



**City Council Meeting
County Council Chambers
366 N. Church Street
Monday, May 13, 2024
5:30 p.m.**

(These minutes to be approved at the May 28 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, Erica Brown 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 April 22, 2024 City Council Meeting –**
*Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*
- IV. Approval of the Agenda for the May 13, 2024 City Council Meeting -**
*Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the amended agenda.
Councilmember Brown seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda.*
- V. Public Comment –**
*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk
1. Dennis Haynes-Meetings
- VI. Proclamation Declaring May as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Spartanburg**
Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr. Mayor
Mayor Rice presented the Proclamation to Andrew Turner, Executive Director of New Day Inc. of Spartanburg
- VII. Proclamation Declaring May 19-May 24, 2024 as Public Works Week in the City Of Spartanburg**
Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr. Mayor
Mayor Rice presented the Proclamation to Tony McAbee, Facilities Manager for the City of Spartanburg.

VIII. Northside Development Group Update

Presenter: LeKesa Whitner, Director of Community Programs

LeKesa Whitner advised Council about the launch of the Family Academy Program. She also introduced her new team members: **Gigail Petty**, Family Academy Manager; **Chelle Jones**-Navigator-Cleveland Academy; **Delisah Reid**-Success Coach-Carver & Spartanburg High School; **Ronesha Boggs**-Navigator-Carver & Spartanburg High School; **Makelia Dawkins**-Success Coach-Cleveland Academy; **Rossi Hames**-Family Academy Coordinator

Council received presentation as information only.

IX. Award of Bid for Removal and Replacement of HVAC System at CC Woodson Recreation Center

Presenter: Tony McAbee, Facilities Manager

Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the award of bid as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Salley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

X. Appointment of City Councilmembers to Hospitality Tax Committee

Presenter: Christie Lindsey, City Clerk

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve Councilmember Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Salley as members of the Hospitality Tax Committee for 2024-2025. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

XI. Resolution

A. A Resolution Approving the City of Spartanburg's Fiscal Years 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan and 2024 Annual Action Plan.

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Community Development Director
Erich Chatham, Civitas, LLC

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

XII. Ordinance

A. 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 item. Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

B. 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 item.

Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented.

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

C. 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 item.

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

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

X. Staff Updates

Mr. Story advised Council that budget preparations were under way and that Council would be presented the budget for approval during an upcoming meeting. Mr. Story also briefly spoke about the remaining ARPA funds and the deadlines for allocation of the funds. He advised these items would also be coming before Council soon for approval.

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 Edge” a Potential Mixed-use Development in the Downtown Area.**
- C. An Executive Session to Discuss a Contractual Agreement Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws.**

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 6:36p.m. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

- XVI. Adjournment – Mayor Pro Tem Salley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:48p.m.**


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk