



**City Council Meeting
County Council Chambers
366 N. Church Street
Monday, Tuesday, January 28, 2025
5:30 p.m.**

(These minutes were approved at the February 10, 2025 Council Meeting)

City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Jerome Rice, Jr, Mayor Pro Tem Erica Brown, Councilmembers Jamie Fulmer, Meghan Smith, Janie Salley, and Ruth Littlejohn. City Manager Chris Story, Deputy City Manager Mitch Kennedy, City Attorney Robert Coler, City Clerk Christie Lindsey were in attendance. Councilmember Rob Rain and Assistant City Manager Kevin Limehouse were 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 January 13, 2025 City Council Meetings
Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

IV. Approval of the Agenda for the January 28, 2025 City Council Meeting -
Councilmember Salley made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

V. Public Comment –

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

1. Mr. Kumar-Spoke regarding Public Transportation

VI. Recognition of City of Spartanburg Retirees, Lt. Alan Bledsoe and MPO Chris Taylor of the Spartanburg Police Department

Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor

Mayor Rice presented Lt. Bledsoe and MPO Taylor with an award in recognition of their dedicated service to the City of Spartanburg. Mayor Rice along with fellow Councilmembers shared their congratulations with Lt. Bledsoe and MPO Taylor on their Retirement.

VII. City of Spartanburg Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Initiative Update

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Community Development Director

David Maher, Program Manager

Martin and David presented Council with information and photos outlining the Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Initiative in the City. The grant funding allowed staff to assist 35 homeowners in removing lead and hazardous materials from their homes.

The grant program was funded from January 1, 2020 until June 30, 2024.

VIII. Resolution

A. A Resolution Certifying a Building as an Abandoned Building Site Pursuant to the The South Carolina Abandoned Building Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq. of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as Amended, Regarding the Property Located at 153 Oakwood Avenue, Spartanburg, South Carolina, Bearing Tax Map# 7-12-08-074.00

Presenter: Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

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

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

IX. Staff Updates

Chris Story provided an update regarding the continued storm debris cleanup in the City. He advised Council that Daniel Halliman, Administrative Support Manager with Parks, Recreation and Special Events was recognized by the National Recreation and Parks Association as one of the top "30 under 30".

Mr. Story also highlighted The Spartanburg Police Activities League for hosting the Building Bridges with Law Enforcement event held on January 25, 2025 at the CC Woodson Recreation Center.

X. City Council Updates

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

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:36p.m.

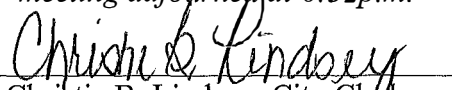
Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

XI. 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.

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

Councilmember Salley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:52p.m.


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk