



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, August 10, 2015
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at the
August 24, 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 July 27, 2015 City Council Meeting –
Councilmember Stille 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 August 10, 2015 City Council Meeting –
Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

V. Public Comment - one
*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk **Chris Mathis, 546 Norwood Street, Spartanburg**, came forward to express his concerns regarding the denigration of the dog park on Union Street.

VI. Special Presentation
Presenter: Mayor Junie White
Mayor White presented a surprise proclamation to State Representative Harold Mitchell, recognizing the many things he has done for the Spartanburg community, and particularly for his receipt of the American Planning Association's 2015 National Planning Excellence Award for Advancing Diversity and Social Change. This award honors a project, group, or individual for promoting diversity or demonstrating a sustained social commitment to advocacy within the planning field.

VII. Proclamation for National Health Center Week

Presenter: Mayor Junie White

Mayor White presented the proclamation to Isaac Dickson, Director of Community Services at ReGenesis Health Care.

VIII. Way to Wellville Update

Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Story updated Council on the many activities of Way to Wellville.

IX. Resolution

A. Budgeting FY16 Community Development Block Grant Public Services Funds

Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Community Services Director

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

“For FY16, a total of \$90,000 is available in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for public services, Fair Housing, and Section 3/MWBE activities. From this total of \$90,000, in its annual budgeting process, Council set aside \$70,000 for public service provider requests with the understanding that staff would conduct a thorough review of all requests and then present Council with a specific funding plan for FY16. Staff understands that Council may want to implement a different evaluation process in the future. For FY16, staff has conducted an extensive review of all of the public service funding requests. City employees Lisa Gosnell, Joyce Lipscomb, Cathy Brown, and Carmen Mays reviewed each application and then met with a representative of each applicant.

The attached report provides staff’s recommendations. A total of \$65,000 is recommended to various service providers.

Staff notes that CDBG regulations strongly encourage grantees to fund Fair Housing and Section 3/MWBE activities from its annual grant. To meet these requirements and to meet what staff believes to be a critical need (financial literacy), staff is also recommending \$7,500 in financial literacy training which would be provided by CommunityWorks. \$7,500 is recommended for the City’s Section 3/MWBE activities, and \$5,000 is recommended for the City’s Fair Housing activities.

\$5,000 is recommended for administrative costs associated with the public service programs.

If approved by Council, staff will develop a grant agreement with each grant recipient that specifies approved activities. Staff will also conduct periodic monitoring of each recipient during the funding year to verify compliance grant conditions.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of a Resolution making a specific appropriation of \$90,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for FY16 public services.”

BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA: \$90,000 in FY16 CDBG funding

Bethlehem Center	\$10,500
Big Brothers, Big Sisters	\$5,000
COLORS	\$8,000
Spartanburg Housing Authority	\$10,000
SC Legal Services	\$4,500
Safe Homes/Rape Crisis	\$7,000
MBF/Way To Wellville	\$20,000
Community Works/Financial Literacy	\$7,500
Section 3/MWBE Activities	\$7,500
Fair Housing Activities	\$5,000
Administration Costs	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$90,000

After discussion, Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mayor pro tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

X. Ordinances

A. Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Deed to Upstate Housing Partnership Conveying Property Located at 191 Sunny Street, Block Map Sheet 7-16-10, Parcels 182.00 and 183.00 (First Reading)

Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Director of Community Services

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

“In June of 2013, the City of Spartanburg purchased 191 Sunny Street, Block Map Sheet 7-16-10, parcels 182 and 183 at a deficiency judgment sale. The purchase price was \$2,536. Parcel 182 has a house on it that is currently condemned. Staff would like to demolish this property utilizing funds from the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP). Under NIP rules, the property must be owned by a S.C. State Housing Finance and Development Authority approved non-profit. Staff is recommending that the property be sold to Upstate Housing Partnership (UHP) as an approved NIP non-profit. UHP owns 3 additional structures on Sunny Street that it plans to demolish using NIP funds.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of an Ordinance conveying the property at 191 Sunny Street, Block Map Sheet 7-16-10, parcels 182 and 183 to Upstate Housing Partnership for the purchase price of \$2,536

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA: CDBG program income in the amount of \$2,536.”

After discussion, Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented on first reading. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

B. Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Historic Property Redevelopment Agreement with Vivian B. Fisher for the Sale of 620 South Irwin Avenue (TMS 7-16-06-008.00) (First Reading)

Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Community Services Director

Mr. Kennedy asked that this item be delayed to another meeting due to information received prior to the meeting.

Mayor White made a motion to delay the item to a later meeting. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

XI. Other Business

A. Award of Architectural Services for T.K. Gregg Community Center

Presenter: David Cook, Construction Project Manager

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

“Staff received conducted a public solicitation for qualification statements for design services for the TK Gregg Community Center. Qualification statements were received from:

LS3P Associates LTD, Greenville, SC
Convergence by Architects, Seneca, SC
Craig, Gaulden & Davis, Greenville, SC

Stewart-Cooper-Newell, Gastonia, NC
DP3 Architects LTD, Greenville, SC
McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture

A project selection committee comprised of Mitch Kennedy, Curt McPhail, Myles Wilson, Phoenix Miller, and Molly Talbot-Metz was formed. This selection committee reviewed all qualifications and then selected McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture, DP3 Architects LTD, and LS3P Associates LTD for presentations. After the presentations, the selection committee determined that McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture was the most qualified firm for this project.

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorization for the City Manager to negotiate with McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture for architectural services for the TK Gregg Community Center. If unable to reach a contract price with McMillian Pazdan Smith Architecture that is acceptable with the City, the City Manager will advise Council that he has reached an impasse and will request permission to negotiate a contract with the second highest rated firm.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA: Exact cost will be determined in negotiations with McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture and will be funded with TK Gregg Project Funds.

After discussion, Councilmember Stille made a motion to award the contract for Architectural Services for T.K. Gregg Community Center as requested.

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

B. Bus Purchase

Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director

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

“We have a bus that will be fully depreciated in August of 2016. Currently the production time to replace a bus is approximately one year. We included in our FY14 FTA grant application SC-90-X283-00 the replacement of this rolling stock. This grant will reimburse 85% of the total cost of the budget amount.

We are recommending that we replace the bus with heavy duty model with long lifespans. Large buses have advantages associated with safety, route efficiency, and rider convenience and comfort.

ACTION REQUESTED: Staff requests approval to purchase one 35-foot heavy duty diesel buses from Gillic, LLC.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA: The bid price for this bus is \$400,597.”

After discussion, Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the bus purchase as requested. Councilmember Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

C. Solarize Spartanburg

Presenter: Will Rothschild, Communications Manager

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

“The City of Spartanburg has been a leader in sustainability efforts in South Carolina, including launching the state’s first single-stream curbside residential recycling program, being honored as the Plug-In City of the Year for its commitment to providing free plug-in stations for electric vehicles, has added hybrid and compressed natural gas-powered vehicles to its fleet, and was recognized as the first Bicycle-Friendly Community in the state. We seek to continue that work in part through occasional briefings on related items of interest.

The SC General Assembly this year approved new rules and tax incentives governing the installation and usage of residential solar power systems. The new rules position South Carolina to experience robust growth in residential solar energy production. The potential associated cost savings for people who install residential solar systems is significant, though it is premature to make predictions about cost-savings or the “average homeowner.”

Upstate Forever, a regional conservation organization with offices in Downtown Spartanburg, and Smart Power, a national not-for-profit, have teamed up to help promote the changes and new opportunities in this sector, and have offered the City the opportunity to partner with them in these efforts. As an added bonus, the City has an opportunity to receive a free 5 kw solar system to be installed on any community building of our choice for every 60 local residents who install a residential solar system during the campaign’s duration.

We consider this Council briefing to be a first step in helping area residents understand this opportunity.”

Council received the report as information.

D. Boards and Commissions – Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals, Housing Authority

Presenter: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk

Councilmember Reeder made a motion to waive the rules and reappoint Ronald Poole, and to appoint Ed Waddell to the Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Mayor White appointed a committee to interview the remaining applicants for the Housing Authority to come back to Council with a recommendation to fill the vacancy on that board. He appointed Councilmember Stille, Mayor pro tem Brown, and Councilmember Rice. He asked Councilmember Stille to serve as chairman of the committee.

XII. City Council Updates

Councilmember Anderson shared that he had attended the SPATS meeting earlier in the day and that there were several short term and long term road projects in the works that would Spartanburg better. He mentioned that the Texas Roadhouse would be opening soon, with sidewalks.

Councilmember Scalisi shared that she was very impressed with the diversity of subjects on the agenda that reflected great things happening in the city. She complimented everyone involved with National Night Out and thanked Officer Hardy for taking her to all the locations. She reminded everyone of the Downtown Association event celebrating the “reopening” of East Main Street.

Councilmember Stille shared that she and her family rode their bicycles to the Downtown Association event and enjoyed all the activities.

Councilmember Rice shared that the Panther Party was an outstanding event and commended everyone who planned or participated. He thanked Mr. Jeter for his work on the National Night Out event. He reminded everyone of the Stewart Park Building Dedication to be named the Rev. James D. Thornton Activity Center.

He thanked Representative Harold Mitchell for his work to better the Spartanburg Community.

Mayor pro tem Brown congratulated Representative Mitchell for his award and accomplishments. She mentioned “Movies in the Park” at Barnet Park. She wished the best of luck to all the students starting school the following week. She reminded everyone of the Back to School Event to be held at CC Woodson on August 14.

Councilmember Reeder also expressed congratulations to Representative Mitchell. He thanked all the citizens who participated in the National Night Out event. He shared that the ReGenesis Back to School Health Screening was a success.

Mayor White thanked Representative Mitchell for his work in the Spartanburg community and congratulated him on the planning honor he received.

XIII. 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