



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

(These minutes approved at the August 11, 2025 Council Meeting)

City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Jerome Rice, Mayor Pro Tem Erica Brown, Councilmembers Janie Salley, Jamie Fulmer, Meghan Smith and Ruth Littlejohn. City Manager Chris Story, Deputy City Manager Mitch Kennedy, Assistant City Manager Kevin Limehouse and City Clerk Christie Lindsey were in attendance. City Attorney Robert Coler 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 July 14, 2025 City Council Meeting

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the minutes as received.

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

IV. Approval of the Agenda for the July 28, 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*

- 1. Charlie Proctor**-Spoke for 6 minutes due to Ernest Hines and Travis Ervin yielding their time to Mr. Proctor to speak. Mr. Proctor spoke about Code Enforcement and questions about rules regarding Code Enforcement.
- 2. Ernest Hines**-yielded his 2 minutes to Charlie Proctor
- 3. Travis Ervin**-yielded his 2 minutes to Charlie Proctor
- 4. Tony Eubanks**-addressed statements made by the City Manager at the July 14, 2025 Council meeting regarding the Clock Tower and traffic safety concerns.
- 5. Don Bramblett**-Highlighted changes in the City and he shared his support of being flexible as to change especially in the downtown area.
- 6. Liv Hawkins**-shared positive comments regarding the Daniel Morgan Avenue protected bike lane being completed and how it makes business and areas accessible to those who enjoy utilizing the lane.
- 7. Robert Stoddard**- expressed his support for the Clock Tower remaining in its current location.
- 8. Wesley Stoddard**-expressed positive comments regarding the most recent Music on Main event and his support for the Clock Tower remaining in its current location.
- 9. Kimberly Gibbs Branch**-spoke in support of the Clock Tower remaining in its current location and reported that numbers of signatures have increased on the petition to stop the removal of the Clock Tower from Morgan Square.
- 10. Quin Garrison**-support of the Spartanburg Healing Resolution and emphasized the need for more inclusive community engagement around racial equity.

VI. Consent Agenda

- A. An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Water System Refunding Revenue Bonds of the City of Spartanburg, South Carolin, in One or More Series, in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed Twenty-Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$26,500,000); and Other Matters Relating Thereto. (Second Reading) Ordinance # 2025-005**

Presenter: Robert Coler, City Attorney

*Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented.
Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

VII. Presentation of the 2024 SC Fire Safe Community Award

Presenter: Nathan Ellis, Assistant State Fire Marshall

Nathan presented the award to Chief Pierre Brewton for the City of Spartanburg Fire Department. He outlined all the criteria that is required for this designation and advised that the City of Spartanburg Fire Department has been a recipient of this designation for the past 5 years. The award is presented in collaboration with the State Fire Marshall's Office, State Firefighter's Association, Fire Chief's Association, Fire Marshall's Association & the State Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators.

VIII. Award of Bid for Resurfacing of the Duncan Park Tennis Courts

Presenter: Kim Brown-Parks, Recreation and Special Events Director

After discussion, Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the award of bid to Sport Court Carolina for the resurfacing of the Duncan Park Tennis Courts to include Pickle Ball Courts.

Councilmember Fulmer seconded the motion which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

IX. Staff Updates

City Manager Chris Story updated Council that everyone that needed to move to 295 E. Main Street, which is the new temporary location of City Administrative Offices, has moved and all operations are running as normal.

He also mentioned the upcoming fall programming events throughout the City and reminded everyone that the Neighborhood Grant Program Committee is still accepting applications.

Councilmember Smith asked Chris if any of the programming aspects for downtown would be affected by not moving forward on the Morgan Square Project at this time. Chris advised Councilmember Smith that staff is working with event staff and business on or adjacent to the Square to develop ways to move forward.

Deputy City Manager Mitch Kennedy also advised Council that the City is developing a Downtown Special Events Advisory Group who will be comprised of downtown stake holders and also a dedicated staff person, the Downtown Manager, who will lead these process. Mayor Pro Tem Brown asked if the City staff would be taking feedback from the Advisory Group and Mitch advised the City would be using feedback to guide and shape how programming is handled downtown.

X. City Council Updates

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

XIV. Executive Session

*Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 6:23p.m.
Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

A. An Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws to Receive Legal Advice.

Council convened to regular session at 7:09p.m. Mayor Rice stated that discussion was held with no decisions made.

XV. Adjournment

*Councilmember Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.
The meeting adjourned at 7:09p.m.*


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk