



**City Council Meeting
County Council Chambers
366 N. Church Street
Monday, January 13, 2025
5:30 p.m.**

(These minutes to be approved at the January 28, 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, Deputy City Manager Mitch Kennedy, 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 December 16, 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 January 13, 2025 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. Election of 2025 Mayor Pro Tempore
*Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to appoint Councilmember Brown as Mayor Pro Tempore
Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*
- VI. Public Comment –
*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk
1. Josh Thompson-Co-Commissioner, Hillbrook Baseball Inc
- VII. Special Recognition of Kim Brown for being awarded the Professional of the Year Award from the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association.
Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Deputy City Manager
James Headley, Executive Director of SCRPA
Mr. Headley shared a short presentation highlighting the many accomplishments of Kim Brown and presented her with the Professional of the Year Award from the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- 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 (Second Reading) Ordinance #2024-018**

Presenter: Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

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

IX. Ordinance

- A. 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. (Second Reading) Ordinance #2024-017**

Presenter: Fredalyn Frasier, Planning Director

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

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

X. ARPA Funding Strategy-Park Improvements

Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Deputy City Manager

Kim Brown, Parks, Recreation and Special Events Director

Mr. Kennedy and Ms. Brown presented to Council the City's strategy to utilize the ARPA Fund for Parks and Recreation. Ms. Brown highlighted several different areas where the funds would be used. One item is recreational programming transportation where the City would purchase an activity bus to allow for continued collaboration to provide youth access to programs. Mr. Kennedy and Ms. Brown advised Council that the bus would be serviced and maintained by the City Fleet Services.

Other items included in the strategy are CC Woodson Pool Maintenance, Chapel Street Park, Irwin Park, Duncan Park, parks wayfinding, facility audio visual upgrades and interior upgrades at CC Woodson and the Thornton Center.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the ARPA Funding Strategy as presented.

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

XI. Staff Updates

Chris Story provided an update regarding the continued storm debris cleanup in the City. He reminded everyone about the upcoming Unity Week Celebration and all events taken place in the City, to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

XII. City Council Updates

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

Councilmember Smith made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:55p.m.

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

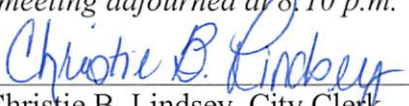
XIII. Executive Session

A. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(5) of the South Carolian Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Economic Development “Project New Vision” a Potential Mixed-Income Residential Development near the Downtown Area.

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 Salley 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