



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, June 24, 2013**

**(These minutes were approved at the
July 8, 2013, City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following members present: Mayor Junie White, Mayor pro tem Jerome Rice, Councilmembers Linda Dogan, Cate Ryba, W. Sterling Anderson II, Robert Reeder, and Jan Scalisi. 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 Minutes of the June 10, 2013 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Dogan made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
- IV. Approval of Agenda of the June 24, 2013 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Ryba made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Mayor pro tem Rice 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. Special Presentation of Proclamation Declaring “Carolina Day”**
Presenter: Mayor Junie White
Mayor White presented the proclamation to Daniel Morgan Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.
- VII. Resolution**
 - A. Directing the Abandonment of an Unopened Right-of-Way in the City of Spartanburg, Being the Unopened Right-of-Way Located South of the Property at 1029 W. O. Ezell Boulevard**
Presenter: Joshua T. Henderson, Planning Coordinator

Assistant City Manager Chris Story presented the item to City Council as follows: “Staff has received a request from Charles Drummond Cox to abandon an unopened right-of-way located south of his property at 1029 W. O. Ezell Boulevard. Mr. Cox owns the two lots both north and south of the unopened right-of-way, and would like to be deeded the unopened right-of-way which will then become part of his property. A Public Notice concerning this request appeared in the Spartanburg Herald-Journal on June 9, 2013. Letters to all property owners within 400 feet of the proposed property were sent on June 10, 2013.

The City’s engineering, public works, and public safety departments, as well as, Spartanburg Water were contacted to determine the impact of the proposed unopened right-of-way abandonment on services each department provides to the surrounding areas, and they had no objections to the request.

Staff is requesting City Council approval of the requested unopened Right-of-Way Abandonment on the desired portion of 1029 W. O. Ezell Boulevard by Resolution.”

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the resolution as requested.

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

VIII. Ordinances

A. Ordinance to Provide for the Adoption of a City Operating Budget, Its Execution and Effect, for the Fiscal Period July 1, 2013 Through June 30, 2014 (Second Reading)

Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager

James Kennedy, Budget and Accounting Director

Councilmember Ryba made a motion to approve the budget on second reading with the exception of the hospitality tax portion. She recused herself from voting on that portion as the organization she worked for benefited from those grants. Mayor pro Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilmember Ryba left the room.

Councilmember Dogan made a motion to approve the hospitality tax portion of the budget on second reading. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Councilmember Ryba returned to Council Chambers.

B. To Raise Revenues for the City of Spartanburg for the Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014 to Levy Taxes on All Real Estate and Personal Property, Except Such as is Exempted by Law, in the Corporate Limits of the City of Spartanburg for Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal year 2013 – 2014 Based on Estimated Assessment Values and to Provide Penalties for the Delinquent Payment of Taxes Levied and Provided For (Second Reading)

Presenter: James Kennedy, Budget and Accounting Director

Councilmember Dogan made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented on second reading. Councilmember Ryba seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

IX. Other Business

A. Schuyler Building – Special Assessment for Rehabilitated Historic Property

Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager

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

“For several months city staff has been working with the new owner of the 88 unit Schuyler apartment building located at 275 S. Church Street to ensure that the property undergoes a high quality renovation. We believe this project can provide a significant boost to downtown development and provide a new desirable residential option in downtown. At the upcoming Council meeting, the project owner and developer, Pace Burt, will describe the project and his plans for the building.

The project is eligible to be considered for a Special Assessment for Rehabilitated Historic Property as described in state code. After a thorough review of project finances and renovation plans, we believe such special assessment is a necessary and appropriate financial incentive to facilitate this project.

We recommend that City Council vote to authorize the City Manager to take necessary actions to designate the property for a Special Assessment for Rehabilitated Historic Property for a minimum of five years and establish by agreement the conditions that would allow the special assessment to be extended to a total of ten years.”

Mr. Burt came forward and presented his thoughts on the project.

After discussion, Councilmember Reeder made a motion to grant the authorization as requested. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

B. Consideration of Extension of Municipal Judge Employment Contract

Presenter: Mayor Junie White

Mayor White stated that the committee – he, Councilmember Ryba, and Mayor pro tem Rice - had met with Municipal Judge Erika McJimpsey for her annual review. He stated that the consensus was that Judge McJimpsey had done a great job, that she was consistent in handling cases, that she works forty plus hours a week, and that she was always prepared and professional.

Councilmember Dogan made a motion to extend Municipal Judge Erika McJimpsey’s contract for two years and include a \$4,000 raise. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

X. City Council Updates –

Councilmember Ryba shared that she was excited with all that was happening in downtown with over 15 new businesses opened or opening in the next year.

Councilmember Reeder expressed excitement regarding the Schuyler Building project. He shared that on June 8 the City Express Lane Track Team, coached by Mayor pro tem Rice’s wife, Shea, came in second at the Brian Wofford Invitational.

Councilmember Rice mentioned the 29th Cammie Claggett Summer Celebration in Highlands on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. He shared that the event was co-sponsored by Mt. Moriah and Macedonia churches.

Mayor White welcomed Pace Burt to the City, and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

XI. Adjournment -

Councilmember Ryba made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Dogan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0 and the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Connie S. McIntyre". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk