



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

(These minutes approved at the July 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, Erica Brown, and Rob Rain. Councilmember Meghan Smith was absent. Councilmember Rob Rain was not present to vote until after Item VII on the agenda. 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 24, 2024 City Council Meetings
Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

IV. Approval of the Agenda for the July 8, 2024 City Council Meeting -
Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

V. Public Comment –

*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk

1. John W. Lankford-Spoke regarding Nautilus Fitness Center
2. Kim Nelson-Spoke regarding Nautilus Fitness Center
3. Bryan Alverson-Spoke regarding Nautilus Fitness Center
4. Frank Tiller-Spoke regarding Nautilus Fitness Center
5. David Mithell-Spoke regarding Nautilus Fitness Center
6. Jeff Mason-Spoke regarding Nautilus Fitness Center
7. John McKinney-Spoke regarding Nautilus Fitness Center
8. Robert Lowe-Spoke regarding Nautilus Fitness Center
9. Don Bramblett-Spoke regarding signage notifying individuals they are entering/exiting City
10. Jennie Gilbert-Spoke regarding Plastic Free July
11. Dr. Don Wilton-Spoke regarding Nautilus Fitness Center

VI. Proclamation Recognizing July as Plastic Free Month
Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor

Mayor Rice presented the proclamation to Dr. Andrew Mickley, Claire Roussos, Jennie Gilbert and Jes Sdao and declared July Plastic Free Month in the City of Spartanburg.

VII. Presentation Regarding Traffic Enforcement Technology

Presenter: Kevin Limehouse, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Limehouse introduced Bill Tente with W. Development Group who shared information with Council regarding traffic safety systems and how they can be utilized to monitor speed and disregarding stoplights in areas where they are installed. He also advised Council at this time South Carolina doesn't have the opportunity to issue citations due to State Legislation.

Council received presentation as information only.

VIII. Update on Use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for Owner Occupied Repairs

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Community Development Director

Mr. Livingston provided an update on the proposed Owner-Occupied Repair Program and staff's request to utilize \$600,000.00 of APRA Funds to enter into a subrecipient agreement with Northside Development Group (NDG) to assist in implementing an owner-occupied repair program city-wide.

Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the City Manager to enter into a Subrecipient agreement to use ARPA funds for an owner-occupied repair program.

Mayor Pro Tem Salley seconded the motion, which carried 5 to 1.

Councilmember Rain voting in opposition.

Prior to City Council Updates, Mr. Story gave an update to Council regarding the new County/City Joint Administrative Building Site. Numerous individuals were present at the meeting with interest in the Nautilus Fitness Center and out of respect, Mr. Story wanted to provide Council with an outline of the events to date regarding the site for the new facility which encompasses where the Nautilus Fitness Center is currently located.

IX. City Council Updates

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

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to adjourn to Executive Sessions at 6:52 p.m.

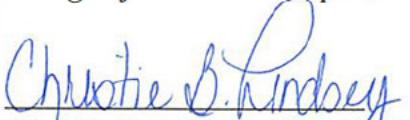
Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

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

XVI. Adjournment – Mayor Pro Tem Salley made a motion to adjourn the meeting,

Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:01p.m.


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk