



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, February 9, 2015
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at the
February 23, 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 Attorney Spencer King were also in attendance. City Attorney Cathy McCabe was absent due to a death in her family. 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 –** Several Boy Scouts from various troops led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the January 26, 2015 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Mayor pro tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.
- IV. Approval of Agenda of the February 9, 2015 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve agenda as received. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.
- V. Public Comment -**
*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk **Jimmy Gibbs**, 9855 Warren Abernathy Hwy, Spartanburg, SC, came forward to address concerns regarding hotel economic development in downtown Spartanburg.
Andrew Cajka, 209 Spaulding Farm Rd., Spartanburg, SC, came forward to address concerns regarding hotel economic development in downtown Spartanburg.
Council received the comments as information.
- VI. Ordinance**
 - A. To Authorize the Designation of the Police Chief as the Chief Executive Officer of the Police Department and the Fire Chief as the Chief Executive Officer of the Fire Department by Amending the Code of the City of Spartanburg 1988, by Deleting Chapter 7A, “Public Safety and Police**

Protection”, and by Adding to Chapter 2, “Administration,” Article IV, “Officers and Employees,” A new Section 2-89, “Police Department” and Section 2-90, “Fire Department” (First Reading)

Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager

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

“Staff is asking Council to approve an Ordinance that will formally amend the City Code to reflect current organizational structure of the Police and Fire Departments. This is a “housekeeping” measure to eliminate what are now obsolete references in City Code.

ACTION REQUESTED: First Reading Approval of an Ordinance to formally adopt separate Police and Fire organizational structure and to make changes in City Code necessary to delete obsolete references.”

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the ordinance as requested on first reading. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

VII. Other Business

A. Boards and Commissions – Consideration of Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee Applicant

Presenter: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk

Ms. McIntyre presented applicant Crystal Thomas for consideration for the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

Mayor pro tem Brown made a motion to waive the rules and appoint Crystal Thomas to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

VIII. City Council Updates –

Councilmember Rice invited everyone to make a point of visiting the Highland Avenue area where the new activity center was being built. He shared he thought everyone would be very pleased at the progress.

Councilmember Anderson mentioned that “dirt was moving” at the Texas Road House Restaurant location. He also mention that he has attended the SPATS meeting that morning, where several road projects were discussed.

Councilmember Scalisi commended on several projects happening in the downtown area; the Wall Street festival area, the opening of “Health in Hand Juice Bar”. She commented she was very impressed with the generosity of members of the Spartanburg community for the Northside Initiative with the \$7.5 million donation of the Mary Black Foundation, the Romill Foundation, and the Bernet Family. She added that she felt the commitment of so many to this project would positively affect our community in many areas.

She also expressed her excitement that the Carolina Panthers had renewed their commitment to continue to hold summer camp at Wofford College.

Councilmember Reeder echoed Councilmember Scalisi’s comments regarding the Carolina Panthers. He added that the team holding summer camp in Spartanburg was a great economic impact for our City.

He share that he had participated in a panel discussion at Bunton Institutional CME CHR for the Martin Luther King Day events, adding that the questions from the young people present were very enlightening. He added that Deputy Chief Kindall was also on the panel.

Councilmember Brown repeated that the generous gift from the Mary Black Foundation, the Romill Foundation, and the Barnet Family for the Northside Initiative was spectacular to witness. She shared that on February 11 at 4:30, USC Upstate would open Upstate Gallery on Main at 172 E. Main Street. She added that students would display artwork as well as create artwork on site. She reminded everyone of the Winter Jazz Ensemble at the Chapman Cultural Center on February 27 at 7:00 p.m.

IX. Executive Session to Discuss Potential Downtown Economic Development Projects

Councilmember Reeder made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the stated reason. Mayor pro tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 5:55 p.m.

Council reconvened to regular session at 7:31 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 Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk