



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

**(These minutes were approved at the
September 28, 2015 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 – Led by Robert “Mr. Scout Executive” Justice –**
Mayor White presented Mr. Justice with a surprise proclamation recognizing his many years of hard work and tireless dedication to the Spartanburg community.
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the August 24, 15 City Council Meeting –**
*Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*
- IV. Approval of Agenda of the September 14, 2015 City Council Meeting –**
*Councilmember Reeder 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. Public Hearing**
 - A. Ordinance to Amend the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina Zoning Ordinance, by Amending Section 206, Changes to District Boundaries, Specifically Parcel #7-12-09-257.00 Located on 174 West Saint John Street at the Corner of N. Thompson Street and Stevens Street; Parcel #7-12-09-257.01 Located on 459 Stevens Street; and Parcel #7-12-13-065.00 Located on “0” Saint John Street, which are Currently Zoned R-6, with a Land Use Designation of General Residential District to Zone LOD, with a Land Use Designation of Limited Office District in Order to Utilize the Best Use of the**

Properties. John M. Holmes, Pit Bull Investments, LLC, Agent and Property Owner on Behalf of Pit Bull Investments, LLC, City of Spartanburg, and Cornerstone Baptist Church, Property Owners (First Reading)

Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager

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

“On August 20, 2015, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and reviewed a combined rezoning request submitted by John M. Holmes, Pit Bull Investments, LLC, on behalf of Pit Bull Investments, LLC, Owner of 174 West Saint John Street, the City of Spartanburg, Owner of 459 Stevens Street, and Cornerstone Baptist Church, Owner of “0” Saint John Street, to rezone parcels 7-12-09-257.00 and 257.01, as well as 7-12-13-065.00 from Zone R-6/General Residential District to LOD/Limited Office District, with the intent of either subsequently combining the parcels or encouraging compatible redevelopment.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposal on August 20, 2015. After consideration of the staff report, public comments, and the criteria set forth in the City of Spartanburg Zoning Ordinance and 2004 City Comprehensive Plan, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the request to City Council for the rezoning of the parcels from R-6 to LOD.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: The request was endorsed by the Planning Commission on August 20, 2015 by a vote of 4 to 1.”

Mayor White opened the Public Hearing asking if there was anyone to speak in favor of the rezoning. No one came forward.

Mayor White asked if there was anyone to speak against the rezoning.

Hearing none, Councilmember Reeder made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Councilmember Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

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

VII. Other Business

A. Farley Avenue Culvert Replacement

Presenter: Jay Squires, Streets & Storm Water Manager

Mr. Squires presented the item to Council as follows:

“Staff received bids for the replacement of a culvert on Farley Avenue. This project consists of removal and replacement of a culvert from under Farley Avenue between South Center Street and Hugh Street.

The following bids were submitted:

North American Pipeline Management, Inc. (Columbia, S.C.)	\$ 95,748
Saluda Construction, Inc. (Greenville, S.C.)	\$128,615
Construction Resources Group (Union, S.C.)	\$137,593

Staff has reviewed the bids and the qualifications for each of these contractors. Based on that review, staff has determined that, North American Pipeline Management, Inc. 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 Farley 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 North American Pipeline Management, Inc. and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with North American Pipeline Management, Inc. for the completion of the project.”

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA:

\$ 95,748 from the Storm Water Utility fund will be used to complete the project. *After discussion, Councilmember Stille made a motion to approve the award of contract to North American Pipeline Management, Inc. (Columbia, SC) in the amount of \$95,748. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

B. Maryland Avenue Culvert Replacement

Presenter: Jay Squires, Streets & Storm Water Manager

Mr. Squires presented the item to Council as follows:

“Staff received bids for the replacement of a culvert on Maryland Avenue. This project consists of removal and replacement of a 42” culvert from under Maryland Avenue near the intersection with Mimosa Street.

The following bids were submitted:

North American Pipeline Management, Inc. (Columbia, S.C.)	\$ 99,466
Saluda Construction, Inc. (Greenville, S.C.)	\$136,315

Staff has reviewed the bids and the qualifications for each of these contractors. Based on that review, staff has determined that, North American Pipeline Management, Inc. 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 Maryland 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 North American Pipeline Management, Inc. and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with, North American Pipeline Management, Inc. for the completion of the project.

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA:

\$ 99,466 from the Storm Water Utility fund will be used to complete the project.”
After discussion, Councilmember Scalisi made a motion to approve the award of contract to North American Pipeline Management, Inc. (Columbia, SC) in the amount of \$99,466. Mayor pro tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

C. East Main Street Pedestrian Lighting Improvements

Presenter: Tim Carter, Engineering Administrator

Mr. Carter presented the item to Council as follows:

“This project will replace the existing high pressure sodium lights with LED fixtures. The LED fixtures will emit a “white” light as compared to the yellow light cast by current fixtures, reduce electrical consumption, and reduce maintenance expenses. This project will include installation of LED fixtures on East Main Street between Church and Converse Streets. Staff anticipates the completion of this project in early November.

Link Electric Inc. (Spartanburg, SC)	\$ 74,906.00
J. Frank Blakely Co. (Spartanburg, SC)	\$ 86,400.00
Sossamon Construction (Gaffney, SC)	\$ 123,100.00

Staff has reviewed the bids received and the qualifications for each of these contractors and determined that Link Electric Inc. is the responsive low bidder. No bids were submitted from MWBE certified contractors.

ACTION REQUESTED: Allow staff to accept the bid from Link Electric Inc. and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Link Electric Inc. for the completion of the project.

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA: \$ 97,700 from Broad Street Tax Increment Funds”

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve acceptance of the bid from Link Electric Inc. as presented. Councilmember Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

D. Boards and Commissions –Minority Women Business Enterprise Committee

Presenter: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk

Ms. McIntyre presented Judy Sieg for Council’s consideration of appointment to the MWBE committee.

Councilmember Reeder made a motion to waive the rules and appoint Ms. Sieg to the MWBE committee. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Mayor White took a moment to recognize members of the Delta Sorority who were attending the meeting.

VIII. City Council Updates

Councilmember Scalisi mentioned several things happening in downtown Spartanburg – the opening of the Tap Room on St. John St., Miyako’s new move and addition of rooftop dining, the Sept. 24 groundbreaking for the Hub City Food Co-op, and the opening of Harper Corporation’s new offices on Main Street.

She mentioned that everyone should go see “Mary Poppins” at the Spartanburg Little Theatre in Chapman Cultural Center.

Councilmember Rice added that Jazz on the Square was going well, and that he was pleased with all that was happening in downtown.

Mayor pro tem Brown mentioned Jazz on the Square every Friday from 5:30 to 8:00. She shared that the Greek Festival would be held September 24-27 at the Greek church on Asheville Highway. She reminded everyone that The Tap Room would have a soft opening from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. the next day with the grand opening on Friday.

Councilmember Anderson mentioned he was working with SPATS and others to get sidewalks on sections of Hwy. 29. He shared that the Texas Roadhouse was open and doing very well.

Councilmember Reeder shared that he was glad to see the city growing due to the planning of the past. He proudly stated that his family would be welcoming another grandbaby on Friday.

Mayor White mentioned how beautiful downtown looked and thanked everyone who was involved in making that happen.

IX. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-40-70 (a) (2) of the South Carolina Code to Receive Legal Advice Relating to the Oakview Condominiums Condemnation

Councilmember Stille made a motion to adjourn to Executive for the reason stated.

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

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

Council reconvened at 6:44 p.m. Mayor White stated that discussion was held with no decisions made.

X. Adjournment –

Councilmember Reeder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk

