



**City Council Meeting
County Council Chambers
366 N. Church Street
Monday, October 13, 2025
5:30p.m.**

(These minutes approved at the October 27, 2025 Council Meeting)

City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Jerome Rice, Mayor Pro Tem Erica Brown, Councilmembers Jamie Fulmer, Janie Salley, 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 September 22, 2025 City Council Meeting
*Councilmember Salley 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 October 13, 2025 City Council Meeting -
*Councilmember Smith made a motion to amend the agenda to move item VI ahead of public comment. The 2025 Citizens Academy Graduates were in attendance and would not be able to stay for the lengthy public comment portion of the agenda.
Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.
Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the amended agenda.
Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*
- V. Recognition of the 2025 Citizens Academy Graduates
Presenter: Kathy Hill, Community Relations Manager
Kathy Hill recognized the 2025 Citizens Academy Graduates
 1. Sam Bacurin
 2. Wendy Bennett
 3. Sheila Dawkins
 4. Andy Dragt
 5. Shante Glenn
 6. Candace Glover
 7. Tocco Harris
 8. Caitlin Hazel
 9. Naomi Israel
 10. Renee Johnson
 11. Cathaye Jones

(Citizens Academy Graduates Continued)

12. Kendra Littlejohn
13. Kristine Lyon
14. Jasmekas Mouzan
15. Jill O'Connell
16. Vanessa Petty
17. Kerry Hines Rice
18. Shirley Smith
19. Kidada Tate
20. E. Jean Williams-McIver
21. Whitney Wright
22. Ruth Young

VI. Public Comment –

1. **Andy Dragt**-Thanked Council and City Staff for the Citizens Academy Program.
2. **Tiffany Bailey**-Spoke regarding issues at Highland Crossing with Management.
3. **Ashley Reynolds**-Spoke regarding issues at Highland Crossing with being harassed.
4. **Courtney McClain**-spoke in support of the hate crimes ordinance being passed.
5. **Representative Sarita Edgerton**-spoke against hate crimes ordinance being passed.
6. **Elizabeth York**-spoke in support of the hate crimes ordinance being passed.
7. **Alice Sutton**-spoke in support of the hate crimes ordinance being passed.
8. **Antonio Tanner**-spoke in support of the hate crimes ordinance being passed.
9. **Colby King**-spoke in support of the hate crimes ordinance being passed.
10. **Amareia Dawkins**-spoke in support of the hate crimes ordinance being passed.
11. **Aeson Barnes**-spoke in support of the hate crimes ordinance being passed.
12. **Madhav Kumar**-spoke in support of hate crimes ordinance being passed and accessibility for public comment.
13. **Mark Monaghan**-spoke in support of hate crimes ordinance being passed.
14. **Jason Spencer**-spoke in support of hate crimes ordinance and SIREN event in November.
15. **Dr. Midas Hampton**-spoke in support of the hate crimes ordinance being passed.
16. **Liv Hawkins**-spoke in support of the hate crimes ordinance being passed and accessibility for public comment.
17. **James Jones**-spoke in support of the hate crimes ordinance being passed.
18. **Carl Prestipino**-complaint regarding grass contractor in Converse Heights Neighborhood.
19. **Emely Gomez**-spoke regarding access for public transportation.
20. **Mike Fowler**-spoke regarding a food market project on the southside.

VI. Proclamation Declaring October 15, 2025 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day in the City of Spartanburg

Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor

Mayor Rice presented the proclamation to Molly Chappell-McPhail, Amber Pendergraph and Caroline Goodman with Birth Matters.

VII. Ordinance

- A. An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 22, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Spartanburg to Add a New Section Providing that a Person Who Violates Another Section of the City's Code of Ordinances with the Intent to Harm, Injure or Intimidate Another Person or Persons in Whole or in Part Because of Ethnicity, Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Religion, ancestry, Sexual Orientation, Gender, Gender Identity or Physical or Mental Disability of the Victim is Guilty of the Separate Offense of Hate Intimidation. (Second Reading)**

Ordinance # 2025-006

Presenter: Robert Coler, City Attorney

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

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

- B. An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Development Agreement by and between the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina and 111 Main Street, LLC, with Respect to that Certain Economic Development Project on a Property within the City, Whereby Such Property will Receive Certain Development Incentives; and other Matters Related Thereto. (First Reading)**

Ordinance # 2025-007

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

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

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

IX. Resolution

- A. A Resolution Certifying Five (5) Units as an Abandoned Building Site pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Building Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as amended, Regarding the Property Located at 109 and 111 E. Main Street, City of Spartanburg, Spartanburg County TMS# 7-12-21-044.00 and 7-12-21-045.00**

Resolution #2025-019

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

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

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

- B. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Settlement Agreement Related to the Spartanburg Clock Tower**

Presenter: Robert Coler, City Attorney

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

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

X. Other Business

- A. Award of Bid for HVAC Replacement at CC Woodson Recreation Center.**

Presenter: Tony McAbee, Facilities Manager

Councilmember Salley made a motion to approve award of bid to LPB of South Carolina.

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

- B. Selection of Vendor for Services to Provide Annual On-site NFPA/OSHA Firefighter Physicals.**

Presenter: Philip Starck, Assistant Fire Chief

Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the award of bid to LifeScan Wellness Centers

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

XI. Staff Updates

City Manager Chris Story updated the Council about the grass lawn on the southeastern edge of the Kennedy Street Parking, which is on the corner of Kennedy Street and Converse Street. The City has competed three times for low income tax credits in this area that would include 50 units and now the project has won through the process and it will be proceeding to the next phase of work. This will bring additional affordable housing for downtown.

He also updated Council on the additional efforts the City has in place to assist in parking due to the larger downtown surface lot coming off line for construction project. He gave a brief outline of what is available such as valet and shuttle services to assist individuals during construction projects downtown.

Mr. Story reminded Council about the public opening of the Planetarium this Friday, October 17 and what an addition this new resource is in Spartanburg.

XII. City Council Updates

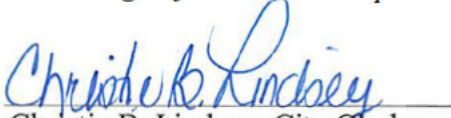
Each Councilmember gave updates on their activities since the previous council meeting.

XIII. 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 7:22p.m.


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk