



**City Council Meeting
County Council Chambers
366 N. Church Street
Monday, June 24, 2024
5:30 p.m.**

(These minutes approved at the July 8, 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 June 10, 2024 City Council Meetings

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

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

IV. Approval of the Agenda for the June 24, 2024 City Council Meeting -

Councilmember Rain made a motion to amend the agenda regarding item 9 on the agenda, wherein it should read "Second Reading" and not "First Reading".

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

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the amended agenda.

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. Chance Lebron-Oversight Committee for \$830,000.00 grant.

VI. Special Presentation

Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor

Deputy City Manager, Mitch Kennedy, opened the presentation by outlining previous awards that have been given in honor of former Mayors of the City of Spartanburg to outstanding citizens in our community. Among those awards are the Mayor James E. Talley Community Service Award that was given to April Kelly-Drummond in February of this year and the William "Bill" Barnet, III Leadership Award given to Dr. Russell Booker in April of this year as well.

Mr. Kennedy then introduced Jay Beason, president of Mark III Properties, who nominated the winner of the award being presented today. Mr. Beason advised Council and those present about a citizen who is out everyday picking up trash alongside Camelot Drive no matter the weather. Mr. Beason stated that when he spoke with Ms. Meadows

and thanked her for what she was doing she told him instead of complaining about trash on the roads, she wanted to be part of the solution.

Mayor Junie White along with Mayor Jerome Rice, Jr. presented the Junie L. White, Silent Service Award to Cassandra Meadows for her quiet yet impactful contributions by giving of her time selflessly to improve the physical condition of her community while fostering a sense of pride in our City.

VII. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Discussion

Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Deputy City Manager

Mr. Kennedy provided Council with an update on strategies that are proposed for these funds.

VIII. Next Steps: Homeless Initiative & Funding Update

Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Deputy City Manager

Mr. Kennedy and Marilyn Nguyen provided an update regarding the Homeless Initiative and how the City is using different funds including the Opioid Settlement Grant to address and implement strategies regarding homelessness in the City.

IX. Consent Agenda

A. An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Transfer of Several Scattered Site Properties Located in the Northside Neighborhood. (Second Reading)

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Community Development Director

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

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

X. Approval of Van Pool Services with Enterprise Leasing Company-Southeast, LLC

Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the City Manager to enter into a contract with Enterprise Leasing Company-Southeast, LLC.

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

XI. Resolution

A. Resolution to Allow Elected Members of the Council to Participate as Active Employees in the State Insurance Benefits Program offered by SC PEBA.

Presenter: Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

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

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

XII. Staff Updates

Mr. Story thanked the team for the great job on Juneteenth Events in the City. He thanked Kevin Limehouse and his team on creating the standard operations procedures for customer service standards. He also thanked Dennis and the finance team for finishing out another strong fiscal year. Mr. Story shared that the closing for the bond financing of the stadium on Friday, June 28, 2024. He also reminded everyone about Red, White and Boom on July 4, 2024.

XIII. City Council Updates

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

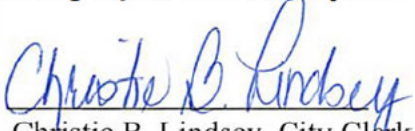
*Mayor Pro Tem Salley made a motion to adjourn to Executive Sessions at 7:10 p.m.
Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

XIV. Executive Session-

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

B. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Economic Development "Project Bear" a Potential

XV. Adjournment – Councilmember Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk