



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 W. Broad Street
Monday, June 12, 2023
5:30 p.m.**

(These minutes approved at the June 26, 2023 Council Meeting)

City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Pro Tem Rob Rain, Councilmembers Erica Brown, Jamie Fulmer, Ruth Littlejohn, Meghan Smith and Janie Salley. City Manager Chris Story was in attendance. Mayor Jerome Rice, Jr. and City Attorney Robert Coler were 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 May 22, 2023 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 June 12, 2023 City Council Meeting -
*Councilmember Smith made a motion to amend the agenda to place Recognition of Retiree, Scott Sharrett, item before Public Comment. This was due to the amount of individuals signed up for public comment and firefighters in attendance for Retiree Recognition. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.
Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the amended agenda and Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*
- V. Recognition of City of Spartanburg Retiree, Scott Sharrett, Fire Battalion Chief-City of Spartanburg Fire Department
Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem, Rob Rain
Mayor Pro Tem Rain presented Scott Sharrett with an award in honor of his service and dedication to the City of Spartanburg.
- VI. Public Comment – None
*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk
 1. Carl Prestipino-240 Mills Avenue-Speeding/Traffic Increase/Oil tankers on Pine Street
 2. Toni Sutton-102 Cemetery Street-Long term health assessment (Old Pepsi Cola Site)
 3. Antonio Tanner-128 Clemson Street-Against manufacturing dev. at Old Pepsi Site
 4. Eveyln Blakley-182 Bomar Avenue-Against manufacturing dev. at Old Pepsi Site
 5. Alan Dawkins-Declined to Comment
 6. Willa Reeder- Forest Park Neighborhood-Old Pepsi Site discussions
 7. Monique Watson-354 Marin Avenue-Old Pepsi Site discussions
 8. Kalisha Bruster-Spartanburg being featured on HGTV for House Hunters

9. Dr. James Hailstock-Pastor at New Day Baptist Church-Toured Greer Plant-no red flags
10. Chris Mathis-No address given-Rail trail park fencing not up and questions about new ballpark
11. James Talley-482 S. Irwin Avenue-in favor of manufacturing dev. at Old Pepsi Site
12. Brandon Gaffney-introduced himself to council as he is the new director at Spartanburg Area Mental Health Center.
13. Deb Foreman-6399 Highway 56-LGBTQ+ discussions
14. Gwen Stembridge-214 Woodview Avenue-against manufacturing dev. at Old Pepsi Site
15. Omar Dawkins-102 Wrightsview Avenue-Rec. Centers being closed. Litter pickup issues
16. Judson Seay-Spartanburg Masonic Temple-Historic Site
17. Dr. Larry Crudup-Pastor Mt. Moriah Baptist-in favor of manufacturing plant
18. Monier Abusoft-632 S. Church Street-in favor of manufacturing plant
19. Ben Wright-764 Hart Street-History of area and in favor of manufacturing plant
20. Dr. Brenda Lee Pryce-291 Alexander Avenue-in favor of manufacturing plant

VII. Resolutions

- A. Requesting that the Commission Created Pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, Title 4, Chapter 10, Article 3 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, Consider Certain Capital Projects; And Providing for Other Matters Related Thereto.

Presenters: Chris Story, City Manager

Cole Alverson, Spartanburg County Administrator

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented to Council. Councilmember Fulmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

VIII. Public Hearing

- A. To Amend the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina, Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element, By Amending Section 206, Changes to District Boundaries, Specifically, the Property Located at 808-836 John B. White Sr. Blvd., and is Further Identified as Tax Map ID: 6-21-11-036.00; 6-21-11-037.00; 7-15-11-001.00; 7-15-12-004.00; 7-15-12-006.00; and 7-15-12-007.00 on the Spartanburg County Tax Map, As a Part and Parcel of the City of Spartanburg which is Zone R-12, with a Land Use Designation of General Residential District and Zoned LOD, with a Land Use Description of Limited Office District to be Assigned a Zoning Designation of GID, with a Land Use Designation of General Institutional District and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date.

(First Reading)

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Community Development Director

Councilmember Smith made a motion to open the public hearing. Councilmember Salley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Mayor Pro Tem Rain asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of the ordinance. Hearing none, he asked if there was anyone to speak against the ordinance. Hearing none Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to close the public hearing.

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

Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented to Council. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

- B. To Amend the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina, Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element, By Amending Section 206, Changes to District Boundaries, Specifically, the Property Located at 131 Oakwood Avenue, and is Further Identified as Tax Map ID: 7-12-08-086.00 on the Spartanburg County Tax Map, As a Part and Parcel of the City of Spartanburg which is Zone R-8, with a Land Use Designation of General Residential District to be Assigned a Zoning Designation of LOD, with a Land Use Designation of Limited Office District and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date.**

(First Reading)

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Community Development Director

Councilmember Smith made a motion to open the public hearing. Councilmember Fulmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Mayor Pro Tem Rain asked if there was anyone to speak in favor or against ordinance.

David Butts, owner of the property, spoke in favor of the Ordinance.

Hearing no further comments, Councilmember Salley made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented to Council. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

IX. Ordinance

- A. Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Development Agreement Between the City of Spartanburg and Bottle Works South, LLC for a Project Located at 729 South Church Street Extension (First Reading)**

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

After discussions, Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented to Council. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which passed 5 to 1, with Councilmember Salley voting in opposition.

- B. Approving the Addition of 115 E. Main Street (Tax Map Parcel Number 7-12-21-042.00) the Kress Building to the Spartanburg Historic Register.**

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Community Development Director

Councilmember Smith made a motion to table the item for further review.

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

- C. Approving the Addition of 186 W. Main Street (Tax Map Parcel Number 7-16-03-061.00) the Masonic Temple to the Spartanburg Historic Register.**

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Community Development Director

Councilmember Smith made a motion to table the item for further review.

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

- D. 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 Littlejohn made a motion to amend the budget regarding Capital Projects. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the amended budget.

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

- E. To Raise Revenues for the City of Spartanburg for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to Levy Taxes on All Real Estate and Personal Property, Except Such as Exempted by Law, In 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. (First Reading)**

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

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

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

- X. Boards and Commissions Update**

Presenter: Christie Lindsey, City Clerk

Councilmember Smith made a motion to carry over agenda item to the next meeting.

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

- XI. Staff Updates-Mr. Story** gave a brief update about Juneteenth events in the City and asked if Council was ok in foregoing the Executive Session.

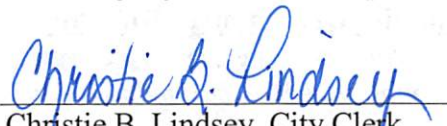
Councilmember Salley made a motion to amend the agenda to remove Executive Session.

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

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

- XI11. 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 8:52 p.m.


Christie B. Lindsey, City Clerk