



CITY OF SPARTANBURG
SOUTH CAROLINA

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

City Council Meeting
County Council Chambers
366 N Church Street
Monday, December 15, 2025
5:30 PM

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- I. Moment of Silence**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the November 24, 2025 Meeting**
- IV. Approval of the Agenda of the December 15, 2025 Meeting**
- V. Public Comment**
Public Comment Forms are available inside Council Chambers on the front podium. Please turn in completed forms to the Clerk prior to the start of the meeting.
- VI. Presentation of the 2025 Parks Excellence Award by the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association**
Presenter: James Headley, Executive Director SCRPA
- VII. Consent Agenda**
 - A. An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Transfer of Scattered Site Properties Located in the Farley-Saxon, Northside, and South Converse Neighborhoods.**
(Second Reading) Ordinance #2025-009
Presenter: Martin Livingston, Community Development Director
 - B. An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Documents Related to the Sale of Property Located at the Northwest Corner of Church Street and St. John Street, Bearing Tax Map Number 7-12-17-016.00.**
(Second Reading) Ordinance # 2025-010
Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager
- VIII. Award of Bid for Street Resurfacing Phase II**
Presenter: Jay Squires, Public Works Director

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IX. Ordinance

- A. An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Documents for the Transfer of City Owned Property to Spartanburg County to Facilitate the Construction of the Joint Government Center.
(First Reading) Ordinance #2025-011
Presenter: Robert Coler, City Attorney**
- B. An Ordinance Suspending the Acceptance, Processing, and Approval of Applications for Advertising Signs (Billboards and Other Off Premise Signs) Pursuant to City Code Section 503.44 (Advertising Signs) while the City Updates Regulations; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (First Reading) Ordinance # 2025-012
Presenter: Robert Coler, City Attorney**

X. Staff Updates

XI. City Council Updates

XII. Executive Session

- A. An Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws to Discuss Matters Relating to "Project Forward" a Corporate Office Project.**

XIII. Adjournment.

City Code Sec. 2-57. Citizen Appearance. Any citizen of the City of Spartanburg may speak at a regular meeting on any matter pertaining to City Services and operations germane to items within the purview and authority of City Council, except personnel matters, by signing a Citizen's Appearance form prior to the meeting stating the subject and purpose for speaking. No item considered by Council within the past twelve (12) months may be added as an agenda item other than by decision of City Council. The forms may be obtained from the Clerk and maintained by the same. Each person who gives notice may speak at the designated time and will be limited to a two (2) minute presentation.



**City Council Meeting
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5:30p.m.**

(These minutes to be approved at the December 15, 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, Ruth Littlejohn and Leslie Rodgers. City Manager Chris Story, Deputy Assistant 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. Swearing In of City Councilmember

A. **The Honorable Leslie Rodgers-City Council District 2
Oath of Office Administered by Benjamin Rodgers
Assisted by Amin Rodgers**

IV. **Approval of the Minutes of the November 10, 2025 City Council Meeting**
*Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

V. **Approval of the Agenda for the November 24, City Council Meeting -**
*Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the agenda.
Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

V. **Public Comment –**

1. Al Schneider-Clock Tower
2. Autumn Williams-Spoke regarding sidewalks in neighborhoods in Boiling Springs.
3. Yasaira Sanchez-Safety of immigrant residents and bilingual communities.

VI. **A Proclamation Declaring November 22, 2025 as Top Ladies of Distinction Charter Day in the City of Spartanburg**

Presenter: Jerome Rice, Jr., Mayor

Mayor Rice presented the proclamation to Dr. Glory Harrison Boozer, President-Greater Spartanburg-Upstate GEMS Chapter, Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.

VII. Boards and Commissions Appointment-Design Review Board

Presenter: Christie Lindsey, City Clerk

Councilmember Salley made a motion to approve the appointment of Brian Sanders to the Design Review Board.

Councilmember Fulmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

VIII. Live Healthy Spartanburg Update

Presenter: JaLisa Jordan, Coalition Manager-Live Healthy Spartanburg

Ms. Jordan provided highlights from the 2024 Spartanburg County Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA).

Council received as information only.

IX. Consent Agenda

A. An Ordinance to Amend the Business License Ordinance of the City of Spartanburg to Update the Class Schedule as Required by Act 176 of 2020.

Ordinance # 2025-008 (Second Reading)

Presenters: Chris Story, City Manager

Dennis Locke, Finance Director

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

X. Update from PAL (Play.Advocate.Live Well) on Trail Systems

Presenter: Laura Ringo, Executive Director, PAL

Council received the presentation as information only.

XI. Resolutions

A. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Implement R.A.I.S.E. Grant Funded Enhancements to the Daniel Morgan Trail Network in the City in Partnership with Spartanburg County and PAL: Play.Advocate.Live Well.

Resolution# 2025-021

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

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

Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

B. A Resolution Approving the Purchase of Property at Home Street and Hart Street Bearing Tax Map Parcel Number 7-16-06-289.00 and 7-16-06-315.00

Resolution # 2025-022

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Community Development Director

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

Councilmember Salley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

XII. Ordinance

A. An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Transfer of Scattered Site Properties Located in the Farley-Saxon, Northside, and South Converse Neighborhoods.

Ordinance # 2025-009 (First Reading)

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Community Development Director

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

Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

B. An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Documents Related to the Sale of Property Located at the Northwest Corner of Church Street and St. John Street, Bearing Tax Map Number 7-12-17-016.00

Ordinance# 2025-010 (First Reading)

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

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

Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

XIII. Staff Update

City Manager Chris Story thanked Police Chief Thompson and Fire Chief Brewton for their unique efforts to recruit new team members.

He also provided Council with an update regarding the micro-transit program that has been implemented in the City.

XII. City Council Updates

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

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to adjourn to executive session.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Council adjourned to executive session at 7:19p.m.

XIII. Executive Session

A. An Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws to Discuss Matters Relating to “Project Midnight Rider” an Economic Development Project.

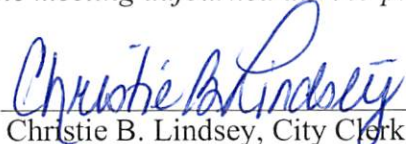
Council convened to regular session at 7:44p.m. Mayor Rice stated that discussions were held with no decisions made.

XIV. Adjournment

Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Councilmember Salley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

TO: Chris Story, City Manager
FROM: Jay Squires, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Street Resurfacing Phase II
DATE: December 11, 2025

BACKGROUND: Staff received a bid to provide construction services for project above.

The following bids were received:

Cherokee Landscaping & Grading Co. Inc	Gaffney, S.C.	\$ 2,038,464.79
Bird Corporation of Inman, Inc.	Inman, S.C.	\$ 2,335,424.44
Parking Lot Pro LLC.	Spartanburg, S.C.	\$ 2,936,049.41

Staff have reviewed the bids and based on that review, staff have determined that Cherokee Landscaping & Grading Co, Inc is the responsive low bidder. It is anticipated that it will take 90 days to complete this project. Contractor will utilize detour routes & flag person during the construction phase.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Allow staff to accept the bids and authorize the City Manager to negotiate the contract with contractor to complete the project.

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA:

County Penny Tax will be utilized to fund the project.



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

TO: Spartanburg City Council

FROM: Chris Story, City Manager

SUBJECT: Ordinance Authorizing Conveyance of Joint Government Center Site

DATE: December 12, 2025

Working alongside Spartanburg County, we are making significant progress toward realizing the vision of South Carolina's only Joint Government Center. The County is administering construction of the facility. Work is underway on the 200,000 square foot state-of-the-art building and adjacent parking facility. We are working on the various documents that will formalize the City's ownership of portions of the facility and our use rights to a number of shared elements. However, for legal and practical reasons, we will be advantaged to consolidate ownership of the site with the County during construction. Therefore, we recommend your approval of the attached ordinance that will enable me to facilitate that transaction.

We look forward to any questions you may have.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER
TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS FOR THE TRANSFER OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY
TO SPARTANBURG COUNTY TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE
JOINT GOVERNMENT CENTER.

WHEREAS, The City of Spartanburg (hereinafter the “City”) owns certain parcels of land at the site of the soon to be constructed Joint Government Center (herein after the “Administration Building”) at the corner of Church and Broad Streets; and

WHEREAS, the plan for constructing the Administration Building has included the transfer of ownership rights of land owned and/or recently acquired by the City to Spartanburg County (hereinafter the “County”) since its inception. The City will have ownership of portions of the facility and use rights to a number of shared elements in the new building; and

WHEREAS, the Spartanburg County Tax Map Numbers for the parcels to be transferred to the County are: 7-12-20-056.00, 7-12-24-001.00, 7-12-21-062.00, 7-12-24-002.00, 7-12-21-063.00, 7-12-21-067.00, 7-12-21-069.01, 7-12-21-069.00, 7-12-24-003.01, 7-12-24-003.00, 7-12-21-064.00, 7-12-21-066.00, 7-12-24-004.00 (hereinafter collectively the “Parcels”) and

WHEREAS, City Council deems it beneficial to the general welfare of the City and its residents for the City to transfer the Parcels to the County to facilitate the construction of the Administration Building.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Members of Council of the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina, in Council assembled:

Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to execute all documents necessary to complete the transfer of ownership of the above noted Parcels to the County.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon the date of enactment.

DONE AND RATIFIED this ____ day of _____ 2026.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

___ / ___ / ___ 1st Reading

___ / ___ / ___ 2nd Reading



REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

TO: Chris Story, City Manager
FROM: Robert Coler, City Attorney
SUBJECT: Advertising Signs
DATE: December 10, 2025

BACKGROUND:

City Code §503.44 – Advertising Signs regulates billboards and off premise advertising within the City of Spartanburg. The City maintains an official inventory of all legally existing billboards and off premise signs, which is used to verify spacing, location, and legal status of signs. Recent development activity, including requests for new billboard installations, relocations, and digital conversions, requires accurate reliance on this inventory to ensure consistent and legally defensible administration of §503.44. The City is undertaking a comprehensive review of §503.44 and related provisions to ensure clarity, consistency with the replacement process, and alignment with community character and public safety objectives. Continuing to accept new applications for off premise signs during this review may result in inconsistent or legally questionable approvals. Therefore, Staff is recommending temporary pause in the acceptance, review, and permitting of new advertising signs to maintain the status quo and protect the City’s regulatory process.

ACTION REQUESTED:

City Council to pass the Ordinance.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA:

No impact on City Operating Budget