



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, December 14, 2015
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at the
January 11, 2016 City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following members present: Mayor Junie White, Mayor pro tem Erica Brown, Councilmembers Jan Scalisi, Robert Reeder, Jerome Rice, Sterling Anderson, and Laura Stille. 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 November 23, 2015 City Council Meeting –**
*Councilmember Reeder 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 December 14, 2015 City Council Meeting –**
*Councilmember Scalisi made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Councilmember Stille 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. Presentation on Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize**
Presenters: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager
Kathy Dunleavy, President and CEO of the Mary Black Foundation
Renee Romberger, Vice President Community Health Policy and
Strategy for SRHS

Mr. Story presented the item to council as follows:

“Our community was recently recognized as one of eight winners nationally of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Culture of Health Prize. This award, described more fully in the attached, is perhaps the most prestigious national recognition for collaborative efforts to improve wellbeing within a community. The City team is one of many partners in this remarkable effort.” He introduced Ms. Dunleavy, who presented the award and an update using highlights from the press release listed below:

SPARTANBURG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA RECEIVES RWJF CULTURE OF HEALTH PRIZE FOR INNOVATIVE EFFORTS TO HELP RESIDENTS LEAD HEALTHIER LIVES

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Recognizes Spartanburg County, South Carolina for Collaborative Work to Improve Health for All

Spartanburg County, South Carolina—Spartanburg County is one of eight winners of the 2015 *RWJF Culture of Health Prize* awarded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The Prize celebrates the strides communities have made to ensure good health flourishes for all. Announced today at RWJF headquarters in Princeton, New Jersey, Spartanburg County will receive a cash prize of \$25,000 in recognition of its commitment to building a Culture of Health.

Spartanburg County is being recognized for leveraging its unique strengths and rallying community partners around a shared vision of health. Efforts have resulted in a significant reduction in teen pregnancy rates in the county, a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization that is increasing affordable housing, education opportunities, and access to wellness services and healthy foods, increased access to healthcare and social services for low-income, uninsured residents in the county, and creative strategies to integrate behavioral health services into the community.

“Across Spartanburg County, leaders and citizens have been working together for years in an effort to address our most vexing issues of health and wellness,” said Kathy Dunleavy, President and CEO of the Mary Black Foundation. “Earning the RWJF Culture of Health Prize is confirmation of the progress we have made. We still have a lot of work to do, but, because of Spartanburg’s collaborative nature and the strong partnerships that have been developed, we should all be optimistic about the opportunity we have to build a community that is among the healthiest anywhere.”

“This year’s *RWJF Culture of Health Prize* winners are inspiring examples of communities that are weaving health into everything they do,” said Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, RWJF president and CEO. “These eight communities, and our 12 previous winners, are connecting to like-minded people across the country to build a Culture of Health movement fueled by bold ideas, collaboration, and solutions so that everyone will have the opportunity and means to live the healthiest life they can.”

Spartanburg County was selected from more than 340 prize applications across the country.

Building a Culture of Health means creating a society that gives every person, no matter who they are, the opportunity to be as healthy as they can be. To become a *RWJF Culture of Health Prize* winner, Spartanburg County had to demonstrate how it excelled in the following six criteria:

- a) Defining health in the broadest possible terms.

- b) Committing to sustainable systems changes and policy-oriented long-term solutions.
- c) Cultivating a shared and deeply-held belief in the importance of equal opportunity for health.
- d) Harnessing the collective power of leaders, partners, and community members.
- e) Securing and making the most of available resources.
- f) Measuring and sharing progress and results.

Council accepted the award and thanked Ms. Dunleavy for her efforts.

VII. Ordinance

- A. Authorizing the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina, to Execute and Deliver a Lease Purchase Agreement in an Aggregate Amount Not to Exceed \$925,000 Between the City and the Lessor Thereof to Defray the Cost of Acquiring Certain Law Enforcement Software; and Other Matters Related Thereto (Second Reading)**

Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director

Mr. Locke presented the item to council as follows:

“At the November 9, 2015 City Council meeting, the City Manager was given authorization to execute the necessary agreement to obtain new software for the Police Department.

ACTION REQUESTED: Staff has determined to use the lease purchase option to acquire the software. Therefore an ordinance is required to finance the project.

Staff is requesting approval to enter into the lease agreement, not to exceed \$925,000 with Government Capital. Our Bond Counsel advised us to increase the amount not to exceed based on the gross amount of the financial transaction.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA: Our initial down payment of \$60,000 will be paid from grant funds. There will be six annual payments of approximately \$155,000 thereafter.”

***Councilmember Rice** made a motion to approve the ordinance as requested on second reading. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

VIII. Consent Agenda

- A. To Provide Certification of Beaumont Mill as a Textile Mill Site Under the South Carolina Textiles Communities Revitalization Act for the Purpose of Allowing the Developer To Qualify for State Income Tax Credits (Second Reading)**

Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager

***Councilmember Reeder** made a motion to approve the consent agenda.*

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

IX. Other Business

A. Alexander Avenue Culvert Replacement

Presenter: Jay Squires, Streets & Storm Water Manager

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

“Staff received bids for the replacement of a culvert on Alexander Avenue. This project consists of removal and replacement of a culvert from under Alexander Avenue between Marion Avenue and Winsmith Avenue.

The following bids were submitted:

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| Capitol Construction of the Carolinas, LLC. (Spartanburg) | \$150,137 |
| Martin & Son Contracting, Inc. (Spartanburg) | \$170,030 |
| North American Pipeline Management, Inc. (Columbia, S.C.) | \$179,649 |
| Davis Grading, Inc. (Shelby, N.C.) | \$276,476 |

Staff has reviewed the bids and the qualifications for each of these contractors. Based on that review, staff has determined that, Capitol Construction of the Carolinas, LLC. is the responsive low bidder. No bids were submitted from MWBE certified contractors. It is anticipated that it will take 30 days (depending on weather) to complete this project. Staff will give neighborhood residents advance notice using door hangers and mailers. A portion of Alexander Avenue will be closed during construction for safety reasons. A detour route will be in place for convenience while the segment of road is closed.

ACTION REQUESTED: Allow staff to accept the bid from Capitol Construction of the Carolinas, LLC and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with, Capitol Construction of the Carolinas, LLC for the completion of the project.

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA: \$150,137 from the Storm Water Utility fund will be used to complete the project.”

Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the award of bid as requested. Mayor pro tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

B. Transit Presentations and Discussions

Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Story presented the item to council as follows:

“Over the past few months, staff has been reviewing various aspects of our public transit services. We intend to share that information with you this evening.

Specifically, this session will contain the following:

1. Staff will provide a brief overview of the city’s SPARTA system.
2. Dr. Eric Morris of Clemson University’s City and Regional Planning Department and his students will present a report on the Sparta Customer Satisfaction Survey they conducted earlier this fall.
3. Bill Harned, Area Vice President of First Transit (the transit management firm contracted to manage the Sparta system) will present findings and

recommendations from a review of routes and schedules also conducted this fall.

4. Questions and discussion.

Related documents are enclosed. Collectively, we believe this information will enable City Council to better understand options for improving services. We envision that formal consideration and approval of any changes would occur in early 2016. We look forward to any questions you may have.

Dr. Eric Morris and his students presented a report on the Sparta Customer Satisfaction Survey they conducted earlier this fall.

This survey has evaluated SPARTA's riders' satisfaction with many different aspects of the service and the service as a whole. This includes satisfaction with buses, bus stops, bus fares, and SPARTA staff. Overall, SPARTA provides service that most customers are satisfied with. Riders are generally pleased with transit service in the region, with an average overall satisfaction score of 4.1 on a scale from 1 to 5. Riders on the Hillcrest, Church St., and Crestview lines are the most satisfied and riders on the South Liberty Street line are the least satisfied.

Survey respondents are most satisfied with the value and ease of payment of bus fares. However, there are some challenges. In their written responses, many riders indicated that they would prefer that the operation times of bus service be extended in the evenings and weekends. Relative to other factors, respondents are somewhat less satisfied with the transit center and the reliability of bus transfers.

Based on this survey, some ways that SPARTA may improve its service are:

1. Extend bus service into the evenings and weekends, even if this may mean raising fares.
2. Extend bus service geographically, based on desired destinations determined by another ridership preference study.
3. Increase bus frequency.
4. Improve the reliability of bus transfers at the transit center.
5. Work to better develop the SPARTA website.

All of this said, however, SPARTA seems to be providing service that is valued and appreciated by its customers.

Council received the report as information.

X. City Council Updates –

Senator Shane Martin came forward and presented Councilmember Robert Reeder with a resolution from the South Carolina Senate thanking him for his 16 years of service on Spartanburg City Council.

Mayor White presented Councilmember Reeder with a collage of pictures from events during Mr. Reeder's years of service on City Council.

Councilmember Reeder offered comments regarding his terms on council. He thanked everyone he had worked with and wished the city well in future endeavors. He added that he would still be active in the community. He introduced his family to everyone and thanked them and others attending for their support.

Councilmember Stille shared that she appreciated the opportunity to serve with Councilmember Reeder the last few months, and that he was a great example of how to

lead his neighbors and his community in the city. She mentioned that she enjoyed Dickens of a Christmas along with the Tree Lighting at Denny's, and the Christmas Parade, which were all well attended. She shared that she attended the meeting with the Arts Partnership and the Bloomberg Foundation for the "Seeing Spartanburg in a New Light" with a great turnout of neighbors to help balance the artist's ideas

Councilmember Anderson wished "God's speed" to Councilmember Reeder and thanked him for his service to the community.

Councilmember Rice thanked Councilmember Reeder for all he had done for the community and for standing firm in his leadership, not only locally, but in his National League of Cities capacity. He reminded Mr. Reeder that his leadership would still be needed with the track and field teams coming up in the future. He mentioned that the 79th Annual Shrine Bowl would take place December 19 and that the teams were practicing at Spartanburg High School.

Councilmember Scalisi thanked Councilmember Reeder for his 16 years of service and his willingness to share his knowledge to help her understand things better. She mentioned that the city had a great Christmas parade and that she thought it was a wonderful tradition to continue.

Mayor pro tem Brown thanked Councilmember Reeder for his service and for the guidance he had provided her the last few years. She expressed hope that he would continue to provide that service, guidance and leadership to the community. She shared that she had spoken to City Attorney McCabe regarding confusion of public comment at council meetings. She stated that she had asked Ms. McCabe to provide different forms for non-agenda items and agenda items to avoid confusion in the future for citizens who wished to address council. She added council could further discuss the issue at the council retreat in January.

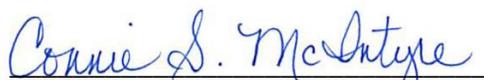
XI. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a) (5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Encouraging the Location of a Business in the City

Councilmember Reeder made a motion to adjourn to Executive session for the stated reason. Councilmember Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:52 p.m.

Council reconvened at 7:19 p.m. Mayor White stated that discussion was held with no decisions made.

XII. Adjournment – Councilmember Scalisi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

A reception was held for outgoing Councilmember Robert Reeder.



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk