



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, April 27, 2015
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved
at the May 11, 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 - recited**
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the April 13, 2015 City Council Meeting –**
*Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*
- IV. Approval of Agenda of the April 27, 2015 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Mayor pro tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
- V. Public Comment – 4 citizens came forward**
*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk
Robay Stroble, 252 High St., Spartanburg, SC, came forward to express her concerns regarding a “half-way” house on her street.
Richard Stripling, 237 High St., Spartanburg, SC, came forward to express his concerns regarding a “half-way” house on his street.
Helen Proctor, 253 High St., Spartanburg, SC, came forward to express her concerns regarding a “boarding house” in her community.
Willa Reeder, 128 Lincoln Dr., Spartanburg, SC came forward to express her concerns regarding the Forest Park neighborhood, and City policy regarding the use of exercise equipment by elderly people at CC Woodson Recreation Center.

VI. Presentations

**A. Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing Older South Carolinians Month
Presenter: Mayor Junie White**

Mayor White presented the proclamation to Nancy Eaker, representing AARP, and to MPO Randy Hardy of the Spartanburg City Police Department.

B. Hub City Writers Project Update

Presenter: Betsy Teter, Executive Director

Ms. Teter highlighted 20 years of publishing, events, and programs of the Hub City Writers Project.

VII. Resolutions

A. Naming the Activity Center at Stewart Park “Rev. James D. Thornton Activity Center”

Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Community Services Director

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

“Staff expects to complete construction of the activity center at Stewart Park in the next several weeks.

Councilmember Jerome Rice has made staff aware of the Highland neighborhood interest in naming this facility to honor Rev. James D. Thornton.

In the past, City facilities have been named to honor deceased individuals/families deemed worthy by Councils in place at the time of naming or with financial sponsorship (Hot Spot Skate Park). A decision to name a City facility is entirely a Council decision.

Staff has drafted a Resolution which would authorize the naming as requested by Councilmember Rice. This draft Resolution summarizes Rev. Thornton’s contributions to the City.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Resolution.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA: N/A”

Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the resolution as presented.

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

VIII. Other Business

A. Award of Contract for Relocation of Police Records Office

Presenter: David Cook, Construction Project Manager

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

“The present location for police records offices is inconvenient for the public and inefficient for staff. Citizens trying to access police records often enter City Hall and then must be directed to go outside of the building to enter at a door equipped with an intercom. In other instances, police personnel will, in an effort to assist the citizen, escort them through secured doors to the records office. After regular work hours, citizens must locate the one door having the intercom to gain access to records personnel.

To improve these conditions, police command and facilities management staff want to relocate police records to a much more assessable and visible location. As proposed, a vestibule will be constructed on the east side of City Hall. This

location will be easily visible to citizens approaching from the upper (eastside) parking lot. The renovation will include the installation of security windows and intercoms so that police records personnel can see and interact directly with citizens needing assistance. After hours, staff will be able to talk to the citizen and then allow them to enter a secured area while their request is being processed. Another significant benefit of this project will be that records personnel will have visibility of the upper parking lot and will be able to provide general assistance/information to anyone who approaches the office. This improved visibility and “eyes on” the parking lot will enhance safety.

Three (3) bids were submitted:

CEC Construction Co.	Greer, SC	\$ 117,965.00
Melloul Blamey	Greenville SC	132,500.00
Clayton Construction Co.	Spartanburg SC	148,005.95

None of the contractors submitting bids are certified MWBE contractors
ACTION REQUESTED: Authorization for the City Manager to sign a contract with CEC Construction for construction services for the relocation of police records offices.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA: Building Facility Fund”
Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the award of contract as requested to CEC Construction Co., Greer, SC, in the amount of \$117,965.00. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

B. Award of 2015 Street Paving Contract

Presenter: Tim Carter, Engineering Administrator

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

“Staff received bids for the 2015 Street Resurfacing Project on April 14, 2015. This project consists of approximately 6,650 tons of surface Type C Asphalt, 3,325 square yards of full depth patching, and 18,000 square yards milling. This listing of streets approved for resurfacing which Council approved is attached.

The following bids were submitted:

Panagakos Asphalt Paving (Greenville, SC)	\$ 597,695.42
F & R Asphalt, Inc. (Easley, SC)	\$ 677,263.91

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

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

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA:

\$ 350,000.00 County Transportation Committee Funds (CTC)
 \$ 247,695.42 from the Spartanburg County Road Fee Funds.”

Councilmember Stille made a motion to approve the award of contract to Panagakos Asphalt Paving in Greenville, SC in the amount of \$597,695.42 for the

2015 street paving. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

C. Award of East Main Street Improvement Contract

Presenter: Tim Carter, Engineering Administrator

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

“Staff solicited bids for improvements on East Main Street between Church and Liberty Streets. With this project, the alternating diagonal parking and meandering travel lane switchbacks will be eliminated. A consistent (distance from building face to curb) curb line will be established on both sides of East Main. The existing trees which are not healthy will be removed. New larger tree islands will be constructed. Trees will be spaced between the parallel parking spots to improve pedestrian movement. There will be no loss of on street parking associated with this project.

Replacement of the existing pedestrian light fixtures on East Main Street with LED fixtures will be bid separately to complete the project. These projects combined will encourage more pedestrian flow between Denny’s Headquarters and Morgan Square. We expect a significant improvement in appearances. Construction work will be started near the end of May with the intent of completing the project within 6-8 weeks. During the project there will be periodic interruption of parking and traffic flow. Staff will communicate with residents and impacted businesses to minimize disruption and inconvenience.

Staff has distributed information to businesses along East Main Street making them aware of this project.

Bids were received from:

Capitol Construction of the Carolinas, LLC (Spartanburg, SC)	\$ 113,187.50
Sossamon Construction (Gaffney, SC)	\$ 191,660.00

Staff has reviewed the bids received and the qualifications for each of these contractors and determined that Capitol Construction of the Carolinas, LLC is the responsive low bidder. No bids were submitted from MWBE certified contractors.

ACTION REQUESTED: Allow staff to accept the bid from Capitol Construction of the Carolinas, LLC and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Capitol Construction of the Carolinas, LLC for the completion of the project.

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA:

\$113,187.50 Broad Street Tax Increment Financing District Funds”

After discussion, Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the award of contract for East Main Street improvements to Capitol Construction of the Carolinas, LLC, Spartanburg, SC in the amount of \$113,187.50. Mayor pro tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

D. Budget Process – Initial Briefing

Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager

Mr. Memmott outlined the schedule for the FY16 budget process as follows: “We will begin the process to develop the budget for next fiscal year. We will make a brief overview presentation outlining some of the major considerations and we will discuss the budget review process and timeline.

Generally, we are not experiencing significant revenue growth. Addressing inflationary pressures inherent in current operation is likely to consume the incremental growth in our main recurring revenues. Absent revenue policy changes, we are unlikely to be able to fund new programmatic endeavors.

In addition to Monday’s meeting, we anticipate budget discussions at the regularly scheduled Council meetings on May 11th and 26th. If discussions indicate additional time is needed, we ask that you hold Monday, June 1 for an additional work session should it prove necessary. We envision first reading and public hearing occurring on June 8th and final reading occurring on June 22nd.

Multiple local agencies who have applied for discretionary grant funding have asked for opportunities to present to City Council. On Monday, we will ask for your direction regarding whether to schedule the necessary time to hear from each such agency.”

Council received the suggested schedule as information.

IX. City Council Updates –

Councilmember Stille shared that she attended the School District 7 State of the District event and was please at the report of an increased graduation rate. She reminded everyone about Spring Fling that would kick off with Music on Main on Thursday and continue through Sunday, May 3. She also mentioned the SRMC Criterium Bike Race that would be on Friday, May 1.

Councilmember Anderson shared that the Hub City Hog Fest was a successful event with lots of people attending and lots of money raised to benefit Mobile Meals.

Councilmember Rice thanked Mr. Jeter and the Highland Neighborhood for their community work.

He shared that he had welcomed the attendees of the Altrusa Club 62nd Annual Event, with members traveling from as far away as New Zealand.

He mentioned that there would be a Tyler Perry play at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium.

Councilmember Scalisi mentioned that she was a member of the CVB Marketing Committee and that at the last meeting she learned that from May through September there would be thousands of baseball and softball players, family members, and others involved with the games visiting the Spartanburg area.

She advised everyone of 70 summer camps scheduled at the Chapman Cultural Center/Arts Partnership, of the new website, and that there would be a Cultural app soon.

She mentioned Voices on the Front Porch at Harvest Park; concerts on Wednesdays in May and June, 4-5:30 p.m. to join people together through the arts.

Mayor pro tem Brown complimented everyone involved in Spring Fling and the success of the event.

She advised everyone of a “Discussion on Public Art and Why It Matters” to be held the following Thursday at the Chapman Cultural Center from 5:30 to 6:30.

She also mentioned the 18th Anniversary Party at RJ Rockers on Thursday.

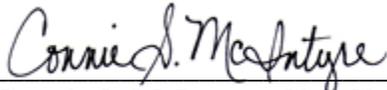
She advised that the Bellville Outfit would be performing at the Spartanburg Auditorium on Saturday.

Councilmember Reeder mentioned that Solomon Williams “The Carolina Rib King” would be at the Spring Fling Festival.

He also asked that staff follow up on the Forest Park concerns.

He mentioned that he would be “locked up” on May 7 as a part of the MDA fundraising event and asked anyone who could to participate.

- X. Adjournment** – *Mayor pro tem Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.*



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk



CITY OF SPARTANBURG PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN APPEARANCE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 4-27-15

NAME: Skilla Reeder

ADDRESS: 128 Lincoln Dr

CONTACT NUMBER: 864-266-2769
(Optional - Provide only if you want to be contacted.)

CITY RESIDENT: BUSINESS YES NO
RESIDENT YES NO

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENT SUBJECT:
Neighborhood - Forest Park
use of C. Woodson facility

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CITY OF SPARTANBURG PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN APPEARANCE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 4-27-15

NAME: Aelen Proctor

ADDRESS: 253 High St.

CONTACT NUMBER: 804 573-9506
(Optional – Provide only if you want to be contacted.)

CITY RESIDENT: BUSINESS YES NO
RESIDENT YES NO

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENT SUBJECT:

Boarding House in Community

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CITY OF SPARTANBURG PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN APPEARANCE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 27 - 2015

NAME: Kelley Stroble

ADDRESS: 252 Daisy St. - Spky., S.C. 29306

CONTACT NUMBER: 864-573-5905
(Optional - Provide only if you want to be contacted.)

CITY RESIDENT: BUSINESS YES NO
RESIDENT YES NO

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENT SUBJECT:

Sunset Park Neighbor (Concern)

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CITY OF SPARTANBURG PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN APPEARANCE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 4/27/15

NAME: Richard E. Stripling

ADDRESS: 237 High St.

CONTACT NUMBER: (864) 585-7856
(Optional – Provide only if you want to be contacted.)

CITY RESIDENT: BUSINESS YES NO
RESIDENT YES NO

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENT SUBJECT:

Halfway House.

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