



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, March 14, 2016
5:30 p.m.**

**These minutes were approved at
the March 28, 2016 City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following members present: Mayor Junie White, Mayor pro tem Sterling Anderson, Councilmembers Jan Scalisi, Jerome Rice, Erica Brown, Laura Stille and Rosalyn Henderson Myers. 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 – Joseph Guy, Boy Scout Troop 1, assisted with the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the February 22, 2016, City Council Meeting –
*Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.***
- IV. Approval of Agenda of the March 14, 2016 City Council Meeting –
*Councilmember Henderson Myers made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Councilmember Scalisi 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. Ordinance – Second Reading**
 - A. Authorizing the Lease of 440 South Church Street and for the City Manager to Enter Into a Lease-Purchase Agreement with Spartanburg Development Corporation (Second Reading)**
Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager
Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented on second reading. Councilmember Stille seconded the motion, which carried 5 to 2. Mayor White, Mayor pro tem Anderson, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Scalisi, and Councilmember Stille

voted in favor of the ordinance. Councilmember Rice and Councilmember Henderson Myers voted against the ordinance.

VII. Consent Agenda

- A. Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Deed to The Northside Development Group Donating Property Located at 625 Fulton Avenue – Block Map Sheet 7-12-01-095.00, 629 Fulton Avenue – Block Map Sheet 7-12-01-096.00, and 173 Milan Street – Block Map Sheet 7-12-05-275.00 (Second Reading)**
Presenters: Mitch Kennedy, Director of Community Services
Tammie Hoy-Hawkins, Northside Development Group
- B. Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Deed to Hope Ministries Donating Property Located at 414 Brawley Street - Block Map Sheet 7-12-09-043.00 (Second Reading)**
Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Director of Community Services
- C. Approving a Development Agreement for the Construction of an Office Building on Liberty Street (Second Reading)**
Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager
- D. Approving a Development Agreement for the Construction of a Mixed Use Building at the Northeast Corner of the Daniel Morgan Avenue and West Main Street Intersection (Second Reading)**
Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager

Councilmember Stille made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda on second reading. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

VIII. Other Business

- A. Convention & Visitors Bureau New Historic Downtown Walking Map/Mobile Site**
Presenter: Will Rothschild, Communication and Marketing Manager
Mr. Rothschild introduced Joe Mullinax and Chris Jennings for the presentation from CVB.
“The Spartanburg Convention & Visitors Bureau recently launched a new mobile platform and accompanying printed marketing collateral that adds to the rising level of interest and activity in Downtown Spartanburg. In addition to the printed map, the mobile-friendly Historic Downtown Walking Map can be accessed online at www.hubcitytour.com, and is a fun, user-friendly way for first-time visitors and longtime residents alike to experience Downtown Spartanburg. CVB Executive Director Chris Jennings and the team that developed the website and map will show how it works and their goals for this new map/tour.”
City Council received the report as information.

B. Highland Neighborhood Update

Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Community Services Director

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

“Staff believes the redevelopment of Stewart Park (with the opening of the Thornton Activity Center), the construction of Highland Crossing Apartments, and the recently announced partnership with Meeting Street Academy/Spartanburg County School District 7 have sparked new optimism for the Highland neighborhood.

With this momentum, staff believes it would be appropriate for City and other potential partner organizations such as the Spartanburg Housing Authority, the Highland Neighborhood Association, the Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg County School District 7/Meeting Street Academy, and Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church to explore opportunities and work together with the intent of improving Highland.

Staff would like to engage these organizations in a Highland “working group.” Our first step would be to develop a straight forward Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that would define the roles and commitments of the respective parties. Staff is under no illusion here. We realize the depths of the challenges facing Highland but believe it is time to get started on a comprehensive strategy of improvement.

It is important for other prospective partners to know that City Council is interested in and generally supportive of these efforts in Highland. Prior to formally engaging potential partners on the development of a MOU, staff wanted to brief Council and, hopefully, receive Council’s endorsement to move forward.

Staff understands that Council will have to formally approve any MOU for Highland.”

City Council received the report as information.

IX. City Council Updates –

Councilmember Stille wished Councilmember Scalisi a Happy Birthday. She shared that the SC Association of Non-Profits held a meeting in the city, which featured motivational speaker Wes Moore.

Councilmember Brown shared that she attended the reopening of Cleveland Park, which was a great day that was well attended by children and adults. She expressed her gratitude and appreciation to the countless volunteers who helped rebuild the park. She mentioned that The Crepe Factory opened during the past week. She shared that The Spartanburg Little Theatre’s production of “The Dixie Swim Club” opened the previous weekend to a sold out audience, with three more opportunities to see the show the coming weekend. She also mentioned the Block Party at the Clock Tower which would be held on March 17. She shared that she had attended the Chamber of Commerce’s annual meeting the previous Thursday, which featured the unveiling of its new campaign, “There’s only one. Spartanburg.”

Councilmember Henderson Myers shared that she had attended the National League of Cities Congressional Cities Conference in Washington, DC the previous week. She stated that she attended sessions on Criminal Justice Reform, Affordable and Fair Housing, After School Programs, as well as several others.

Councilmember Scalisi shared that she, too, attended the NLC conference. She mentioned that Criminal Justice was a trending subject and that Spartanburg was doing lots of things right in that area.

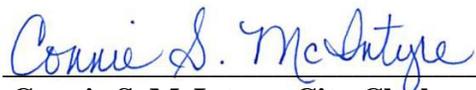
Councilmember Rice shared that he attended the NLC conference, noting that Spartanburg was on track with the Youth, Families and Education sessions he attended. He stated he attended the reopening of Cleveland Park, which was an awesome event. He reminded everyone who was eligible to go to the polls and vote on Tuesday. He mentioned that the Referendum for Spartanburg School District 7 was an important issue on the ballot and that he was in favor of the referendum.

Mayor pro tem Anderson commended Economic Development Director Patty Bock for her presentation to his Sertoma Club. He stated that if he lived in Spartanburg School District 7, he would vote in favor of the referendum that would be on the ballot on Tuesday.

Mayor White thanked everyone for attending the meeting and encouraged everyone to become more involved in their communities.

X. Adjournment –

Mayor pro tem Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The regular meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk

**City Council Workshop
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- I. Reconvene** – Council reconvened for the workshop at 6:12 p.m.
- II. Traffic Calming** – Discussion was held regarding the city’s current traffic calming program. Council offered several options for staff to research and present to them at a later date. There was consensus of Council of a preference for research of traffic humps and traffic lumps.
- III. Adjournment** – with consensus of Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.