



**City Council Meeting
County Council Chambers
366 N. Church Street
Monday, December 16, 2024
5:30 p.m.**

(These minutes approved at the January 13, 2025 Council Meeting)

City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Jerome Rice, Jr, Mayor Pro Tem Janie Salley, Councilmembers Jamie Fulmer, Meghan Smith, Erica Brown, Ruth Littlejohn and Rob Rain. City Manager Chris Story, Assistant City Manager Kevin Limehouse and City Attorney Robert Coler were in attendance. Deputy City Manager Mitch Kennedy was absent. 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 November 25, 2024 & December 6, 2024 City Council Meetings**
Councilmember Fulmer 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 December 16, 2024 City Council Meeting -**
Councilmember Smith 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
None
- VI. **Boards and Commissions Appointment-Board of Architectural Design and Historic Review (HARB)**
Presenter: Christie Lindsey, City Clerk
Ms. Lindsey advised Council that staff has recommended the nomination of David Williams to the HARB Board. She advised Council that Mr. Williams meets the requirements to serve on this board and is willing to serve.
Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the nomination.
Councilmember Rain seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

VII. Award of Bid for Modular Fire Training Drill Tower at Fire Station One of the City of Spartanburg Fire Department.

Presenter: Phil Starck, Assistant Fire Chief, City of Spartanburg Fire Department

Council received information from the presentation requesting approval to award a bid for a modular fire training drill tower at Fire Station One on Wofford Street. Affordable Drill Towers, LLC was deemed the responsive low bidder and presented to Council as staff's recommendation for the award of bid.

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the recommendation.

Mayor Pro Tem Salley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

VIII. Award of Bid for the Construction of Two (2) Aircraft Hangars at the Spartanburg Memorial Downtown Airport.

Presenter: Terry Connorton, Airport Director

Kevin Limehouse, Assistant City Manager, presented this item. Council received information from the presentation requesting approval to award a bid for two hangars to be constructed at the Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport. ES Walker Construction was deemed the responsive low bidder and presented to Council as staff's recommendation for the award of bid.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the change order as presented.

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

IX. Public Hearing

A. An Ordinance to Provide for the Annexation of Property Located at 2810 E. Main Street, Said Property is in Spartanburg, SC Which is Further Identified as Parcel ID: 7-10-00-001.01, on the Spartanburg County Tax Map and Further to Amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Spartanburg to Include the Annexed Property, and Further to Rezone a Portion of Property Zoned B-1, Neighborhood Shopping District (Second Reading) Ordinance # 2024-015

Presenter: Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to open the Public Hearing.

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

Mayor Rice opened the floor to those who wanted to speak in favor of the annexation request.

No one spoke in favor of the annexation during the Public Hearing.

Mayor Rice opened the floor to those who wanted to speak in opposition of the annexation request.

No one spoke in opposition of the annexation during the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Salley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Mayor Pro Tem Salley made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented.

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

- B. An Ordinance to Provide for the Annexation of Property Located at 2097 Southport Road, Said Property is in Spartanburg, SC, Which is Further Identified as Parcel ID: 7-21-02-005.00 on the Spartanburg County Tax Map and Further to Amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Spartanburg to Include the Annexed Property, and Further to Rezone a Portion of the Property Zoned B-1, Neighborhood Shopping District (Second Reading) Ordinance # 2024-016**
Presenter: Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

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 floor to those who wanted to speak in favor of the annexation request.

No one spoke in favor of the annexation during the Public Hearing.

Mayor Rice opened the floor to those who wanted to speak in opposition of the annexation request.

No one spoke in opposition of the annexation during the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to close the Public Hearing.

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Salley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

- C. An Ordinance to Amend the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element, By Amending Section 206, Changes to District Boundaries, Specifically, the Property Located at 100 Hudson Barksdale Boulevard, and is Further Identified as TMS ID: 7-12-15-009.00, as a Part and Parcel of the City of Spartanburg Which is Zoned R-6, with a Land Use Designation of General Residential District to be Assigned a Zoning Designation of DT-5, with a Land Use Designation of Downtown Code District and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date. (First Reading) Ordinance #2024-017**

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 floor to those who wanted to speak in favor of the annexation request.

No one spoke in favor of the annexation during the Public Hearing.

Mayor Rice opened the floor to those who wanted to speak in opposition of the annexation request.

No one spoke in opposition of the annexation during the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to close the Public Hearing.

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

Prior to Council hearing a motion on the item, Bryan DeBruin with VanRock Holdings answered questions from Council regarding the site's future housing and the impact to current residents.

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

Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried 6 to 1.

Mayor Pro Tem Salley voted in opposition of the ordinance presented.

X. Ordinance

A. An Ordinance to Authorize the City Manager to Transfer Scattered Site Properties from the City of Spartanburg to the Commission of Public Works of the City of Spartanburg (First Reading) Ordinance #2024-018

Presenter: Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

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

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

XI. Update on Morgan Square Enhancement Plan

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Mr. Story provided Council with updated plans and draft images of the redesign of Morgan Square. Darren Meyer, with MKSK, provided a presentation on the plans that the Committee, appointed by Council, is recommending for approval. Christopher George, with the City of Spartanburg, provided Council with an outline of the possible programming for the Square after redesign. Council then provided feedback and asked if the committee would consider their recommendations and provide an update in January during Council Meetings.

XI. Staff Updates

Chris Story provided an update regarding the continued storm debris cleanup in the City. He also provided Council with information and draft images regarding the possibility of future restaurant space in the Magnolia Street Parking Garage. Council did ask questions and provided positive feedback regarding the possible use of the space as a restaurant.

X. City Council Updates

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

Councilmember Brown made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:16p.m.

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

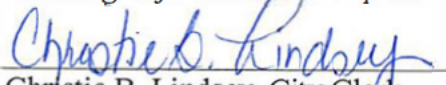
XI. Executive Session

A. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(2) of the South Carolina Code to Receive Legal Advice.

B. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Economic Development “Project Romeo” a Potential Mixed-Use Development in the Downtown Area.

XII. Adjournment – Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Councilmember Rain seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk