



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 W. Broad Street
Monday, May 8, 2023
5:30 p.m.**

(These minutes approved at the May 22, 2023 Council Meeting)

City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Jerome Rice, Jr., Councilmembers Erica Brown, Jamie Fulmer, Ruth Littlejohn, Meghan Smith and Janie Salley. City Manager Chris Story and City Attorney Robert Coler were in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Rob Rain 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 24, 2023 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.
- IV. **Approval of the Agenda for the May 8, 2023 City Council Meeting -**
Councilmember Smith made a motion to amend the agenda to add the presentation of a Proclamation for Safe Kids Week, Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion to amend, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. Councilmember Salley made a motion to approve the amended agenda, Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.
- V. **Public Comment – None**
*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk
- VI. **Recognition of Carver Middle School Student, Amir Harris, for his heroic actions.**
Presenter: SPO Trisha Wright, Spartanburg Police Department-SRO Carver Middle School
SPO Trisha Wright recognized Amir Harris for his heroic actions in saving his father's life. Lt. Daniel Gordon also spoke on Mr. Harris' athletic and academic accomplishments and gave further detail about his actions when his father had a medical crisis.
- VII. **Presentation of Proclamation declaring May 8-May 13, Safe Kids Week**
Presenter: Mayor Jerome Rice, Jr.
Mayor Rice presented the proclamation to Penny Shaw of Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System and Safe Kids of the Piedmont and Katlyn Watts of Hello Family

VIII. Consent Agenda

- A. Authorizing and Directing the City of Spartanburg to Enter Into an Intergovernmental Agreement Relating to South Carolina Local Revenue Services; To Participate in One or More Local Revenue Service Programs; To Execute and Deliver One or More Participant Program Supplements; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

Presenter: Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda item and Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

IX. Resolution

- A. A Resolution of the City of Spartanburg to Authorize the Purchase of the Property Located at Saint John Street bearing Tax Map Parcel Number 7-12-09-254.00

Presenter: Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the resolution, Mayor Rice seconded the Motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

X. Declaration of Board and Commissions Vacancies for 2023

Presenter: Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk

Ms. Lindsey declared the following vacancies on City boards and committees that would be effective June 30, 2023:

2023-2024 Board and Committee Vacancies

Airport Advisory Committee

4 Vacancies **4 eligible for reappointment**

Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee

5 Vacancies **4 eligible for reappointment** **1 application rec'd**

Board of Architectural Design and Historic Review (HARB)

4 Vacancies **2 eligible for reappointment** **1 application rec'd**

Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

3 Vacancies **2 eligible for reappointment**

Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeal

2 Vacancies

Design Review Board

2 Vacancies **1 eligible for reappointment**

Hospitality Tax Committee

3 Vacancies **3 eligible for reappointment**

Planning Commission

1 Vacancy **2 applications received**

Public Safety Committee

3 Vacancies **3 eligible for reappointment**

Storm Water Appeals Board

2 Vacancies

Council received the presentation as information.

XI. Presentation of FY24 Budge Process Overview

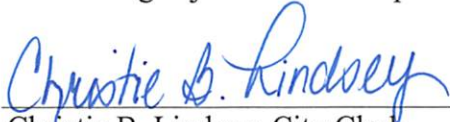
Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Council received the presentation as information.

XII. Staff Updates-Chris Story asked Major Littlejohn to speak about the Gun BuyBack Program which will take place on Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 8-11 a.m. at City Hall.

XIII. City Council Updates- Each Councilmember gave updates on their activities Since the previous council meeting.

XIV. Adjournment – Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk