa Talent Agency |
| 5. Bella Olenja-Browne- | 9th grade participant of Stisa Talent Agency |
| 6. Aaliya Lay- | 4th grade participant of Stisa Talent Agency |
| 7. Andrew Howell | 8th grade participant of Stisa Talent Agency |
| 8. Burk Madison | Member of Stisa Talent Agency |
| 9. Chance Lebron | Robert Smalls Comments |

VI. Spartanburg High School Class of 1973 Special Presentation
Presenter: Members of the Class of 1973

The Class of 1973 presented Ms. Kay Long Brannon with a special recognition.

VII. World Relief Upstate South Carolina Presentation

Presenter: Brandon Baughn, Director

Brandon Baughn provided an update on the programs to assist refugees that are coming to the Upstate either temporarily or permanently.

Council received the update as information only.

VIII. Spartanburg Police Department Crime Stats Update and Presentation

Presenter(s): Deputy Chief, Jennifer Kindall

Chief, Alonzo Thompson

Council received the update as information only.

IX. Staff Updates

Chris Story provided Council with several updates including the new Fire Chief Pierre Brewton, starting on March 18, 2024.

Mr. Story also advised that due to the Mayor and several councilmembers attending the National League of Cities Conference in Washington D.C. during the week of March 11, 2024, there may not be a council meeting on March 11, 2024.

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

XI. Executive Session-

A. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Economic Development “Project Core” a Potential Mixed-Use Development in the Downtown Area.

B. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Economic Development “Project Hoist” a Potential Mixed-Use Development Project in the Downtown Area.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to enter into Executive Sessions at 7:25 p.m.

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

XVI. Adjournment – Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting,

Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Christie B. Lindsey

Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk