



**City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
145 West Broad Street  
Spartanburg, SC  
Monday, January 27, 2014  
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at the  
February 10, 2014 City Council meeting.)**

**City Council met this date with the following members present: Mayor pro tem Jan Scalisi, Councilmembers Cate Ryba, Erica Brown, Jerome Rice, Robert Reeder, and newly elected City Councilmember W. Sterling Anderson were in attendance. Mayor Junie White was absent on medical leave. 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. Certification of January 21, 2014 Election Results by Henry Laye, Director,  
Spartanburg County Voter Registration and Elections**

**Presenter: Mayor Junie White**

**Mr. Laye certified the January 21, 2014 election results for City of Spartanburg Council District 1 as follows:**

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|-------------------|-----------|--------|
| Mike Alston       | 12 votes  | 2.75%  |
| Sterling Anderson | 272 votes | 62.39% |
| John E. Nicholson | 152 votes | 34.86% |

**W. Sterling Anderson was declared the winner of the election for City Council District 1.**

**IV. Swearing in of District 1 Councilmember W. Sterling Anderson  
Oath Administered by: Anderson Family Members**

**Assisting: Mrs. Jane B. Anderson**

**Councilmember Anderson's son Patrick, and his daughter Sherry, administered the Oath of Office to him. His wife Jane B. Anderson assisted by holding the family bible.**

**Councilmember Anderson thanked all friends, family, colleagues, and acquaintances for being at his swearing in ceremony.**

**V. Approval of Minutes of the January 6, 2013 City Council Meeting -**

***Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the minutes as received.***

***Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.***

**VI. Approval of Agenda of the January 27, 2014 City Council Meeting –**  
*Councilmember Ryba made a motion to approve the agenda as received.*  
*Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

**VII. Public Comment - none**

\*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk

**VIII. Introduction of Miss Spartanburg, Lustra Miller, and  
Miss Spartanburg Teen, Sarah Hamrick**

**Presenter: Mayor Junie White**

**Terry Phillips, Director, Miss Spartanburg/Miss Spartanburg Teen  
Pageant**

Miss Spartanburg and Miss Spartanburg Teen presented their platforms for the year of their reign.

**IX. Introduction of Clay Andrews, CEcD, UpstateSCAlliance**

**Presenter: Mayor Junie White**

Mr. Andrews updated City Council on the activities and focus of UpstateSCAlliance.

**X. Introduction of Dr. Chuck White, Interim Director of Spartanburg Area Chamber of  
Commerce**

**Presenter: Mayor Junie White**

Dr. White introduced himself as the new Interim Director of Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce. He shared that he looked forward to working with City Council and invited them to call on him whenever needed.

**XI. Ordinance**

**A. Ordinance Accepting the Property Owned by Thomas E. Austin, and being  
Located at 424 Ransdell Drive, and that Portion of Ransdell Drive Abutting said  
Property, as a Part and Parcel of the City of Spartanburg and Declaring said  
Property Annexed to and a Part and Parcel of the City of Spartanburg, said Parcel  
to be Zoned R-15, Single Family Residential upon Annexation (First Reading)**

**Presenter: Joshua T. Henderson, Planning Coordinator**

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

“Staff received a request from Thomas E. Austin, owner of 424 Ransdell Drive for annexation of the property into the City of Spartanburg. Because this property will be zoned R-15, Single Family Residential upon Annexation, there is no need to obtain zoning designation by the Planning Commission.

Additionally, said parcel is located in the Hillbrook Forest Subdivision. Since the parcel is contiguous to the City Limits, the property owner has submitted an annexation petition under the 100 percent Petition and Ordinance method. Since the zoning designation for the contiguous parcel is R-15, Single Family Residential; Staff is requesting Council to designate the parcel as R-15.

Staff recommends that the City Council take the following actions:

- a) Approve the annexation of 424 Ransdell Drive (TMS 7-10-13-045.00).
- b) Designate the zoning for this property as R-15 (Single Family Residential) upon annexation.

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA: The parcel will generate property tax after annexation. Additional service costs will be minimal.”

*Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the annexation as requested on First Reading. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

**XII. Resolution**

**A. Ratifying the Donation of 647 Beaumont Avenue (TMS 7-08-15-104.00), 640 Isom Street (TMS 7-08-15-105.00), 642 Isom Street (TMS 7-08-15-106.00), 644 Isom Street (TMS 7-08-15-107.00) AND 646 Isom Street (TMS 7-08-15-108.00)**

**Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Community Services Director**

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

“In 2010, the City of Spartanburg entered into an agreement with Clinchfield, LLC that allowed the City to proceed with the demolition of several houses located near the intersection of Isom and Beaumont Avenue. The structures located on this parcel had been a long term nuisance and were a serious safety concern to nearby Beaumont Mill Village residents. At the time of the agreement, it was Clinchfield’s intention to redevelop the site after demolition and then reimburse demolition costs to the City. Total costs for demolition and clearance of the property totaled approximately \$74,000. These costs were paid using Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant funds. While the City’s primary intent under the agreement was to bring resolution of a long term nuisance problem, the City sought to structure demolition funding in a manner to maximize the possibility of recovering demolition costs or gaining control of the property.

Since demolition, Clinchfield has not been successful in developing this site. City staff believes it is in the City’s best interest to accept donation of this parcel with the City being in a position to list the property for sale/redevelopment in the future. Taking ownership will allow the City with the highest level of control over and above normal applicable zoning standards over future development of the site.

Staff is requesting Council approval of Resolution ratifying donation of this property to the City.

Staff is requesting approval of Resolution accepting the donation of the property.”

*Councilmember Ryba made a motion to approve the resolution as presented.*

*Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

**XIII. FY 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report**

**Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director**

**Kevin Madden**, of Greene, Finney & Horton, LLP, presented the management letter from the auditors.

**Mr. Locke** presented the following as current fiscal year financial issues:

Decrease of Capital Grants

Medical Claims

Growth of Tax Base

Impact of GASB 68 Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions

*Council received the discussion and analysis of the report as information.*

**XIV. Boards and Commission – SADAC and Bike/Pedestrian Committees**

**Presenter: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk**

Ms. McIntyre presented board applicants as follows:

**Cynthia J. Cash for Spartanburg Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission**

*Councilmember Ryba made a motion to waive the rules and appoint Ms. Cash to the SADAC board. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

**Steven E. Hyatt for Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission**

*Councilmember Robert Reeder made a motion to waive the rules and appoint Mr. Hyatt to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

**XV. City Council Updates**

**Councilmember Rice** thanked everyone involved with the Martin Luther King activities sponsored by the City. He mentioned that the Spartanburg High School basketball court would be dedicated to Coach Doug Lowe on February 7. He reminded everyone of Retro Fest that would take place on February at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium. He also commented how nice the swearing in and reception for new Police Chief Alonzo Thompson. He added that he appreciated Staff's persistence and patience to find the right candidate for the job.

**Councilmember Brown** shared that the United Way would have a Free Tax Service on February 3 from 10:00 to 4:00. She also thanked all involved in the MLK events.

**Councilmember Ryba** mentioned the 4 new artists in residence that were recently welcomed to Hub-Bub. She shared there would be a tribute to Erica Fields at Hub-Bub on February 15.

**Councilmember Reeder** thanked everyone involved in the MLK events. He shared that a group from the Birmingham, Alabama City Council had toured the Spartanburg area the previous week to "see what was happening in Spartanburg". He mentioned the group toured several sections of the city and was particularly interested in the public/private partnership in our city.

**XVI. Executive Session to Discuss Potential Downtown Economic Development Projects**

*Councilmember Robert Reeder made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the reason stated. Councilmember Ryba seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:52 p.m.*

*Council reconvened to regular session at 7:32 p.m. Mayor pro tem Scalisi stated that discussion was held with no decisions made.*

**XVII. Adjournment – Councilmember Reeder made a motion to adjourn the meeting.**

*Councilmember Ryba seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.*



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Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk