



**City Council Meeting
County Council Chambers
366 N. Church Street
Monday, July 27, 2026
5:30p.m.**

(These minutes to be approved at the August 10, 2026 Council Meeting)

City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem J. Ruth Littlejohn, Councilmembers Jamie Fulmer, Janie Salley, Meghan Smith and Leslie Rodgers. City Manager Chris Story, Deputy City Manager Mitch Kennedy, Assistant City Manager Kevin Limehouse, Interim City Attorney Max Hyde and City Clerk Christie Lindsey were in attendance. Councilmember Erica Brown was absent. 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 July 13, 2026 City Council Meeting

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the minutes as received.

Mayor Pro Tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Councilmember Smith was not at the meeting during this vote.

IV. Approval of the Agenda for the July 27, 2026, City Council Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Littlejohn made a motion to approve the agenda.

Councilmember Salley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Councilmember Smith was not at the meeting during this vote.

V. Public Comment –

1. Dr. Marquice Clark-thanked the City for the transformation in the Northside that has yielded positive growth and opportunities.

2. Marsha Jill Cooley-spoke about debris at 308 S. Converse Street and the bill she received for the cleanup.

3. Anne Frix-Submitted public comment form in person, but did not show up for the meeting. Mayor Rice called her name several times and no answer.

VI. Consent Agenda

A. An Ordinance to Amend the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element, By Amending Section 206, Changes to District Boundaries, Specifically, the Property Located at 154 Ridge Street (TMS: 7-12-01-157.00) from the Current Zoning D-T5, Urban Center Zone, to D-T4, General Urban Zone, to Accommodate the Development

of a Single-Family Dwelling and Providing Severability and an Effective Date.
Ordinance #2026-011

Presenter: Fredalyn Frasier, Planning Director

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

VII. Summer Youth Engagement

Presenters: Kim Brown, Parks, Recreation & Special Events Director

Kevin Limehouse, Assistant City Manager

Kim and Kevin shared information regarding the summer internship program. Interns assisted the City in the City Manager's Office, Fleet Maintenance, Information Technology, the Airport, and A Place to Call Home. The City also employed interns that helped with the SAIYL Program, the RESET Program and in many other parks and recreation roles.

Council received as information only.

VIII. Update on Microtransit Pilot Program

Presenter: Kevin Limehouse, Assistant City Manager

Kevin provided Council with an update regarding the ridership of SpartaGo and the increased pilot zone based on use and request.

Council received as information only.

IX. Boards and Commissions Appointments-Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals

Presenter: Christie Lindsey, City Clerk

Christie presented staff recommendations that Tor Ellstrom and Dawn Maddux be appointed to the Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the recommendations.

Councilmember Smith seconded the motion which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

X. Resolution

A. A Resolution to Appoint the City Attorney

Resolution # 2026-006

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Councilmember Salley made a motion to approve the appointment of Stinson W. Ferguson as the City Attorney.

Mayor Pro Tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

XI. Staff Updates

None

XII. City Council Updates

Each Councilmember gave updates on their activities since the previous council meeting.

XII. Executive Session

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

B. An Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws in Regards to a Potential Real Estate Transaction.

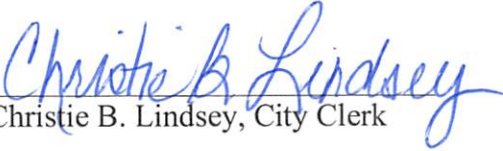
Council convened to regular session at 7:37p.m. Mayor Rice stated discussions were held with no decisions made.

XI. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Littlejohn made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk