



**City Council Meeting
County Council Chambers
366 N. Church Street
Monday, May 27, 2025
5:30 p.m.**

(These minutes approved at the June 9, 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, and Ruth Littlejohn. City Manager Chris Story, Deputy City Manager Mitch Kennedy, Assistant City Manager Kevin Limehouse, City Attorney Robert Coler, City Clerk Christie Lindsey were in attendance. Councilmember Rob Rain resigned his position effective, Friday, May 23, 2025. 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 May 27, 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 June 9, 2025 City Council Meeting -**
Councilmember Littlejohn 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
None
- VI. Update from the Spartanburg African-American Heritage and Culture Committee**
Presenter: Marilyn Nguyen
Former Mayor James Tally, Dr. Brenda Lee Pryce, Brad Steinecke and Representative Rosalyn Henderson Meyers presented Council with an update on the committee projects to include the Southside Cultural Monument which will be unveiled on June 14, 2025.
- VII. Award of Bid for 2025 Roadway Improvements**
Presenter: Jay Squires, Public Works Director
Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to award the bid to Community First Developers, LLC.
Councilmember Salley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

VIII. Public Hearing

A. To Provide for the Adoption of a City Operating Budget, Its Execution and Effect, for the Fiscal Period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

(First Reading) Ordinance # 2025-003

Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to open the public hearing.

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

Mayor Rice opened the floor for those to speak in favor of the budget as presented.

No one spoke in favor of the request.

Mayor Rice opened the floor for those to speak in opposition of the budget as presented

No one spoke in opposition of the request.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown made a motion to close the public hearing.

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. 6 to 0.

IX. Ordinance

A. To Raise Revenues for the City of Spartanburg for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to Levy Taxes on All Real Estate and Personal Property, Except Such as is Exempted by Law, in the Corporate Limits of the City of Spartanburg for Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and to Provide Penalties for the Delinquent Payment of Taxes Levied and Provided For.

(First Reading) Ordinance # 2025-004

Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director

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

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

X. Resolution

A. A Resolution Pursuant to Section 4-1-170(C), Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, Consenting to the Placement of Certain Property within the Corporate Limits of the City of Spartanburg in a Joint Industrial and Business Park of Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties.

Resolution # 2025-009

Presenter: Robert Coler, City Attorney

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

Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

B. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Documents Related to the Micro-Transit Program.

Presenter: Kevin Limehouse, Assistant City Manager

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

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

C. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Development Agreement Between the City of Spartanburg and Drayton Townhomes, LLC for a project located Adjacent to the Intersection of Drayton Road and Skylyn Drive.

Resolution # 2025-011

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Councilmember Salley made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented.

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

D. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Documents Related to the Conveyance of Property to the Bethlehem Center.

Resolution # 2025-012

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

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

Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

XI. Staff Updates

No updates provided.

XII. City Council Updates

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

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:00p.m.

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

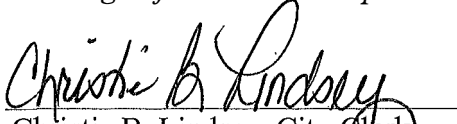
XIII. Executive Session

A. An Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Economic Development “Project Red Sun 2” a Potential Mixed-Use Development near the Downtown Area.

B. An Executive Session Pursuant to Section 20-4-70(a)(2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws to Receive Legal Advice.

XIV. Adjournment – *Councilmember Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting.*

Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk