



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

(These minutes 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