



**City Council Meeting
County Council Chambers
366 N. Church Street
Monday, August 12, 2024
5:30 p.m.**

(These minutes approved at the August 26, 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, and Assistant City Manager Kevin Limehouse and City Attorney Robert 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 July 22, 2024 City Council Meetings**
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 August 12, 2024 City Council Meeting -**
Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Fulmer 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. LaRaven Twitty-Spoke regarding the Pride Parade
 2. John Moore-Spoke regarding 395 Gentry Street Nuisance
 3. Julie James-Spoke thanking Council and the City for supporting the Dr. T.K. Gregg Summer Swim League
 4. Tashma Glymph-Spoke thanking Council and the City for supporting the City's swim team.
- VI. **Recognition of City of Spartanburg Retiree, MPO Javan King, Spartanburg Police Department**
Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor
Mayor Rice presented Javan with an award in honor of his 40 years of service and dedication to the City of Spartanburg and students in Spartanburg. Mayor Rice along with fellow Councilmembers shared their congratulations with Javan on his retirement.
- VII. **Recognition of City of Spartanburg Retiree, Lt. Leslie Smith, Spartanburg Police Department**
Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor
Mayor Rice presented Leslie with an award in honor of her 30 years of service and dedication to the City of Spartanburg. Mayor Rice along with fellow Councilmembers shared their congratulations with Leslie on her retirement.

VIII. Special Presentation and Update by ReGenesis Health Care
Presenter: Cierra Kelly, Chief of Staff & Community Engagement

ReGenesis Health Care

Cierra Kelly with ReGenesis Health Care provided Council with an update on the progress and success that ReGenesis Health Care has had over the past year. Ms. Kelly also presented Council with a Stakeholder Appreciation award for being a community partner with their organization.

Council received the update as information only.

IX. Parks and Recreation and Special Events Update

Presenters: Kim Brown, Jasmine Patin, Reggie Geter, Wanda Cheeks and Liz Walker
City of Spartanburg Parks and Recreation Team

Members of the City of Spartanburg's Parks and Recreation Team and Special Events Team provided information and updates regarding Special Events, 50+ Programming, Early Childhood & Family Programming, Youth Programming, Community Center Programming, SAIYL Program, Exploring Youth Programming, Dr. T.K. Gregg Tigersharks Swim Team to Council. They discussed the successes of each program and opportunities for future programs.

X. Presentation Regarding the New "MySpartanburg" App

Presenters: Christopher George, Communications Director, City of Spartanburg
Jes Sdao, Marking Manager, City of Spartanburg

Christopher and Jes shared the new app "MySpartanburg" with Council. They advised how the app works and how it aids an individual in reporting issues such as a tree down, a pot hole in a road, overgrown yards/lots, etc. The app allows the reporter to track the resolution of their issue and to communicate with staff during the process.

XI. Consent Agenda

A. An Ordinance to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Transfer of Scattered Site Properties Located in the Northside Neighborhood.

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Community Development Director

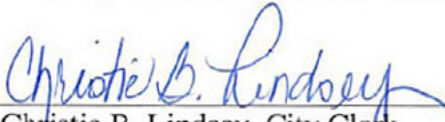
Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented.
Mayor Pro Tem Salley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

XII. Allocating Remaining ARPA Funding

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the allocation of ARPA Funding
Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

- XIII. Staff Updates-**Chris Story provided a brief update on progress in downtown and capital Projects.
- X. City Council Updates-** Each Councilmember gave updates on their activities since the previous council meeting.
- X11. 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 7:44 p.m.*


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk