



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, November 25, 2013
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes are were approved at the
December 9, 2014 City Council meeting.)**

- I. Moment of Silence** – observed.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance** – recited.
- III. Approval of Minutes of the November 11, 2013 City Council Meeting** –
Councilmember Ryba made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.
- IV. Approval of Agenda of the November 25, 2013 City Council Meeting** –
Mayor pro tem Rice made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Councilmember Ryba seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.
- V. Public Comment - None**
*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk
- VI. Recognition of Retiring City Employee Dwight Wills**
Presenter: Mayor Junie White
Mayor White presented Mr. Wills with a retirement plaque and thanked him for his many years of service to the City and the citizens of the City of Spartanburg.
- VII. Spartanburg Housing Development Corporation Update - Forest Park Project**
Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Community Services Director
Mr. Kennedy introduced Representative Harold Mitchell for the update. Mr. Mitchell shared that the name of SHD would officially change to Upstate Housing Partnership in January 2014. He stated that a meeting was held with the neighborhood association and city representatives to determine what citizens needed in housing. He shared that as soon as the grading of property started, people inquired as to how they could have a home in Forest Park. Mr. Mitchell presented drawings of the style homes proposed for the area. Jason Crook, Housing Specialist, for Upstate Housing Partnership, introduced a website that would enable people to see furniture arrangements and detailed views of the houses before they were built. Mr. Mitchell added that there would be counseling for

prospective homeowners to insure a good fit for the house choices. He shared that the program would allow discussions on the frontend of the homebuilding rather than building houses and then trying to find people to live in them. He added that the houses would be energy efficient.

Council received the report as information.

VIII. Award of Bid for Forest Park Grading Project

Presenter: Tim Carter, Engineering Manager

Mr. Carter presented the item to City Council as follows:

“Staff received bids for the Forest Park Grading Project. The scope of work for this project includes removal of unsuitable soils, placement of imported soils, grading, and compaction.

The following bids were submitted:

Vaughn Curbing Company (Woodruff, SC)	\$ 48,600.00
Upstate Grading & Engineering, Inc. (Spartanburg, SC)	\$ 60,596.00
Robert Brown Grading (Spartanburg, SC)	\$ 68,730.00
P.A.R. Grading & Hauling, Inc, (Spartanburg, SC)	\$ 73,630.00
Raby Construction Company, LLC (Greenville, SC)	\$ 97,483.85
Dobbins & Company, Inc. (Campobello, SC)	\$121,080.00

Staff has reviewed the bids received and the qualifications for each of these contractors and determined that Vaughn’s Curbing Company LLC, is the responsive low bidder. No bids were submitted from MWBE certified contractors.

Staff is requesting City Council allow staff to accept the bid from Vaughn’s Curbing Company, LLC and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Vaughn’s Curbing Company, LLC for the completion of the project.

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA: Forest Park Project Funds”

Councilmember Dogan made a motion to award the bid as requested to Vaughn Curbing Company in Woodruff, SC in the amount of \$48,600. Mayor pro tem Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

IX. City Council Updates –

Councilmember Scalisi shared that she and Councilmembers Dogan and Reeder had attended the National League of Cities Conference in Seattle, Washington November 13-16. She added that the conference was well attended and offered valuable information for attendees with many different workshops. She encouraged everyone to “Shop Local” and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Ryba invited everyone to the Hub-Bub Holiday Handmade Hoopla Saturday, November 30 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Indigo Hall with free admission. She also encouraged everyone to shop local businesses. She also mentioned the 9th Annual Turkey Day 8K, a five mile walk or run, that was a “can raiser” for Total Ministries. The only admission charge is a can of food for Total Ministries.

Councilmember Reeder shared that he went to a Hope 6 workshop in Seattle. He added that he met Bill Gates, who was a founder of the program they visited, and that he wanted to set up a meeting with a member of that foundation to look at a similar project in Spartanburg. He shared that he learned that Amazon had a main focus on community projects and hoped he and Mr. Memmott could meet with those folk.

Mayor pro tem Rice shared that he was glad Clyde Norris had reopened a gym on Kennedy Street as well as The Crock Pot Café beside the gym. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and expressed his thanks for all that was happening in the city and the citizen involvement.

Councilmember Dogan stated that she was thankful to be leaving her council seat. She asked everyone to support the Feed the Community effort and The Soup Kitchen.

Mayor White reminded everyone of the Community Thanksgiving Service that would be held on Tuesday, November 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Fernwood Baptist Church.

X. Executive Session

(a) Receive Legal Advice on a Contractual Matter

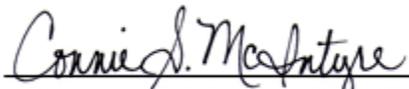
(b) Discussion of Potential Downtown Economic Development Projects

Councilmember Dogan made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the stated reasons. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:07 p.m.

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 6:27 p.m. Mayor White stated that discussion was held with no decisions made.

XI. Adjournment -

Councilmember Reeder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk