



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Monday, June 11, 2012**

**(These minutes were approved at the
June 25, 2012 City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following members present: Mayor Junie White, Mayor pro tem Cate Ryba, Councilmembers Linda Dogan, Jan Scalisi, W. Sterling Anderson II, Robert Reeder, and Jerome Rice. 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 May 29, 2012 City Council Meeting –
Councilmember Dogan 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 June 11, 2012 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

VI. Ordinance

**A. Adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013
(Second Reading)**

Presenter: James Kennedy, Budget and Accounting Director

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

“In accordance with Section 2-119 of the Code of the City Spartanburg 1988 the City is required to adopt an annual balanced budget. The City Council held budget workshops on February 13, 27, March 5, 19, April 2 and the budget was presented on May 14, 2012. During that time, discussions were held concerning the Capital and Facility needs, the General Fund, and Parks & Recreation capital needs. The recommended FY13 budget is reflective of management’s efforts to meet long term funding obligations (pension plan, building facilities), maintain the city’s solid financial position, and adequately fund critical programs and services. Council gave

first reading approval of the recommended FY13 budget on May 29. Staff is not recommending any changes to the budget passed on first reading. Staff is requesting second reading approval of an Ordinance to approve the operating budget for fiscal year July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013.”

Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the budget as presented on second reading. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 to 2. Mayor White, Mayor pro tem Ryba, Councilmembers Anderson, Scalisi, and Reeder voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Rice and Dogan voted against the motion. Councilmembers Rice and Dogan objected to the \$100,000 employee incentive bonus portion of the budget.

B. Adopting the Millage for Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 (Second Reading)

Presenter: James Kennedy, Budget and Accounting Director

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

VII. Other Business

A. Award of Banking Agreement

Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director

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

“Our current banking agreement will expire on June 30th. As recommended by GFOA best practices, municipalities should prepare a request for proposal (RFP) on a periodic basis. Our current agreement has been for five years with Wachovia/Wells Fargo. In March of this year we sent proposal to all banks within our municipality. We received responses from Wells Fargo, First Citizens, BB&T, SunTrust, TD Bank and Bank of America. The Committee, which included James Kennedy, Donnita Harris, Accounting Manager, Kris Johnson, Staff Accountant and I, thoroughly reviewed all proposals.

The selection criteria was responsiveness and ability to provide services and reports required, banking services costs and earnings potential, creditworthiness and stability of bank, experience, references, and continuity of bank and bank officials and community involvement. After reviewing the proposals staff recommends Wells Fargo.

Staff requests that Council authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with Wells Fargo to provide banking services to the City. This is a four year contract and includes a one year extension.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA: The annualized fee is estimated at \$14,040 but can be offset with compensating balances that will fluctuate depending on our monthly activity and the earning credit rate which is subject to change over the term of our contract.”

Councilmember Dogan made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mayor pro tem Ryba seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

VIII. City Council Updates

Mayor pro tem Ryba commended the Communications and Marketing staff for the new videos promoting the City and events taking place.

Councilmember Rice commended staff involved in the City’s summer youth programs. He commented that his own children were involved in them.

Councilmember Scalisi gave a “shout out” to Communications and Marketing staff for using You Tube, Facebook, and Twitter to promote the City.

Councilmember Anderson stated his desire for Council to continue to promote a more walkable, bicycle, and pedestrian friendly community.

Councilmember Reeder stated that the Forest Park Neighborhood had celebrated the street name change to Lawrence Johnson, Sr. Lane and the opening of three homes in the neighborhood with a very nice event the previous Thursday.

Mayor White commented on how nice the new section of the Forest Park was and that he enjoyed the celebration.

IX. Executive Sessions

A. To Discuss Potential Economic Development Project

B. To Discuss Personnel Matters Relating to Compensation of Appointed Officials

Councilmember Dogan made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the reasons stated. Mayor pro tem Ryba seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

Council reconvened to regular session at 6:53 p.m.

Mayor White stated that discussion was held on both items with no decisions made.

X. Adjournment

Mayor pro tem Ryba made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Dogan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk