



**City Council Meeting
County Council Chambers
366 N. Church Street
Monday, April 8, 2024
5:30 p.m.**

(These minutes approved at the April 22, 2024 Council Meeting)

City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Jerome Rice, Jr, Mayor Pro Tem Janie Salley, Councilmembers 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. Councilmember Erica Brown was not present. 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 March 25, 2024 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda for the April 8, 2024 City Council Meeting -**
Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Mayor Pro Tem Salley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.
- V. Public Comment –**
*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk
 - 1. Adib Kapasi-Construction Career Fair**
 - 2. Mike MacNabb-Agent for Rezoning Application on Agenda (didn't speak, reserved time For public hearing)**
- VI. Homeless Initiative Update**
Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Deputy City Manager
Marilyn Nguven, Equity & Inclusion Officer
Lt. Stephen McClure, Spartanburg Police Department

Council was provided an update regarding the Homeless Initiative in Spartanburg.
Council received the update as information only.

VII. Public Hearing

- A. 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 1621 John B. White Sr. Blvd, and is Further Identified as Tax Map ID: 6-21-13-060.00 on the Spartanburg County Tax Map, as a Part and Parcel of the City of Spartanburg Which is Zoned R-15, with a Land Use Designation of Single Family Residential District to be Assigned a Zoning Designation of B-1, with a Land Use Designation of Neighborhood Shopping District and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date.**

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Community Development Director

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to open the public hearing.

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

Mayor Rice opened the Public Hearing asking if there was anyone to speak in favor of the rezoning. Mike McNabb, Civil Engineer on the project, spoke in favor of this item. Neighbor, Ruth Davis and Property Owner, Doris Billings, spoke in favor as well.

Mayor Rice asked if there were any in opposition, hearing none, Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented to Council. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

VIII. Ordinance

- A. An Ordinance to Provide for and Authorize the Execution and Delivery of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Spartanburg County, South Carolina Regarding the Sharing of Costs Associate with Construction, Equipping, Financing and Maintenance of a Minor League baseball Stadium in the City, and Other Matters Related Thereto.**

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Councilmember Rain recused himself from voting on this agenda item.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented.

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

- B. An Ordinance to Provide for and Authorize the Execution and Delivery of A Stadium Sublease Agreement Between the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina and DBH Kinston, LLC; and Other Matters Related Thereto.**

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Councilmember Rain recused himself from voting on this agenda item.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented.

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

- C. An Ordinance Consenting to the Removal of Certain Property Located in The City of Spartanburg from the Joint County Industrial/Business Park (City of Spartanburg Economic Development Partnership Park) Established By and Between Spartanburg County and Cherokee County, Consenting to the Addition of Such Properties to a New Joint County Industrial/Business Park (City of Spartanburg Economic Development Partnership Park) Between Spartanburg County and Cherokee County; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement (City of Spartanburg Economic Development Partnership Park) Between the City of Spartanburg and Spartanburg County; and Other Matters Relating Thereto. Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager**

Councilmember Rain recused himself from voting on this agenda item.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented.

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

- D. An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Spartanburg Stadium Facilities Corporation Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds (City of Spartanburg Project), Taxable Series 2024, In the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$67,500,000, by Spartanburg Stadium Facilities Corporation to Provide Funding to Finance the Costs of Design, Acquisition, Construction and Equipping of a Multi-Use Municipal Stadium Intended for Use Principally as a Minor League Baseball Venue; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Ground Lease Agreement By and Between the City and Johnson Development Associates, Inc., Or an Affiliate or Subsidiary Thereof; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Base Lease Agreement By and Between the City and the Corporation, and the Conveyance of Certain Property of the City to the Corporation Thereunder; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Installment Purchase and Use Agreement By and Between the City and the Corporation; consenting to the Form of a Trust Agreement to be Entered Into by the Corporation and the Trustee for the bonds; and Making Provision for all Other Matters Relating to The Foregoing.**

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Councilmember Rain recused himself from voting on this agenda item.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented.

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

IX. Staff Updates

Mr. Story 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.

Mr. Story provided an update to Council about the progress of demolition at City Hall.

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(2) of the South Carolina Code to Receive Legal Advice.

*Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:35p.m.
Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

**XVI. Adjournment – Councilmember Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Mayor Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. The meeting
adjourned at 7:56p.m.**


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk