



**City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
145 West Broad Street  
Spartanburg, SC  
Monday, January 26, 2015  
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at the  
February 9, 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, and Sterling Anderson. 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 January 12, 2014 City Council Meeting –**  
*Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the minutes as received.  
Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*
- IV. Approval of Agenda of the January 26, 2015 City Council Meeting –**  
*Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Mayor pro tem Erica Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*
- V. Public Comment –** Dr. Bill Bledsoe, 32 year resident of City of Spartanburg, spoke regarding his concerns of police check points and profiling.  
*\*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk*
- VI. United Way Update**  
**Presenters: Ingrid Crawford, City of Spartanburg Benefits Coordinator**  
**Lt. Tim Suber, Spartanburg Police Department**  
**Lt. Suber** reported that there were 188 City of Spartanburg employees participating in the 2015 United Way Campaign with just under \$44,000 raised. He shared that the average gift was \$235 per employee.  
**Ms. Crawford** recognized the members of the City’s United Way Campaign Committee who were present at the meeting.  
*Council received the report as information.*

**VII. Resolutions**

**A. Approving a Land Purchase Option with The Northside Development Corporation**

**Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Community Services Director**

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

“In order to submit its application for the Choice Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) Implementation Grant, it will be necessary for the City to execute a land purchase agreement with the Northside Development Corporation. The parcels subject to this option comprise the proposed location for the development of mixed income housing. The City’s purchase of these parcels is dependent on CNI grant award. The purchase price for this land would be \$1,485,000.

Mr. Kennedy requested Council approval of a Resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with the Northside Development Corporation.

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA: \$1,485,000 from CNI Grant and other funding sources.”

*After discussion, Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the resolution as requested. Mayor pro tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

**B. Approving the Northside Master Plan, Endorsing the Revised Zoning and Land Use Regulations Necessary for the Plan, and Directing the City Planning Commission and City Staff to Take Necessary Action to Implement**  
**Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager**

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

“Developed over two years with participation from many Northside residents and a number of community partners, the Northside Transformation Plan addresses all aspects of creating the stable mixed income, mixed use neighborhood envisioned. As reviewed with City Council most recently in December, one element of the transformation plan is a master land use plan specifying locations for various amenities and describing desired development locations and characteristics throughout the plan area. Much of this work was done within the multi-day planning charrette last winter. It has since been refined and described in greater detail by JHP Architecture and Urban Design, the highly regarded firm contracted to support the planning effort.

Since then City staff have worked with JHP and Craig Lewis, the planning consultant used by the City on urban design and land use regulation matters, to identify the optimal regulatory framework for ensuring redevelopment occurs in a manner consistent with the plan. All involved concluded that an extension and revision of the form-based code which regulates land use currently for the Downtown area offered the best balance of flexibility and adherence to the qualities reflected within the plan and supported by the neighborhood. The proposed revisions are contained in the attached.

We recommend your approval of the attached resolution approving the Northside Master Plan, endorsing the revised zoning and land use regulations necessary for the plan, and directing the City Planning Commission and City staff to take necessary action to implement.”

*Mayor pro tem Brown made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

#### VIII. Ordinance – Second Reading

##### A. Authorizing the Condemnation of Tax Map Parcel 7-12-05-001.00 Needed for the Construction of the TK Gregg Community Center (Second Reading)

**Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager**

Mr. Memmott advised Council that there had been no further conversations or negotiations with Related Oak View LLC regarding the property needed for the TK Gregg Community Center. He recommended second reading approval of the ordinance to enable staff to move forward with the process.

*Councilmember Scalisi made a motion to approve the requested ordinance on second reading. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

#### IX. Other Business

##### A. Request for Council Authorization to Extend Transit Management Services

**Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director**

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

“SPARTA, the City’s bus system, is managed by a contracted third party.

Currently that firm is First Transit Inc., the successful bidder in a procurement process which occurred in 2009.

In anticipation of the expiration of the current contract, we advertised for Transit Management Service in the fall of 2014. Bids were due on December 9, 2014. At funding for our Transit System we are required to follow F.T.A. procurement guidelines. Since we only received one bid, this would be considered sole source procurement.

After discussing the issue in detail with F.T.A. Officials, we decided it would be in the best interest of the City to bid the services again. The due date for the bid is February 24, 2015. Our current contract expires January 31, 2015. We are requesting that City Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate an extension with our current provider until we can award a new contract.

We anticipate that we will have a new contract in place no later than April 30<sup>th</sup> of this year.”

*Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the request as presented.*

*Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

**B. Boards and Commissions – Consideration of Planning Commission Applicant  
Presenter: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk**

**Ms. McIntyre** presented an application from Jared S. Wilson for consideration of Council for appointment to the Planning Commission.

*Councilmember Scalisi made a motion to waive the rules and appoint Jared S. Wilson to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

**X. City Council Updates –**

**Councilmember Rice** commended Officer James Bogan for making the right decision when a suspect put Officer Bogan in a life-threatening situation. He also thanked the entire police force for their hard work.

He thanked everyone involved in the MLK events and celebrations.

He recognized Monier Abusoft, the newly elected president of the local NAACP chapter.

He reminded everyone that former Spartanburg High School football player, Landon Cohen, would be playing for the Seattle Seahawks in the Super Bowl.

**Councilmember Anderson** shared that the Dollar General Store on West Main Street was open for business.

He mentioned that dirt was moving at the future Texas Roadhouse location.

He stated that he had talked to Father Brown and the playground at St. Matthews Church was working for children in the area.

**Councilmember Scalisi** thanked everyone responsible and involved in the MLK events. She shared that she enjoyed all of them and especially the Town Hall that was added this year. She congratulated Chief Thompson for the great job he did speaking at the MLK Unity Celebration on Monday, January 19.

She mentioned that the Health in Hand Juice Bar had opened, reminding everyone that it was a winner in the Main Street Challenge.

She mentioned that she had attended the Spartanburg Little Theatre's production of "Civil War: The Musical" and enjoyed the performance.

She encouraged everyone to meet the new artists in residence at Hub-Bub.

**Councilmember Reeder** shared he had two teeth extracted earlier in the day. Mayor White thanked him for being at the meeting under those circumstances.

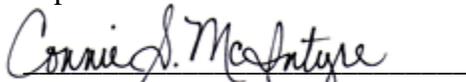
**Mayor pro tem Brown** thanked everyone involved in the MLK events.

She reminded everyone of the Northside Initiative Community Meeting the following Thursday from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

**Assistant City Manager Chris Story** reminded everyone of the Way to Wellville Kick-Off event at the Chapman Cultural Center the next day at 3:30 p.m.

**XI. Adjournment –**

**Councilmember Anderson** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor pro tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



**Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk**