



CITY OF SPARTANBURG
SOUTH CAROLINA

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

City Council Meeting
County Council Chambers
366 N. Church Street
Monday, May 12, 2025
5:30 PM

- I. Moment of Silence**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the April 28, 2025 Meeting**
- IV. Approval of the Agenda of the May 12, 2025 Meeting**
- V. Public Comment**
Public Comment Forms are available inside Council Chambers on the front podium. Please turn in the completed form to the City Clerk prior to the start of the meeting.
- VI. A Proclamation Declaring the Month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month**
Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr, Mayor
- VII. Award of Bid for Structural Firefighting Gear**
Presenter: Phillip Starck, Assistant Fire Chief
- VIII. Award of Bid to Renovate the Restroom Facilities at the Sparta Passenger Center**
Presenters: Kevin Limehouse, Assistant City Manager
Dennis Locke, Finance Director
- IX. Staff Updates**
- X. City Council Updates**
- XI. Executive Session**
 - A. An Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws to Receive Legal Advice.**
 - B. An Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws to Discuss a Possible Real Estate Transaction**
- XII. Adjournment.**

City Code Sec. 2-57. Citizen Appearance. Any citizen of the City of Spartanburg may speak at a regular meeting on any matter pertaining to City Services and operations germane to items within the purview and authority of City Council, except personnel matters, by signing a Citizen's Appearance form prior to the meeting stating the subject and purpose for speaking. No item considered by Council within the past twelve (12) months may be added as an agenda item other than by decision of City Council. The forms may be obtained from the Clerk and maintained by the same. Each person who gives notice may speak at the designated time and will be limited to a two (2) minute presentation.



**City Council Meeting
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366 N. Church Street
Monday, April 28, 2025
5:30 p.m.**

(These minutes to be approved at the May 12, 2025 Council Meeting)

City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Jerome Rice, Mayor Pro Tem Erica Brown, Councilmembers Meghan Smith, Janie Salley, Jamie Fulmer, Rob Rain and Ruth Littlejohn. City Manager Chris Story, Assistant City Manager Kevin Limehouse, City Attorney Robert Coler, City Clerk Christie Lindsey 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 April 14, 2025 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 April 28, 2025 City Council Meeting -**
Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Mayor Pro Tem 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
 - 1. Charlie Proctor-Code Enforcement Concerns**
 - 2. Antonio Tanner-Thanked the City for all of their support and efforts to be a diverse and equitable City.**
- VI. A Proclamation Declaring May 11, 2025 through May 17, 2025 as National Police Week in the City of Spartanburg**
Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor
Mayor Rice presented Chief Thompson, SPO Quattlebaum and SPO Renneker of the Spartanburg Police Department with the proclamation.
- VII. A Proclamation Declaring the Month of April as Second Chance Month in the City of Spartanburg**
Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor
Mayor Rice presented members of Angels Charge Ministry with the proclamation.

VIII. Public Hearing

- 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 620 Union Street (TMS# 7-16-04-078.00) from the Current Zoning R-7, General Residential District, to LOD, Limited Office District and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date. (Second Reading) Ordinance# 2025-001**

Presenter: Fredalyn Frasier, Planning Director

Councilmember Salley made a motion to open the public hearing.

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

Mayor Rice opened the floor for those to speak in favor of the rezoning request.

No one spoke in favor of the request.

Mayor Rice opened the floor for those to speak in opposition of the rezoning request.

No one spoke in opposition of the request.

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to close the public hearing.

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

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

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

- B. 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 577 N. Church Street (TMS# 7-12-01-249.00) from B-3, General Business District, and R-8, General Residential District to the Zoning Designation of DT-5, Downtown Urban District, and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date. (Second Reading) Ordinance # 2025-002**

Presenter: Fredalyn Frasier, Planning Director

Councilmember Salley made a motion to open the public hearing.

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

Mayor Rice opened the floor for those to speak in favor of the rezoning request.

No one spoke in favor of the request.

Mayor Rice opened the floor for those to speak in opposition of the rezoning request.

No one spoke in opposition of the request.

Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to close the public hearing.

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

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

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

IX. Award of Bid for Hangar D Project at the Spartanburg Memorial Downtown Airport

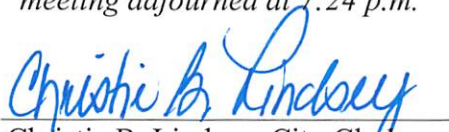
Presenter: Terry Connorton, Airport Director

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the bid of Dav.Co Roofing

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

- X. **Award of Bid for CC Woodson Recreational Center Pool Updates**
Presenter: Kim Brown, Parks Recreation and Special Events Director
Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the bid of PurAqua Products, Inc.
Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
- XI. **Resolution**
- A. **A Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Quitclaim Deed for the Alleyway West of and Abutting 121 College Street and 426 N. Church Street**
Resolution# 2025-008
Presenter: Robert Coler, City Attorney
Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the resolution as presented.
Councilmember Smith seconded the motion which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
- XII. **Staff Updates**
Chris advised Council that staff has been working on the budget for the upcoming FY and that Council would be provided with a final draft soon for their approval.
- XIII. **City Council Updates**
Each Councilmember gave updates on their activities since the previous council meeting.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 6:24 p.m.
Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
- XIV. **Executive Session**
- A. **An Executive Session Pursuant to Section 20-4-70(a)(2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws to Receive Legal Advice.**
- B. **An Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Economic Development “Project Spindle” a Potential Residential Development.**
- XV. **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 7:24 p.m.


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

TO: Chris Story, City Manager
FROM: Philip Starck, Assistant Fire Chief
SUBJECT: Selection of Vendor for the Purchase of Structural Firefighting Ensemble
DATE: April 07, 2025

BACKGROUND:

Staff received bids for a structural firefighting ensemble consisting of a structural firefighting coat and a structural firefighting pant under RFP #2425-02-25-01.

The following bids were received:

AEST Fire & Safety	Laurinburg, SC	\$4361.91	\$60.00 Cleaning	15% Discount (ISP)
MES, Inc	Charlotte, NC	\$4528.00	\$82.36 Cleaning	10% Discount (ISP)
Safe Industries, LLC	Easley, SC	\$4,030.00	78.00 Cleaning	17.5% Discount (ISP)

Staff has reviewed three (3) bids from vendors to provide a minimum of ten (10) sets of structural firefighting ensemble (one (1) coat and one (1) pant) per fiscal year. RFP #2425-02-25-01 had very detailed specifications to meet the requirements for the protection of our members. Detailed specifications included:

- Morning Pride Manufacturing
- Fabric Combination to provide the highest available thermal and moisture protection
- Set cost for advanced cleaning per set (coat and pants)
- Set discount on repairs performed by an authorized Independent Service Provider (ISP)

Safe Industries was disqualified for not meeting multiple points in RFP #2524-02-25-01.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Allow staff to accept the lowest bid that meets all the specifications and authorize the City Manager to award AEST Fire & Safety as the vendor of record to purchase structural firefighting gear.

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA:

The funds utilized for this purchase will come from the General Fund as a line item in the Fire Department's approved FY25 Budget.



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

TO: Chris Story, City Manager

FROM: Kevin Limehouse, Assistant City Manager
Dennis R. Locke, Finance Director

SUBJECT: Bathroom Renovations

DATE: May 8, 2025

BACKGROUND: The Sparta Passenger Center, constructed in 2003, has served our community for over two decades. During this time, the facility has experienced consistently high foot traffic, particularly within the restroom areas. As a result, the restrooms have undergone considerable wear and tear.

To maintain a clean, welcoming, and efficient environment for all patrons, we propose a comprehensive renovation of the restroom facilities. This update will modernize the amenities, improve functionality, and ensure continued comfort and satisfaction for our visitors. Keeping our facilities in top condition is essential to supporting the long-term success and usability of the Sparta Passenger Center.

Staff received two bids for renovating the restroom facilities at the Sparta Passenger Center located at 100 North Liberty St.

The following bids were received:

Carolina Gold	Columbia, SC	\$101,000.00
Lazer Construction	Anderson, SC	\$173,000.00

Staff has reviewed the bids received. Based on that review, staff have determined that Carolina Gold is the responsive low bidder. It is anticipated that it will take approximately 30 days to complete the renovation.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Allow staff to accept the bids and authorize the City Manager to award Carolina Gold to complete the project.

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA:

\$101,000.00 to be paid from the Transit department budget and is part of the CARES Act funding that is 100% FTA funds. No City funds will be used in this project.