



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

(These minutes approved at the April 8, 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 26, 2024 City Council Meeting –
Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Fulmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

IV. Approval of the Agenda for the March 25, 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. Carl Prestipino-Traffic Safety Concerns**
- 2. Sevi Alvarez-Robert Smalls Concerns**
- 3. Antonio Tanner- with SIREN, Robert Smalls Concerns**
- 4. Kelley Gilbert-Safety Issues regarding 440 S. Church Street Building/ Burned out house
134 Eastwood Circle.**

VI. Mary Black Foundation Update

Presenter: Molly Talbot-Metz, President/CEO Mary Black Foundation

Molly provided an update to Council regarding the grants that the Mary Black Foundation was able to provide to non-profit organizations during the past year.

Council received the update as information only.

VII. Declaration of Vacancies for Boards and Commissions

Presenter: Christie Lindsey, City Clerk

Christie provided Council with the upcoming vacancies for Boards and Commissions for 2024. The following boards openings were presented to council:

Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee- 1 vacancy

Airport Advisory Committee- 1 vacancy

Bicycle Pedestrian Committee- 1 vacancy

Board of Zoning and Appeals- 2 vacancies

Spartanburg Housing Board- 1 vacancy

Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals- 6 vacancies

Design Review Board- 2 vacancies

Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals- 2 vacancies

Planning Commission- 3 vacancies

Public Safety Committee-6 vacancies

Storm Water Appeal Board- 5 vacancies

VIII. Staff Updates

Chris Story introduced the new Fire Chief, Pierre Brewton, to Council.

Mr. Story also advised of the upcoming event season that includes Music on Main, Hog Fest and Spring Fling.

He also spoke to Council about communication that City Staff has with Robert Smalls' property owner and developer weekly regarding resident's concerns.

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 New Vision" a Potential Mixed-Use Development Project in 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 Project in the Downtown Area.

XVI. Adjournment – *Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:48p.m.*

Christie B. Lindsey

Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk