



**City Council Meeting  
County Council Chambers  
366 N. Church Street  
Monday, May 28, 2024  
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes to be approved at the June 10, 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, Erica Brown, 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 May 13, 2024 and May 21, 2024 City Council Meetings**  
*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 May 28, 2024 City Council Meeting -**  
*Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the agenda as received.*  
*Councilmember Brown 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. JaLisa Jordan-Live Healthy Spartanburg, CHAD Event
2. Arnette Aiken-Brown-Robert Smalls Resident/Resident Councilmember for Robert Smalls
3. Annie Snoddy-Robert Smalls Resident/concerns
4. Regina Clifton-Robert Smalls Resident/concerns
6. Elizabeth Fenner-Community Garden
7. James Jones-Roberts Smalls concerns/ARPA Funding

**VI. PowerUp Spartanburg-Spartanburg County's Small and Minority Business Development Initiative and Re:Degree Presentation**  
**Presenter: Allen Smith, President & CEO, OneSpartanburg, Inc.**  
Council was provided an update regarding both of these programs.  
*Council received the update as information only.*

**VII. Update on Use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for Affordable Housing Strategies**

**Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager**

*Councilmember Rain made a motion to support staff pursuing LISC opportunities.*

*Councilmember Brown made a motion to amend Councilmember Rain's motion to include the cost of LISC services in any documents pertaining to any projects for this item.*

*Councilmember Smith seconded the amended motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

**VIII. Boards and Commissions Update**

**Presenter: Christie Lindsey, City Clerk**

**Council** voted on the following appointments:

**Airport Advisory Committee-***Mayor Rice appointed an interview committee for this board as there are 3 applicants, 1 eligible for reappointment and only 1 vacancy.*

*Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Rain and Councilmember Littlejohn will interview all candidates and make a recommendation to Council for the appointment.*

**Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee-***Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to appoint Lindsay Drakulic to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.*

*Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee-***Councilmember Rain made a motion to appoint Victoria Gilbert and Livingston Hawkins to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.*

*Councilmember Fulmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

**Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals-***Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to appoint Nicholas Gilman, William Gray, Marshall Irby, Bryan Lawson and Andrew McCall to the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals.*

*Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

**Design Review Board-***Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to appoint*

*Tori Wallace-Babcock and Jean Crowther to the Design Review Board. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

**Board of Architectural Design and Historic Review-***Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to appoint Glory Boozer, Sylvelie Desbois-Franke and Bill Michels to the Board of Architectural Design and Historic Review. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

**Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals-***Councilmember Smith made a motion to appoint Sevi Alvarez to the Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

**Planning Commission-***Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to appoint Warwick Spencer, Phillip Stone and Lekesa Whitner to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Fulmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

**Public Safety Committee-Councilmember Littlejohn** made a motion to appoint Evelyn Blakley, Carolyn Harbison, Nelson Ireby, Luther Nesbitt and Jason Spencer to the Public Safety Committee. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

**Storm Water Appeals Board-Councilmember Brown** made a motion to appoint Warwick Doll, Chance Lebron and Bryan Overcarsh to the Storm Water Appeals Board. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

**Board of Zoning Appeals-Councilmember Fulmer** made a motion to appoint Don Bramblett, Brian Murdoch and John Moore to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

## **IX. Public Hearing**

### **A. To Provide for the Adoption of a City Operating Budget, Its Execution and Effect, for the Fiscal Period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. (First Reading)**

**Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager**

**Dennis Locke, Finance Director**

*Councilmember Smith made a motion to open the public hearing.*

*Councilmember Fulmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

*Mayor Rice opened the Public Hearing asking if there was anyone to speak in favor of the rezoning, hearing none.*

*Mayor Rice asked if there were any in opposition, hearing none, Councilmember Brown made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

*Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented to Council. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

## **X. Ordinance**

### **A. An Ordinance to Raise Revenues for the City of Spartanburg for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to Levy Taxes on All Real Estate and Personal Property, Except Such as is Exempted by Law, in the Corporate Limits of the City of Spartanburg For Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and to Provide Penalties for the Delinquent Payment of Taxes Levied and Provided For. (First Reading)**

**Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager**

**Dennis Locke, Finance Director**

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

*Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

## **XI. Staff Updates**

Mr. Story advised Council again about the ongoing communications the City has with the owners and developers of the Robert Smalls Housing Development. He advised there is a United Way case manager on site to help residents navigate concerns.

Mr. Story also made Council aware that the new parking garage kiosk system would be going live on June 3 in our parking garages.

**XII. City Council Updates-** Each Councilmember gave updates on their activities since the previous council meeting.

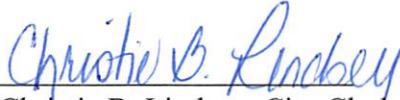
*Councilmember Brown made a motion to adjourn to Executive Sessions. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

**XIII. 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. An Executive Session to Discuss a Contractual Agreement Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(2) of the SC Code of Laws.**

**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 8:10 p.m.*

  
Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk