



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, February 10, 2014
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at the
February 24, 2014 City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following members present: Mayor Junie White, Mayor pro tem Jan Scalisi, Councilmembers Cate Ryba, Erica Brown, Jerome Rice, Robert Reeder, and W. Sterling Anderson were in attendance. City Manager Ed Memmott and City Attorney Cathy McCabe were also 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 recorded for a complete transcript.

I. Moment of Silence – observed

II. Pledge of Allegiance – A large group of Boy Scouts from various troops in the area lead every in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of the Minutes of the January 27, 2014 City Council Meeting –
*Mayor pro tem Scalisi made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

IV. Approval of Agenda of the February 10, 2014 City Council Meeting –
*Councilmember Ryba made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

V. Public Comment

*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk
Melvin Norwood, 123 White Road Spartanburg, SC 29301, came forward to ask that there be a more customer friendly government.

VI. Ordinances

A. Authorizing the City to Quitclaim Deed Property to the Housing Authority of the City of Spartanburg (First Reading)

Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Community Services Director

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

“The Housing Authority of the City of Spartanburg (“SHA”) is seeking redevelopment of the Cammie Claggett Courts apartment complex. In its efforts to arrange project financing, legal counsel for the SHA has determined that the property at various times has been listed in Spartanburg County records as being owned by the City of

Spartanburg. The Cammie Claggett property is in fact owned by the Housing Authority of the City of Spartanburg. However, to remove any question regarding ownership, the City has been asked to execute a quitclaim deed for the property. Staff is recommending approval.

Staff is also encouraged to learn that the SHA is moving forward with its efforts to obtain project funding. We expect that Mr. Harry Byrd, SHA Executive Director, will be ready to brief City Council in detail in March.

Staff is requesting first reading approval of an Ordinance approving a quitclaim deed of the Cammie Claggett property to the Housing Authority of the City of Spartanburg.”

Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented on first reading. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

B. Ordinance to Create a Policy for Honorary City Street Signs (First Reading)

Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager

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

“Staff has been asked to research the option of creating an honorary street naming program. In our research, we have found that many cities have such programs. Staff has also found common procedures with respect to nomination process and consideration by the elected body.

For Council’s review, staff has developed an Ordinance that would establish an honorary street naming program. As drafted, the Ordinance would require nomination by a Council member and endorsement by a second member of Council. Staff would be responsible for providing advance notice to property owners in reasonable proximity to the street or street area proposed for honorary naming. The notice would provide the date and time for Council’s consideration of the honorary naming and would establish procedures for Council to receive public comment. The Ordinance would also set procedures for revocation of any honorary street naming.

Staff is requesting Council review of and consideration of the draft Ordinance. If Council finds the Ordinance acceptable, it could proceed with first reading. Staff would continue its work regarding this program and could recommend minor changes to the program prior to second reading consideration on February 24.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA: Staff would anticipate less than \$1,000 per year in expenses associated with this program.”

Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented on first reading. Mayor pro tem Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

VII. Update from the Arts Partnership

Presenter: Jennifer Evins, President and CEO of the Arts Partnership of Greater Spartanburg

Ms. Evins updated Council on the activities and future plans for the Arts Partnership of Greater Spartanburg and the Chapman Cultural Center.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- A. Ordinance Accepting the Property Owned by Thomas E. Austin, and being Located at 424 Ransdell Drive and that Portion of Ransdell Drive Abutting said Property, as a Part and Parcel of the City of Spartanburg and Declaring said Property Annexed to and a Part and Parcel of the City of Spartanburg, said Parcel to be Zoned R-15, Single Family Residential upon Annexation (Second Reading)**
Presenter: Joshua T. Henderson, Planning Coordinator
Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the consent agenda on second reading. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

IX. City Council Updates –

Councilmember Rice shared that the basketball court at Spartanburg High School was named the “Doug Lowe Court” the previous Friday evening. He read a proclamation honoring Coach Lowe at the event.

Councilmember Ryba reminded everyone of the spoken word and musical performance on February 15, by Markeisha Nesbitt, who goes as “One Love”, in memory of Erica Fields, who was killed in an accident near Spartanburg High School.

Mayor pro tem Scalisi pointed out the new Police Chief Alonzo Thompson was in attendance. She directed everyone to the City’s website for safety instructions for the impending snow storm.

Councilmember Anderson shared that he attended the Spartanburg County Delegation meeting on the previous Monday evening. He shared that he attended a Partners for Active Living forum with Assistant City Manager Chris Story. He shared that he attended the SPATS committee meeting that morning, stating that that group was dealing with millions and millions of dollars. He shared that Mayor White was elected as Vice Chairman of SPATS. He recognized Ron Kirby and Chris Barrett as Scoutmasters at St. James Methodist Church and commended them for the work they do in the community. He mentioned that he worked with Jennifer Evins on the USC Upstate Board and recommended everyone visit the campus.

Councilmember Brown invited everyone to attend a fundraiser that evening for the Hub City Farmers Market at Chipotle Grill. She stated that 50% of the proceeds would go to help with funding of the Hub City Farmers Market. She mentioned that the City Parks and Recreation Department would have sign up for the Itty Bitty Soccer for the year 2014. It is a five week instructional program that teaches kids basic soccer skills. She stated that more information was available at the Northwest Center or the CC Woodson Center.

Councilmember Reeder recognized Representative Harold Mitchell who was in attendance.

Mayor White thanked all the Boy Scouts in attendance and commended them on the job they were doing in the community. He thanked Mayor pro tem Scalisi for a great job filling in for him while he was away recuperating from shoulder replacement surgery.

X. Adjournment –

Councilmember Ryba made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor pro tem Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

A reception was held honoring Mayor Junie White, Councilmember Cate Ryba, Councilmember Erica Brown, Councilmember Jerome Rice, and Councilmember Sterling Anderson, all elected or re-elected in the November election and the January 21 special election.



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk