



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, March 17, 2014
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at the
March 31, 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 - recited**
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the February 24, 2014 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Ryba 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 March 17, 2014 City Council Meeting –**
Mayor pro tem Scalisi made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
- V. Public Comment - none**
*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk
- VI. Ordinances**
 - A. A Second Supplemental Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of City of Spartanburg, South Carolina, Special Obligation Refunding bonds, Series 2014, in the Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$8,250,000; Delegating the Authority to the Mayor and City Manager to Determine Certain Matters with Respect to the Bonds; Prescribing the Form and Details of Such Bonds; and other Matters Relating Thereto (Second Reading)**
Presenter: Dennis R. Locke, Finance Director
Mr. Locke presented the item to City Council as follows:

“There were some minor changes after the 1st reading of the ordinance on February 24th. A few comments from The Bank of New York, as trustee, and minor revisions to allow for defeasance of the outstanding bond through deposit to an escrow agreement (just in case of the unlikely event that was necessary).

We recommend your adoption of this ordinance and welcome any questions you may have.”

Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the second reading as requested. Councilmember Ryba seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

B. Authorizing the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina, to Execute and Deliver an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement, 2014, in an Amount Not Exceeding \$1,600,000 Between the City and the Lessor Thereof to Defray the Cost of Acquiring Certain Equipment; and Other Matters Relating Thereto (First Reading)

Presenter: Dennis R. Locke, Finance Director

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

“As part of our ongoing efforts to equip staff with the resources they need at the lowest possible cost over the long term, the City is committed to maintaining an annual equipment replacement schedule. Funds are appropriated through the annual budget into the equipment replacement fund from which these purchases and then made throughout the year.

Due in part to very low interest rates in recent years, staff has determined that the City could strengthen its financial by bundling and leasing the major purchases within a master lease. This mechanism spreads the cost of these purchases over several years. The proposed action is to authorize this year’s lease program.

Staff is recommending the replacement of 13 Police Vehicles, 1 Vehicle - Fire Department, 3 Vehicles and 4 various pieces of equipment for Grounds Maintenance, 2 Automated Side Loaders – Solid Waste, 1 Vehicle - Inspections, 1 – Freightliner Sweeper – Street Maintenance

It is staff’s recommendation that we use a capital lease to finance these purchases. If approved, we would accept bids from various financial institutions. The source of repayment would be the Equipment Replacement Fund.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA: The estimated total is 1,600,000 including closing costs.”

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

VII. Other Business

A. Hub City Co-op Update

Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager

Hub City Co-op Boardmembers

Mr. Story introduced representatives from the board of the Hub City Cooperative (the effort to establish a co-op grocery market). They made a presentation on their efforts to date, the plans for the project, its potential positive impact to the community and downtown development, and their request for financial participation from the City.

Following extensive discussion, Council asked the group to provide detailed financial information to them for review.

Council received the presentation as information.

VIII. City Council Updates –

Councilmember Anderson thanked Communications and Marketing Manager Will Rothschild for his assistance with a PowerPoint presented to his service group.

Councilmember Rice shared that he, Mayor pro tem Scalisi and Councilmember Reeder had attended the Congressional Cities Conference in Washington the previous week and had obtained useful information from other cities while networking. He thanked Jeff Tillerson and Sgt. Lee Raines for their assistance on March 5 with Walk to School Day. He also mentioned the kite flying event held the previous Saturday in Stewart Park.

Councilmember Ryba invited everyone to view the newly completed 200 ft. mural at Hub-Bub.

Mayor pro tem Scalisi thanked Mr. Memmott, Mr. Story and staff for their efforts at the March 1 City Council retreat. She mentioned that she enjoyed and learned many things from the speakers at the NLC Congressional Cities Conference.

Councilmember Brown congratulated the Wofford Basketball Team for their advancement to the NCAA Tournament. She reminded everyone that the team would play Michigan on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. She mentioned DanSyngery at the Chapman Cultural Center on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. She reminded everyone of the Spartanburg Soars Kite Festival on March 29, 12:00 to 4:00 at the Chapman Cultural Center.

Councilmember Reeder shared that he had done a “ride along” on the southside with Police Chief Thompson and City Manager Ed Memmott. He mentioned that since he had been elected to the NLC Economic Development Committee he wanted to bring a group to Spartanburg to see all the progress being made in the City. He shared that the committee met with Congress and discussed the lack of taxes being charged on internet sells and how those funds could be returned to cities for economic development and other uses. He also shared that discussion was that CDBG funds would be solid for the next 3 years and that there would be new laws for Brownfields, and new funds to assist transit programs.

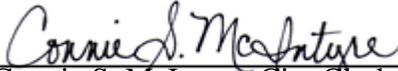
Mayor White thanked everyone for coming and asked that everyone continue to work together to make the City better.

IX. Adjournment

Councilmember Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

City Council convened in the Training Room for a Workshop to receive updates on the Northside Initiative.

Councilmember Rice made a motion to adjourn the workshop. Councilmember Ryba seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk