



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC 29306
Monday, January 22, 2018
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved
at the February 12, 2018 City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Junie White, Councilmembers Jerome Rice, Sterling Anderson, Erica Brown, Max Hyde, and Alan Jenkins. City Manager Ed Memmott and Interim City Attorney Larry Flynn 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 January 8, 2018 City Council Meeting-
*Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

IV. Approval of the Agenda of the January 22, 2018 City Council Meeting
*Mayor pro tem Rice made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Councilmember Brown 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
Chance Lebron, 350 Norris St., Apt. 224B, Spartanburg, SC, came forward to ask
Council to consider longer hours for bus service.*

VI. Resolution

A. To Adopt the Spartanburg County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Presenter: Marion Blackwell, Fire Chief

Chief Blackwell presented the item to Council as follows:

“Over the past year, the several city staff has worked in conjunction with Spartanburg County Emergency Preparedness and Municipalities to develop a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Hazard Mitigation planning is mandated by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Act for the City to remain

eligible for disaster relief funding. The City has agreed to continue five action items that we are currently conducting. These actions include enforcement of the building and fire codes, floodplain enforcement, building project reviews as it pertains to hazard mitigation, critical infrastructure surveys, and public education of flood insurance. The efforts are ongoing and staff continues to reinforce these efforts through service delivery to our citizens.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Fire Department requests approval of the Spartanburg County Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan Resolution

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA: There are no budget impacts to the adoption of this resolution.”

Mayor pro tem Rice made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

VII. Other Business

A. FY2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director

Mr. Locke reviewed the CAFR with Council.

David Phillips of Greene Finney LLP reviewed the auditor report with Council. Council received the reports as information.

B. Boards and Commissions – Airport Advisory Committee

Presenter: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk

Ms. McIntyre presented the application of Michael Bradley for Council consideration of appointment to the Airport Advisory Board.

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to waive the rules and appoint Mr. Bradley to the Airport Advisory Board. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

C. Overview of the Current Animal Ordinance

Presenter: Major Steve Lamb, Police Department

Mr. Lamb presented the item to Council as follows:

“Command staff is aware of public interest in the City’s Animal Control Ordinance and would like to provide an overview of the ordinance at the January 22 Council meeting.

As background, the ordinance underwent an extensive review in 2008. City Council adopted revised requirements in 2008 that went into effect on January 1, 2009. An amendment to the ordinance was made in 2011 to address domesticated female chickens.

With respect to staffing levels, the city employs two highly trained Animal Services Officers. These officers respond to complaints relating to animals and

are tasked with oversight and enforcement of the requirements. Officers Mike Johnson and Jessica Burdine are nationally certified through NACA (National Animal Care & Control Association). Both attend annual regional training and have state certifications. Officer Johnson has also attended the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy (SCCJA) and received a class three law enforcement certification. Officer Burdine will be attending the SCCJA in February 2018. Both officers work in the community daily to foster a positive relationship with our community and serve as a resource for pet owners. Officers average 2000 calls for service each year.

The recent winter weather has led to two primary questions about the city's current ordinance; proper shelter and tethering. Below is a summary of the two items.

Proper Shelter – Protective covering that provides protection from all forms of weather and consists of at least four sides, a roof, flooring and an opening for ingress and egress. It should be appropriately sized for the animal.

Tethering – No person shall tether ... unless tethering device used is at least ten (10) feet in length and attached in such manner as to prevent strangulation. The tether weight cannot exceed 1/8 of the dog's body weight. No choke-type or pronged collar can be used. If a cable trolley system is used the cable must at least be 10 feet long.

During 2017, Animal Services Officers conducted multiple welfare checks throughout the summer and winter months. Officers try to foster a positive atmosphere and enhance citizen education as it relates to animal ownership and care. Most incidences are resolved with simple suggestions or referred to local partners who provide resources for animal owners. In 2017, the calls for service were resolved as follows:

1. 262 incidences resulted in action being taken
2. 66 calls were unfounded
3. 8 citations were issued
4. 13 dogs surrendered to officers
5. 4 doghouses were given to citizens
6. 3 dogs were seized that had been abandoned

For decades, the City of Spartanburg's Animal Services team has worked diligently to help oversee the health and wellbeing of animals within our community. They have adapted to changing times and to best practices philosophy in the animal world. Their continued community partnerships and citizen education, has made them a successful part of the City of Spartanburg.” *After a length and intense discussion, Councilmember Brown made a motion to, “ask staff to go back and take a look at the City’s ordinance and come back to Council with some amendments that Council might could consider, amendments*

that address exact type of shelter structures, temperatures, and an anti-tethering amendment.” Councilmember Brown’s motion died from lack of a second. After, discussion, Mayor White made a motion to create a committee consisting of Councilmembers Brown, Hyde, and Jenkins, and Major Steve Lamb, Animal Control Officers Mike Johnson and Jessica Burdine to come back to full council with recommendations for amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance. He appointed Councilmember Brown as Chairman of the committee. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

VIII. City Council Updates

Councilmember Jenkins commended staff on their efforts during the Martin Luther King, Jr. events. He shared that he had the honor to present to White Elephant Enterprises and The Bethlehem Center the Nonprofit Humanitarian Award at the Unity Day Celebration. He share that he attended a “Hello Family” presentation with the Mayor and Councilmembers Brown and Hyde, received lots of information regarding the positive impact the program will have for the city. He encouraged citizens to participate in the Police Department’s Citizens Academy coming up in February. He added that, referencing Mr. LaBron’s comments regarding the city transit, he would like for staff to take a look at what improvements could be made.

Recently elected Councilmember Hyde shared that he was ready to get to work.

Councilmember Anderson shared that he attended the ribbon cutting for the AC Hotel and that it was remarkable and probably the nicest place in Spartanburg.

Councilmember Brown mentioned the Trade Partners job session with Harper Construction on January 25 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. She shared that applications could be picked up at the Northside Development Group office. She shared that she had the privilege of being the Mistress of Ceremonies at the MLK Mayor’s Breakfast, that the Unity Celebration was well done and well attended. She thanked city staff for making sure the sidewalks were cleared during the recent snow.

Councilmember Rice commended staff for the success of the 31st Anniversary MLK events. He, too, thanked city staff for making sure citizens were safe on the sidewalks of the city. He thanked Mayor White for his leadership.

IX. Executive Sessions – Mayor pro tem Rice made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the reasons stated. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:57 p.m.

- A. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(2) of the South Carolina Code to Receive Legal Advice Concerning a Code Enforcement Matter**
- B. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(2) of the South Carolina Code to Receive Legal Advice Concerning a Storm Water Litigation Matter**

Council reconvened to regular session. Mayor White stated that discussion was held with no decisions made.

- X. Adjournment – Mayor pro tem Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.**



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk