



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, June 27, 2016
5:00 p.m.**

(These minutes were approved at the July 11, 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 was also in attendance. City Attorney Cathy McCabe was out of town. 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 June 13, 2016, City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Scalisi made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Councilmember Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
- IV. Approval of Agenda of the June 27, 2016 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Councilmember Henderson Myers 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. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Accepting the Property Owned by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), to be Purchased by Claude W. Burns, III, and Being Located at the Northwest Corner of East Blackstock Road and Reidville Road, 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 B-3, General Business District Upon Annexation (Second Reading)**
Presenter: Natalia Rosario, Planning Staff
Councilmember Stille made a motion to approve the consent agenda on second reading. Councilmember Henderson Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

VII. Hospitality Tax Allocation Requests/FY16-17

Mr. Story presented the item to council, explaining that each applicant would receive 6 minutes for their presentation and 4 minutes for questions and answers from council. He added that after the meeting that night, staff would come back to council at the meeting on July 11 with recommendations for Hospitality Tax allocations.

The following entities made presentations requesting an allocation from the City's Hospitality Tax Fund for the amounts listed:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>
Carolina Panther Training Party	Wofford College	\$ 10,000
Public Art Installation Program	Spartanburg Art Museum	5,000

Mayor White recognized Councilmember Brown, who had a question.

Councilmember Brown asked staff if all of the HTAX applications, including everything that was required, were received in a timely manner. **Mr. Story** responded that he believed that all the organization applications Council was hearing from that night were received according to the instructions that were given except for the Shrine Bowl. **Councilmember Brown** asked if the Shrine Bowl information was received beyond the time limit when staff would accept applications. **Mr. Story** stated that it was. **Councilmember Rice** asked if staff had not received something from the Shrine Bowl prior to the deadline. **Mr. Story** responded that staff received the request letter, but did not receive the actual application with accompanying documents from the Shrine Bowl before the deadline. **Mr. Memmott** stated that staff did not receive the completed Shrine Bowl application, including the required financial documents, until the previous Thursday, at which time he and Ms. McIntyre emailed the information to Council.

Councilmember Brown stated that given the fact that the city does have a certain process that the applicants have to follow, with deadlines, and that everyone has to play by the same rules, she wanted to make a motion that the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas not be considered for 2017 Hospitality Tax funding. **Mayor White** seconded the motion. **Mayor White** called for the question. **Councilmember Rice and Councilmember Scalisi** asked for discussion.

Councilmember Rice commented that the Shrine Bowl representatives were in the audience and he did not think it would be appropriate for Council to dismiss them without notifying them beforehand. He stated that he felt that Council needed to know the reason behind the delay in submitting the information. He added that the packet may not have been completed, but that something was turned in asking for funding. **Councilmember Henderson Myers** stated she felt the City would be opening up a door by allowing some organizations to submit part of a packet and not the complete packet. **Mayor White** state that there were rules and regulations to follow, and that it was not right for everybody to follow them except one outfit that was late and was Council going to make an exception for everyone. **Councilmember Rice** stated that he thought Council should make an exception for the Shrine Bowl this time and then move forward with the new process. **Mayor pro tem Anderson** asked staff if the Shrine Bowl application was submitted on time, but did not have the financial information included. **Mr. Story** responded that the application form, with the deadline on it, was the piece that was not received and that the request letter was the only piece received prior to the deadline. **Councilmember Brown** asked if the Shrine Bowl was familiar with the deadline. **Councilmember Rice** commented that the Shrine Bowl representatives were at the meeting if there were questions. **Mayor White** responded that the discussion was not for the Shrine Bowl representatives and that the rules were laid down that everyone else had abided by. **Councilmember Brown** stated that if Council started setting

the precedent that they would be flexible with other applicants, it would not be fair to applicants who submitted on time. She continued that she wasn't sure if this was the first time the Shrine Bowl had been late in turning in an application and that she was not willing to consider them for 2017 given they missed the deadline. **Councilmember Henderson Myers** asked if the Shrine Bowl had been late in previous years. Mr. Kennedy responded that the Shrine Bowl had been timely in the past. **Mayor White** called for the vote on the motion, which carried 4 to 3. **Mayor White, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Stille, and Councilmember Henderson Myers** voted in favor of not considering the Shrine Bowl for 2017 Hospitality Tax funding. **Councilmember Rice, Councilmember Scalisi, and Mayor pro tem Anderson** voted against the motion. **Councilmember Rice** stated that he thought Council was making a mistake. **Mayor White** stated that Council had taken a vote and already heard Councilmember Rice's opinion. He continued that there were rules and guidelines and that they had to be adhered to. **Councilmember Rice** stated that he understood that, but that Council needed to look at the magnitude of what the Shrine Bowl program brought to the City of Spartanburg. He added that there were programs being looked at to allocate just to finance the program itself, but that the Shrine Bowl brought a weeklong stay for people coming to the City of Spartanburg. **Mayor White** stated that there was a motion that had been made and seconded and voted on.

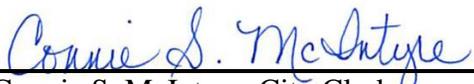
The presentations continued.

Seeing Sptbg in a New Light Event	Arts Partnership of Spartanburg	35,000
Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas	Team Spartanburg Sports Council	50,000
Spartanburg Juneteenth Celebration	Spartanburg Juneteenth, Inc.	27,500
Spartanburg Regional Criterium	Partners for Active Living	30,000
Upstate Pride SC March & Festival	Upstate Pride SC	2,500
Arts Partnership	Arts Partnership of Spartanburg	100,000
Ballet Spartanburg	Ballet Spartanburg	25,000
Sptbg Downtown Cultural District	Arts Partnership of Spartanburg	10,000
College Town	College Town Consortium	28,000
Hatcher Gardens	Hatcher Garden & Woodland Preserve	28,017
HUB BUB	HUB BUB	90,000
Hub City Farmer's Market	Hub City Farmer's Market	36,000
Hub City Writers Project	Hub City Writers Project	15,000
Sptbg Convention & Visitors Bureau	Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce	50,000
Spartanburg Downtown Association	Spartanburg Downtown Association	10,000
Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium	Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium	50,000
Sptbg Regional History Museum	Spartanburg County Historical Assoc.	10,000
The Cottonwood Trail	Spartanburg Area Conservancy, Inc.	25,050
West Main Artists Co-op	West Main Artists Cooperative	50,000

Council received the presentations from the organizations listed as information, with the understanding that staff recommendations for allocation would be considered at the July 11, 2016 City Council meeting.

VIII. Adjournment –

Mayor pro tem Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.



 Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk