



CITY OF SPARTANBURG

SOUTH CAROLINA

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, September 28, 2015
5:30 p.m.

- I. **Moment of Silence**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Approval of the Minutes of the September 14, 2015 City Council Meeting**
- IV. **Approval of Agenda of the September 28, 2015 City Council Meeting**
- V. **Public Comment**
*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk
- VI. **Special Presentation**
Presenter: Mayor Junie White
- VII. **Spartanburg Convention and Visitors Bureau Update**
Presenter: Chris Jennings, Executive Director
- VIII. **Presentation from Sister Cities International of Greater Spartanburg**
Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager
- IX. **Public Hearing**
 - A. **Resolution In Support of the Issuance by the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its Economic Development Revenue Bond (Wofford College Project), Pursuant to the Provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$45,000,000**
Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager

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X. Consent Agenda

- A. Ordinance to Amend the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina Zoning Ordinance, by Amending Section 206, Changes to District Boundaries, Specifically Parcel #7-12-09-257.00 Located on 174 West Saint John Street at the Corner of N. Thompson Street and Stevens Street; Parcel #7-12-09-257.01 Located on 459 Stevens Street; and Parcel #7-12-13-065.00 Located on "0" Saint John Street, which are Currently Zoned R-6, with a Land Use Designation of General Residential District to Zone LOD, with a Land Use Designation of Limited Office District in Order to Utilize the Best Use of the Properties. John M. Holmes, Pit Bull Investments, LLC, Agent and Property Owner on Behalf of Pit Bull Investments, LLC, City of Spartanburg, and Cornerstone Baptist Church, Property Owners (Second Reading)
Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager**

XI. City Council Updates

XII. Adjournment

** City Code Sec. 2-57. Citizen Appearance. Any citizen of the City of Spartanburg may speak at a regular meeting on any matter pertaining to City Services and operations germane to items within the purview and authority of City Council, except personnel matters, by signing a Citizen's Appearance form prior to the meeting stating the subject and purpose for speaking. No item considered by Council within the past twelve (12) months may be added as an agenda item other than by decision of City Council. The forms may be obtained from the Clerk and maintained by the same. Each person who gives notice may speak at the designated time and will be limited to a two (2) minute presentation.*



**City Council Meeting
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Monday, September 14, 2015
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes are subject to approval at the
September 28, 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 – Led by Robert “Mr. Scout Executive” Justice –**
Mayor White presented Mr. Justice with a surprise proclamation recognizing his many years of hard work and tireless dedication to the Spartanburg community.
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the August 24, 15 City Council Meeting –**
*Councilmember Rice 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 September 14, 2015 City Council Meeting –**
*Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Councilmember Scalisi 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*
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Properties. John M. Holmes, Pit Bull Investments, LLC, Agent and Property Owner on Behalf of Pit Bull Investments, LLC, City of Spartanburg, and Cornerstone Baptist Church, Property Owners (First Reading)

Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager

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

“On August 20, 2015, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and reviewed a combined rezoning request submitted by John M. Holmes, Pit Bull Investments, LLC, on behalf of Pit Bull Investments, LLC, Owner of 174 West Saint John Street, the City of Spartanburg, Owner of 459 Stevens Street, and Cornerstone Baptist Church, Owner of “0” Saint John Street, to rezone parcels 7-12-09-257.00 and 257.01, as well as 7-12-13-065.00 from Zone R-6/General Residential District to LOD/Limited Office District, with the intent of either subsequently combining the parcels or encouraging compatible redevelopment.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposal on August 20, 2015. After consideration of the staff report, public comments, and the criteria set forth in the City of Spartanburg Zoning Ordinance and 2004 City Comprehensive Plan, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the request to City Council for the rezoning of the parcels from R-6 to LOD.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: The request was endorsed by the Planning Commission on August 20, 2015 by a vote of 4 to 1.”

Mayor White opened the Public Hearing asking if there was anyone to speak in favor of the rezoning. No one came forward.

Mayor White asked if there was anyone to speak against the rezoning.

Hearing none, Councilmember Reeder made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Councilmember Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the rezoning ordinance as requested on first reading. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

VII. Other Business

A. Farley Avenue Culvert Replacement

Presenter: Jay Squires, Streets & Storm Water Manager

Mr. Squires presented the item to Council as follows:

“Staff received bids for the replacement of a culvert on Farley Avenue. This project consists of removal and replacement of a culvert from under Farley Avenue between South Center Street and Hugh Street.

The following bids were submitted:

North American Pipeline Management, Inc. (Columbia, S.C.)	\$ 95,748
Saluda Construction, Inc. (Greenville, S.C.)	\$128,615
Construction Resources Group (Union, S.C.)	\$137,593

Staff has reviewed the bids and the qualifications for each of these contractors. Based on that review, staff has determined that, North American Pipeline Management, Inc. is the responsive low bidder. No bids were submitted from MWBE certified contractors. It is anticipated that it will take 30 days (depending on weather) to complete this project. Staff will give neighborhood residents advance notice using door hangers and mailers. A portion of Farley Avenue will be closed during construction for safety reasons. A detour route will be in place for convenience while the segment of road is closed.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Allow staff to accept the bid from North American Pipeline Management, Inc. and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with North American Pipeline Management, Inc. for the completion of the project.”

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA:

\$ 95,748 from the Storm Water Utility fund will be used to complete the project. *After discussion, Councilmember Stille made a motion to approve the award of contract to North American Pipeline Management, Inc. (Columbia, SC) in the amount of \$95,748. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

B. Maryland Avenue Culvert Replacement

Presenter: Jay Squires, Streets & Storm Water Manager

Mr. Squires presented the item to Council as follows:

“Staff received bids for the replacement of a culvert on Maryland Avenue. This project consists of removal and replacement of a 42” culvert from under Maryland Avenue near the intersection with Mimosa Street.

The following bids were submitted:

North American Pipeline Management, Inc. (Columbia, S.C.)	\$ 99,466
Saluda Construction, Inc. (Greenville, S.C.)	\$136,315

Staff has reviewed the bids and the qualifications for each of these contractors. Based on that review, staff has determined that, North American Pipeline Management, Inc. is the responsive low bidder. No bids were submitted from MWBE certified contractors. It is anticipated that it will take 30 days (depending on weather) to complete this project. Staff will give neighborhood residents advance notice using door hangers and mailers. A portion of Maryland Avenue will be closed during construction for safety reasons. A detour route will be in place for convenience while the segment of road is closed.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Allow staff to accept the bid from North American Pipeline Management, Inc. and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with, North American Pipeline Management, Inc. for the completion of the project.

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA:

\$ 99,466 from the Storm Water Utility fund will be used to complete the project.”
After discussion, Councilmember Scalisi made a motion to approve the award of contract to North American Pipeline Management, Inc. (Columbia, SC) in the amount of \$99,466. Mayor pro tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

C. East Main Street Pedestrian Lighting Improvements

Presenter: Tim Carter, Engineering Administrator

Mr. Carter presented the item to Council as follows:

“This project will replace the existing high pressure sodium lights with LED fixtures. The LED fixtures will emit a “white” light as compared to the yellow light cast by current fixtures, reduce electrical consumption, and reduce maintenance expenses. This project will include installation of LED fixtures on East Main Street between Church and Converse Streets. Staff anticipates the completion of this project in early November.

Link Electric Inc. (Spartanburg, SC)	\$ 74,906.00
J. Frank Blakely Co. (Spartanburg, SC)	\$ 86,400.00
Sossamon Construction (Gaffney, SC)	\$ 123,100.00

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

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

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA: \$ 97,700 from Broad Street Tax Increment Funds”

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve acceptance of the bid from Link Electric Inc. as presented. Councilmember Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

D. Boards and Commissions –Minority Women Business Enterprise Committee

Presenter: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk

Ms. McIntyre presented Judy Sieg for Council’s consideration of appointment to the MWBE committee.

Councilmember Reeder made a motion to waive the rules and appoint Ms. Sieg to the MWBE committee. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Mayor White took a moment to recognize members of the Delta Sorority who were attending the meeting.

VIII. City Council Updates

Councilmember Scalisi mentioned several things happening in downtown Spartanburg – the opening of the Tap Room on St. John St., Miyako’s new move and addition of rooftop dining, the Sept. 24 groundbreaking for the Hub City Food Co-op, and the opening of Harper Corporation’s new offices on Main Street.

She mentioned that everyone should go see “Mary Poppins” at the Spartanburg Little Theatre in Chapman Cultural Center.

Councilmember Rice added that Jazz on the Square was going well, and that he was pleased with all that was happening in downtown.

Mayor pro tem Brown mentioned Jazz on the Square every Friday from 5:30 to 8:00. She shared that the Greek Festival would be held September 24-27 at the Greek church on Asheville Highway. She reminded everyone that The Tap Room would have a soft opening from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. the next day with the grand opening on Friday.

Councilmember Anderson mentioned he was working with SPATS and others to get sidewalks on sections of Hwy. 29. He shared that the Texas Roadhouse was open and doing very well.

Councilmember Reeder shared that he was glad to see the city growing due to the planning of the past. He proudly stated that his family would be welcoming another grandbaby on Friday.

Mayor White mentioned how beautiful downtown looked and thanked everyone who was involved in making that happen.

IX. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-40-70 (a) (2) of the South Carolina Code to Receive Legal Advice Relating to the Oakview Condominiums Condemnation

Councilmember Stille made a motion to adjourn to Executive for the reason stated.

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

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

Council reconvened at 6:44 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 Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk



MEMORANDUM

TO: Ed Memmott, City Manager
FROM: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager
SUBJECT: Presentation from Sister Cities International of Greater Spartanburg
DATE: September 24, 2015

A group of local business and civic leaders has formed a local chapter of Sister Cities International with the intent of establishing a sister cities relationship between Spartanburg and Landshut, Germany. At the upcoming Council meeting, they will present the program and their plans. In addition to answering any questions you may have, they will seek endorsement of a Memorandum of Understanding expressing intent to support the effort. Related materials are attached.

Sister Cities International of Greater Spartanburg



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www.spartanburgsistercities.org

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What is Sister Cities International?

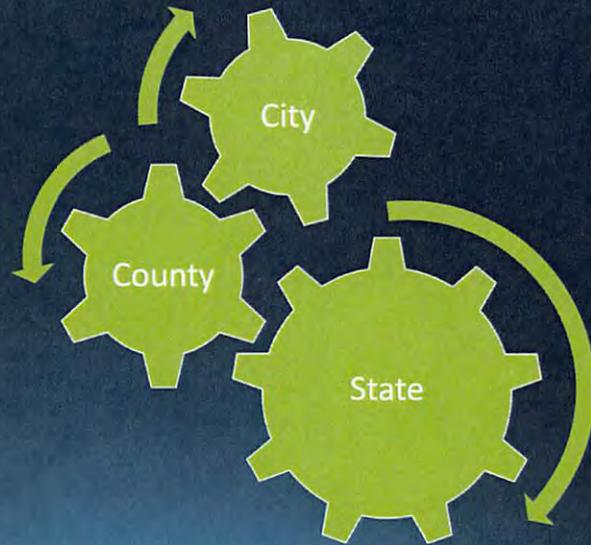
- Founded in 1956
- Nonprofit
- Citizen diplomacy network
- Partnerships between communities
- Builds global cooperation
- Promotes cultural understanding
- Stimulate economic development



Founded in 1956, Sister Cities International is a nonprofit citizen diplomacy network that creates and strengthens partnerships between U.S. and international communities. We strive to build global cooperation at the municipal level, promote cultural understanding and stimulate economic development.

What is a Sister City?

A sister city, county or state relationship is a broad-based, officially approved, long-term partnership between two communities, counties or states in two countries.



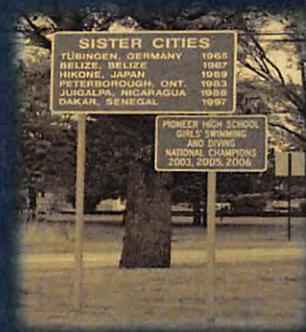
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Sister city partnerships have the potential to carry out the widest possible diversity of activities of any international program, including every type of municipal, business, professional, educational and cultural exchange or project.

Why Sister Cities?

- Cultural exchanges
- Youth and Education
- Economic Business & Trade
- Community Development

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Cultural exchanges provide the foundation for the majority of sister city relationships, bridging differences between nations through city-to-city partnerships and educating on a local level. These exchanges take many different forms, from elementary school pen pal project to tours by internationally-renowned artists. Musical performances, art exhibits, construction of peace parks or tea gardens, international cultural festivals, and teacher exchanges are popular throughout the sister city network.



More than
1,200
International firms
have facilities in
South Carolina



155 International firms
have facilities in
Spartanburg County
50 of those are
German

South Carolina

SPARTANBURG

Clover

- Larne, United Kingdom

Columbia

- Accra, Ghana
- Chelyabinsk, Russia
- Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- Kaiserslautern, Germany
- Plovdiv, Bulgaria
- Yibin City, China

Anderson

- Carrickfergus, United Kingdom
- Western Isles, Scotland

Greenville

- Bergamo, Italy
- Kortrijk, Belgium
- Tianjin City, China

Newberry

- Hamm/Sieg, Germany

Myrtle Beach

- Burlington, Canada
- Keighley, United Kingdom
- Killarney, Ireland
- Pinamar, Argentina

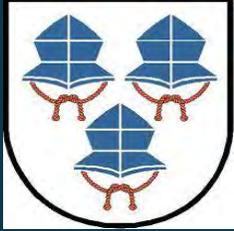
Charleston

- Spoleto, Italy



Sister Cities International of Greater Spartanburg (SCIGS)

- Sister Cities International of Greater Spartanburg (SCIGS) is currently an association of interested parties from education, business, government and the general community
- Initial funding from Spartanburg Convention and Visitors Bureau and grant from Chapman Cultural Center
- Long term funding to be derived from membership base and sponsorships, with additional support from governmental agencies and grants



Landshut, Germany

Administrative capital of Lower Bavaria

pop. 64,258

University of Applied Sciences Landshut

Spartanburg, SC

Administrative seat of Spartanburg County

pop. 37,647

University of South Carolina - USC Upstate



Connect Globally - Thrive Locally



- Academic Exchange Agreement with University of Landshut
- Dual degree program in Business Administration and Computer Sciences.
- 16 students from Landshut studying in Spartanburg 2015 - 2016
- 9 students from Spartanburg studying in Landshut 2015 - 2016



- Global Headquarters – Vilsbiburg in district of Landshut Germany
- North American Headquarters – Duncan, SC



- Largest production facility in Dingolfing in district of Landshut Germany
- President of Spartanburg Facility from Landshut and lives in Spartanburg County
- Spartanburg facility to surpass Dingolfing as largest

Sister Cities International of Greater Spartanburg

We need your support!

Thank You



Connect Globally. Thrive Locally.

Sister Cities International of Greater Spartanburg (SCIGS)

- SCIGS is currently an association of interested parties from education, business, government and the general community
- Our initiative was formalized in 2013 with the formation of our Steering Committee Board of Directors:

Beate Pirchmoser – Chair	Bi-Lingual Services
Joy Owens – Secretary	
Deryle Hope – Treasurer	USC Upstate; International Studies
Bill Joslin	Architect; McMillan Pazdan Smith
Dirk Schlingmann	USC Upstate; Dean College of Arts & Science
Angelika Erlacher	
Vincenc Pearson	Attorney; Draexelmaier Automotive; Chair GACC SC Chapter
Jane Warner	City of Spartanburg
Jim Hipp	Deputy Administrator – Spartanburg County
Rick Danner	Greer State Bank; Mayor – City of Greer
Delisa Dawkins	
Rebecca West	Deputy General Manager - SWS

- Have advisory council

Craig Lundgren, CPA – President Greenville Sister Cities

Jane Cahaley, SC State Coordinator for Sister Cities International

Fred Monk, ECI Find New Markets – Columbia & Managing Director of Columbia World Affairs Council

What is Sister Cities International? (SCI)

- SCI was founded as a platform for peace under the Eisenhower Administration following WW II.
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Our SCI plan and goals:

Begin with initial City to City agreement - Formalize partnership with Landshut Germany to:

- Foster and promote business relationships and economic development
- Promote exchange of students and academics
- Enhance cultural understanding between the two cities through exchange programs and collaboration

Our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is enclosed. This document is the declaration of the City of Spartanburg to formalize her intentions to establish a Sister City relationship with the City of Landshut, Germany.

The board of directors of SCIGS formally solicits the support of the City of Spartanburg and the endorsement of the administration by way of signature of the MOU by the Honorable Junie White, Mayor of Spartanburg.

Develop SCIGS to umbrella Spartanburg County

Use SCIGS for communication and PR initiatives to support and market our community

What we need to:

- Establish buy-in and support; grow our membership
- Establish 501 -3c

Steps to achieve 501 (c) (3) status for SCIGS:

1. Adjust the by-laws to include statements required for filing Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of South Carolina
2. File the form
3. Apply for 501 (c) (3) status with the IRS
4. After receiving a favorable response from the IRS, file for South Carolina Income Tax Exemption
5. Apply for South Carolina Sales and Use Tax Exemption
6. Register with the South Carolina Secretary of State (if we intend to solicit funds) in South Carolina.

We hope to have achieved steps 1 – 4 by the end of the year.

How we plan to do it:

- Membership structure and board dues

Individual, corporate, municipal memberships

Our Membership Dues Structure is included for reference

SCIGS has funded our \$990 annual 2015-2016 membership as well as our 2017 membership through a SAP Grant, SCIGS Board member memberships and the generous support of BMW manufacturing respectively

- City of Spartanburg Support
- County of Spartanburg support
- City of Greer support
(The City of Greer has provided \$250 for 2015-16 per the membership dues structure.)
- In kind expense

Supporting Information and Statistics:

SCIGS has a lot of ideas to organize activities with sub-committees to foster the initiative through:

Cultural exchanges -

SCIGS is currently in discussions with the Spartanburg Arts Partnership and Chapman Cultural Center for support and organization of programs and events. In addition, SCIGS will benefit from the synergy and support of the German American Club of the Carolinas (GAC) and the German American Chamber of Commerce (GACC) in the organization of events for cultural exchange.

Youth and Education -

SCIGS intends to raise awareness of our youth regarding influence of manufacturing and foreign investment in Spartanburg County through involvement in the K-12 educational programs and seminars.

USC Upstate / Hochschule Landshut:

The dual degree program allows students from both universities (USC Upstate and Hochschule Landshut) to obtain 2 degrees: one from USC Upstate and one from the German university. The dual degree program is both in Business Administration and in Computer Science/Informatics. US students have the opportunity to intern for one semester in a major int'l company in Germany such as BMW, Draexlmaier, Amazon. Each of these companies has an Upstate counterpart.

In the dual degree program, there have been 11 German students enrolled in the program at USC Upstate during the 2014-2015 academic year. Starting this fall and for the 2015-16 academic year there

will be 14 German students enrolled in the program. We also have 2 additional exchange students from Landshut, for a total of 16. The first cohort of German students arrived in 2012-13.

The number of USC Upstate students who studied abroad last year (2014-15) in the dual degree program in Landshut was 10. We have 9 who will be studying there during the 2015-16 academic year. The first cohort of US students went to Landshut in 2013-14.

Economic Business & Trade –

SCIGS has the support of the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce and Economic Futures Group. We are in discussions with the Chamber to determine potential SCIGS involvement in the revitalization of the International Center of the Chamber as well as the Cultural Diversity initiative.

- Global business is accomplished on relationships
- Among all 366 metropolitan areas: Spartanburg ranks 3rd for share of jobs in Foreign Owned Enterprises (FOEs), at 18.0 percent (behind Columbus, IN and Kokomo, IN)
- “BMW changed South Carolina; we became an international community, county and state because of them.....” – David Britt
- More than 1,200 international firms have facilities in South Carolina, and this number continues to grow. Foreign-affiliated companies (majority-owned) employ more than 104,300 South Carolinians - seven percent of the state's private industry employment.
- There are a total of 115 international companies in Spartanburg, and 50 of those are German.

Community Development -

SCIGS intends to engage in the Vision Spartanburg initiative of the Chamber of Commerce. Preliminary discussions have been held with Todd Horn and Allen Smith with respect to this.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
REGARDING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF SPARTANBURG, USA TO
ESTABLISH A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF LANDSHUT,
GERMANY**

Wanting to enhance the already deep understanding and friendship between their citizens, and to further consolidate and develop the existing bonds of cooperation between both cities in the areas of commerce, education and the arts, the City of Spartanburg wishes to establish a Sister City relationship with Landshut.

In the framework of the intended Sister City relationship, the two cities already carry out exchanges and cooperation in the fields of:

- Economy, business and trade;
- Education and research; and
- Culture and tourism.

Specifically, Spartanburg wishes to expand these connections and deepen their mutual understanding with regards to the following areas:

1. To foster and promote the existing business relationships, and in collaboration with the economic development department of the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce, establish new economic ties for the mutual benefit of both cities.
2. To further promote the exchange of students and academics between the various area schools and universities.
3. To enhance the already deep cultural understanding between the cities by working to establish a vibrant dialogue and connection between the artistic communities through exchange programs and collaborative projects.

The City of Spartanburg wishes to start a regular dialogue and contact with Landshut, and in coordination with Sister Cities International of Greater Spartanburg (hereinafter called "SCIGS"), shall endeavor to realize the goals stated above.

The City of Spartanburg does hereby agree and declare its intention to work steadfastly towards the goal of formalizing a Sister City relationship with the City of Landshut.

This document goes into effect on the date of the signature below:

Spartanburg, XX, 2015

Sister Cities International of Greater Spartanburg

___ Membership Application ___ Membership Renewal

Name(s) _____
(as you would like on your address label and directory listing – Mr. & Mrs./John and Sue/Dr. etc.)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone Home _____ Mobile _____

For Corporate & Municipal Memberships – Name of primary contact regarding Sister Cities information: _____

Select Your Membership Level (Check One)	Individual Memberships				Corporate Memberships				Municipal Memberships		
	\$10	\$30	\$50	\$100	\$250	\$500	\$750	\$1000	\$100	\$250	\$500
Membership Benefit	Student	Individual	Family	Patron	Basic	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Friend	Supporting	Host
Quarterly Newsletter	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
“News Flash” Emails	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Ability to participate in travel programs	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Notice of International Events of Interest	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Visiting dignitary receptions	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Ability to homestay International Guests	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
VIP seating at events				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Complimentary annual meeting ticket					1	2	2	2		1	2
Logo displayed on website							•	•			
Recognition at major events						•	•	•			•
Various program sponsorships							•	•			

For Family Memberships:

(Please print names, including titles, as you would like them to appear on name tags, etc.)

For children/students, please include grade

Areas of interest

- ___ Culture/Arts ___ Primary/Secondary Education ___ Economic Development
- ___ Government Relations ___ Higher Education ___ Membership Development
- ___ Social Issues ___ Industry ___ Exchange programs

Please mail this form with your check made payable to SCIGS to:

Sister Cities International of Greater Spartanburg
 Attention: Membership
 P.O. Box 7221
 Spartanburg, SC 29304

Thank you for your support!



REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

FROM: Ed Memmott, City Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution of Support – SCJEDA Bond Financing (Wofford College)

DATE: September 24, 2015

BACKGROUND:

Wofford College intends to utilize bond financing through the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority (SCJEDA) for the financing of various capital projects. In order to facilitate this financing, City Council is being asked to conduct a public hearing on this matter and then consider a Resolution in support of the bond issue. The City Attorney and bond counsel for the City have reviewed the Resolution and determined that the City will have no obligation for repayment of these bonds.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff is requesting that City Council conduct a public hearing and then approve the Resolution in support of the bond issue.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA:

No financial obligation for the City.

RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE ISSUANCE BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA JOBS-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND (WOFFORD COLLEGE PROJECT), PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 41, CHAPTER 43, OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$45,000,000.

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority (the “*Issuer*”) is authorized and empowered under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 43, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the “*Act*”), to utilize any of its program funds to establish loan programs for the purpose of reducing the cost of capital to business enterprises which meet the eligibility requirements of Section 41-43-150 of the Act and for other purposes described in Section 41-43-160 of the Act and thus provide maximum opportunities for the creation and retention of jobs and improvement of the standard of living of the citizens of the State of South Carolina (the “*State*”); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer is further authorized by Section 41-43-110 of the Act to issue revenue bonds, payable by the Issuer solely from a revenue producing source and secured by a pledge of said revenues, to defray the cost of a business enterprise as defined in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer and Wofford College, a South Carolina nonprofit corporation and an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “*Borrower*”), entered into an Inducement Agreement dated May 21, 2015 (the “*Inducement Agreement*”), pursuant to which and in order to implement the public purposes enumerated in the Act, and in furtherance thereof to comply with the undertakings of the Issuer pursuant to the Inducement Agreement, the Issuer proposes, subject to such approval of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority and the City Council of the City of Spartanburg as may be required by law, to issue not exceeding \$45,000,000 principal amount of its Economic Development Revenue Bond (Wofford College Project) (the “*Bond*”), under and pursuant to Section 41-43-110 of the Act by way of a loan to (a) defray all or a portion of the cost of constructing, equipping and furnishing the Rosalind S. Richardson Center for the Arts, consisting of an approximately 65,000 square foot facility which will house the Borrower’s theatre and visual arts programs and include a 300 seat performance hall along with a museum and a student gallery; (b) defray all or a portion of the costs of constructing, equipping and furnishing the Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium, a new athletic facility, consisting of an approximately 123,000 square foot facility to include a 3,400 seat basketball arena and 500 seat volleyball competition venue, which will also accommodate Borrower and community events, including but not limited to the acquisition and installation of certain furniture, fixtures and equipment (the “*Project*”); and (c) paying certain costs of issuance of the Bonds (items (a)-(c) are herein referred to as the “*Undertaking*”); and

WHEREAS, all facilities financed with the proceeds of the Bond will be owned and operated by the Borrower, all of which provide or will continue to provide services, employment, recreation, or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower is projecting that the assistance of the Issuer by the issuance of the Bond will result in the creation or maintenance of employment for those engaged in construction of the facilities, by maintaining existing employment for approximately 459 people and by creating additional employment for approximately eight people within twelve months after completion of the Project, and by providing additional employment for those engaged in construction of the Project, with a resulting alleviation of unemployment and a substantial increase in payrolls and other public benefits incident to the conduct of

such businesses not otherwise provided locally, and the number of jobs resulting from the assistance authorized herein bears a reasonable relationship to the principal amount of the Bond;

WHEREAS, the City Council (the “*City Council*”) of the City of Spartanburg (the “*City*”) and the Issuer have on this date jointly held a public hearing, duly noticed by publication on September 9, 2015, in the *Spartanburg Herald-Journal*, a newspaper having general circulation in the City, which was not less than 15 days prior to the date hereof, at which all interested persons have been given a reasonable opportunity to express their views;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City, as follows:

SECTION 1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the Project is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of the City by providing or continuing to provide services, employment, recreation, or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally.

SECTION 2. The Undertaking will not give rise to any pecuniary liability of the City or a charge against its general credit or taxing power.

SECTION 3. The amount of bonds required for the Undertaking is set forth above.

SECTION 4. Based on information provided by the Borrower, the documents to be delivered by the Borrower and the Issuer with respect to the Bond will provide among other things, (i) for the amount necessary in each year to pay the principal of and interest on the Bond, (ii) whether reserve funds of any nature will be established with respect to the retirement of the Bond and the maintenance of the Undertaking (and, if any such reserve funds are to be established, the amount necessary to be paid each year into such funds), and (iii) that the Borrower shall maintain the Project and carry all proper insurance with respect thereto.

SECTION 5. The City Council supports the Issuer in its determination to issue the Bond to defray the costs related to the Undertaking.

SECTION 6. All orders and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed, and this resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption.

Adopted this 28th day of September, 2015.

**CITY OF SPARTANBURG,
SOUTH CAROLINA**

(SEAL)

By: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk