



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 W. Broad Street
Monday, May 22, 2023
5:30 p.m.**

City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Rob Rain, Councilmembers Erica Brown, Jamie Fulmer, Ruth Littlejohn, Meghan Smith and Janie Salley. City Manager Chris Story and City Attorney Robert Coler 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 May 8, 2023 City Council Meeting –**
*Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*
- IV. **Approval of the Agenda for the May 2, 2023 City Council Meeting -**
*Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*
- V. **Public Comment – None**
*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk
 1. Chris Mathis-address not provided **Dog Park Renovations**
 2. Omar Dawkins-107 Wrightson Avenue **Housing, Trash Pickup, Homelessness, Return of kids to rec Centers**
 3. Dr. Terry Pruitt- Spartanburg High School **Update on Frozen Play**
- VI. **Recognition of City of Spartanburg Retiree, Meg Vassy, Master Deputy Fire Marshall-City of Spartanburg Fire Department**
Presenter: Mayor Jerome Rice, Jr.
Mayor Rice presented Meg with an award in honor of her service and dedication to the City of Spartanburg. Mayor Rice along with fellow Councilmembers shared their Congratulations with Meg on her retirement.
- VII. **Presentation of Proclamation –Public Works Day**
Presenter: Mayor Jerome Rice, Jr.
Mayor Rice presented the proclamation to Dolinsky Rice, City Public Works Team member

- VIII. Power Up Spartanburg-Spartanburg County's Small and Minority Business Development Initiative**
Presenters: Jay Jenkins (Director of Small and Minority Business Development-One Spartanburg
Allen Smith-President & CEO-One Spartanburg
Council received the presentation as information.

IX. Public Hearing

- A. To Provide for the Adoption of a City Operating Budget, Its Execution and Effect, for Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (First Reading)**
Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager
Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to open the public hearing, Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
Mayor Rice opened the Public Hearing asking if there was anyone to speak in favor Of the budget. Hearing none, he asked if there was anyone to speak against the budget. Hearing none, Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
Discussion continued regarding the budget with respect to the proposed fee increase For solid waste services.
Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to carryover the agenda item to the June 12, 2023 agenda. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried Unanimously 7 to 0.

X. Ordinance

- A. To Raise Revenues for the City of Spartanburg for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 and to Provide Penalties For the Delinquent Payment of Taxes Levied and Provided For.**
Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance & Budget Director
Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to carryover the agenda item to the June 12, 2023 agenda. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried Unanimously 7 to 0.

- XI. Staff Updates-Mr. Story gave a brief update on the Fire Department and Police Department Award Banquets recently held.**

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

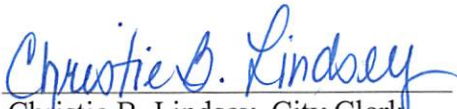
XIII. Executive Session

A. Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Economic Development “Project Core” a Potential Mixed-Use Development in the Downtown Area

B. Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Economic Development “Project Opportunity” a Potential Mixed-Use Development

Councilmember Smith made a motion to enter into Executive Session (7:49p.m.), Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

XIV. 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 8:16 p.m.


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk