



**City Council Meeting
County Council Chambers
366 N. Church Street
Monday, August 25, 2025
5:30p.m.**

(These minutes approved at the September 8, 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, City Attorney Robert Coler and City Clerk Christie Lindsey were in attendance. 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 August 11, 2025 City Council Meeting
Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

IV. Approval of the Agenda for the August 25, 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. Colby King-SIREN Member-Spoke regarding the City passing a Hate Crimes Ordinance.*
- 2. Roy McBee Smith, Jr.-Spoke in favor of the clock tower remaining in the same location.*
- 3. Stanley Case-Spoke in favor of the clock tower remaining in the same location.*
- 4. Tony Tanner-SIREN Member-Spoke regarding the City passing a Hate Crimes Ordinance.*
- 5. George Loudon-Spoke in favor of the clock tower remaining in the same location.*
- 6. Frances Loudon-Spoke in favor of the clock tower remaining in the same location.*
- 7. Tony Eubanks-Spoke in favor of the clock tower remaining in the same location.*
- 8. Paul Abbott-Spoke to citizens during his campaign for County Council and advised the majority he spoke with were in opposition of the clock tower being moved or demolished and wanted to share with Council.*
- 9. Bob Tillotson-Spoke about perspective in relation to the Clock Tower*
- 10. James Jones-Spoke in favor of the clock tower remaining in the same location.*
- 11. Kimberly Branch-Updated number of signers on the petition regarding the Clock Tower. Spoke in favor of Clock Tower remaining in the same location.*

VI. Boards and Commissions Appointments

Presenter: Christie Lindsey, City Clerk

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the following appointments:

Guy Harris-Board of Zoning Appeals

Thuy Nguyen-Public Safety Committee

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

VII. Resolution

- A. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Documents Related to the Purchase of Property Located at 488 Monk Street, Spartanburg, Bearing Tax Map Number 7-12-13-043.00**

Resolution # 2025-016

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Community Development Director

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

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

- B. A Resolution Authorizing to Enter Into a Development Agreement with Taft-Gibbs, LLC to Redevelop the Former Beaumont Mill Site with a Multi-Family Apartment for Rent Community.**

Resolution# 2025-017

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

VIII. Discussion on Clock Tower Options

Presenter; Chris Story, City Manager

Council received as information only at this time.

IX. Staff Updates

City Manager Chris Story updated Council regarding Green Waste Collection by the City of Spartanburg as it relates to Hurricane Helene and returning to a normal route schedule. He also updated Council about the allocation of the ARPA Funds to affordable/workforce housing in the City.

X. City Council Updates

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

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.**

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:37p.m.

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

Council convened to regular session at 8:10p.m. Mayor Rice stated that discussion was held with no decisions made.

XV. Adjournment

Councilmember Salley made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk