



**Regular City Council Meeting  
Following Workshop  
City Council Chambers  
145 West Broad Street  
Monday, February 27, 2012**

**(These minutes were approved at the April 9, 2012 City Council meeting.)**

**City Council met this date with the following members present: Mayor Junie White, Councilmembers Linda Dogan, Jan Scalisi, W. Sterling Anderson II, Robert Reeder, and Jerome Rice. Mayor pro tem Cate Ryba was out of the country. 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.**

- I. Moment of Silence – observed. Mayor White stated that Mayor pro tem Ryba was absent due to a trip out of the country.**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – recited.**
- III. Approval of Minutes of the February 13, 2012 City Council Meeting –**  
*Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Councilmember Dogan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*
- IV. Approval of Agenda of the February 27, 2012 City Council Meeting –**  
*Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Councilmember Dogan 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
- VI. Recognition of Retiring City Employee Susan Sutton –**  
**Mayor White** thanked Officer Susan Sutton for her many years of service since joining the City on January 16, 1987.  
**Presenter: Mayor Junie White**
- VII. Presentation of the Sustainable Communities Champion Award to the City of Spartanburg**  
**Presenter: Angela Viney, Director, Spartanburg Office and Spartanburg Development for Upstate Forever**  
**Ms. Viney**, representing Upstate Forever, presented the Sustainable Communities Champion of the Year Award to Mayor White. She mentioned that the award was formerly presented to the Mayor at the Upstate Forever Annual Awards Luncheon on February 2, 2012.

**VIII. Spartanburg Convention and Visitors Bureau Update**

**Presenter: Chris Jennings, Executive Director**

Mr. Jennings updated City Council on progress being made to market Spartanburg. He mentioned brochures and maps in bags at welcome centers, print ads in Southern Living and Southwest Airlines magazines, billboards, online ads, and visitors guides.

Mayor White recognized Pacolet Mayor Elaine Harris, who was involved in the process of establishing a new strategic plan for the convention and visitors bureau.

**IX. Consent Agenda**

**A. Authorizing the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina, to Execute and Deliver an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement, 2012, in an Amount Not Exceeding \$2,050,000 Between the City and the Lessor Thereof to Defray the Cost of Acquiring Certain Equipment; and other Matters Relating Thereto (Second Reading)**

**Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director**

*Councilmember Dogan made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented on second reading. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

**X. Other Business**

**A. Award of Annual Contract for Grass Cutting**

**Presenter: Mark Ford, Grounds Maintenance Manager**

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

“For several years, the city has contracted for grass cutting of several of its parks and green spaces. For 2012, staff intends to contract for the grounds maintenance of the Mary H. Wright Greenway, Irwin Park, Andrews Park, Hillcrest Boulevard, Chapel Street Park, and other locations. The grounds at the CC Woodson Center, Barnet Park, Richardson Park, City Hall, Morgan Square, Downtown Airport Terminal, and Stewart Park (when complete) are maintained by city personnel.

Earlier this month, the City received competitive bids for the 2012 grass cutting contract. This contract work is typically for the grass cutting from March-November. City forces maintain these locations during the December-February period. For the 2012 contract, the three low bidders are:

1. Clipping Grounds \$38,376.00 (MWBE Bidder)
2. Green’s Landscaping \$39,829.92
3. Sod Father Landscaping \$51,109.87

The City has contracted with Clipping Grounds previously and has been pleased with this contractor and is recommending contract award.

Staff is requesting Council authorization of the City Manager to execute necessary documents and award annual grass cutting contract to Clipping Grounds for \$38,376. BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA: Budgeted funds for Grounds Maintenance.”

*Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the award of contract to Clipping Grounds in the amount of \$38,376 as requested. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

**B. Kennedy Street Garage Update**

**Presenter: David Cook, Construction Project Manager**

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

“In advance of bringing forward a specific funding request in the next several weeks, staff wanted to provide Council with detailed information about needed repairs/replacement at the Kennedy Street Garage. The Kennedy Street Garage has 750 parking spaces. The garage is primarily used by Denny’s employees. The garage is twenty four (24) years old and needs an assortment of repairs and upgrades.

Over the past several months, repairs to the garage’s welded connections tying the horizontal precast concrete double T members to the vertical supporting walls and columns have been made. Work to lower light fixtures on several of the lower floors has been completed, but work remains on approximately 100 light fixtures. Other needed work includes efforts to minimize rain infiltration from top parking levels to the interior levels, application of protective painting and/or coating of the exposed metal components, sand blasting and painting of the exterior stairwells, repair and/or replacement of interior stairwells, installation of protective guardrails, replacement of fire detection and alarm system, installation of an emergency “blue” phone system, and replacement/upgrade of elevator(s), and installation of security cameras.

Staff is working to develop specifications and solicit bids for this work in a series of separate contracts to achieve the most competitive prices. This approach will also allow the work to be staged to minimize disruption to current users. Our goal is to complete this work over the next 6-9 months at a maximum cost of \$800,000. Funding for these costs is available from the Broad Street Tax Increment Financing District fund. Council will be asked to approve a transfer from the Broad Street TIF to the Capital Projects Fund in the next several weeks. No action is requested at this time.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA: \$800,000 Broad Street TIF.”

*City Council received the report as information.*

## **XI. City Council Updates**

**Councilmember Rice** shared that he attended the naming of a portion of a street in the Highland Community to honor Thomas Rice, Jr.

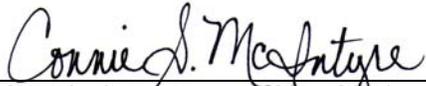
**Councilmember Scalisi** reminded everyone of the Pocket Park grand opening scheduled for March 8 at 4:30. She shared that the new “Underground Guide to Spartanburg” would be available at the opening.

**Councilmember Reeder** thanked everyone involved in the Heritage Parade and events. He shared that a good time was had by all at the Forest Park Neighborhood Annual Gala the previous weekend.

**Councilmember Anderson** shared that he attended and enjoyed the Forest Park Neighborhood event. He mentioned that he and Mayor pro tem Ryba had toured the Arkwright site and were impressed with the project and ongoing hard work involved. He stated that he attended the Woodland Heights Neighborhood Association meeting and appreciated the involvement of the members.

## **XII. Adjournment –**

*Councilmember Dogan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.*

  
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Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk