



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, October 13, 2014
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at the
October 27, 2014 City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following members present: Mayor Junie White, Mayor pro tem Jan Scalisi, Councilmembers Cate Ryba, Erica Brown, Robert Reeder, Jerome Rice, and Sterling Anderson. 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 the Minutes of the September 22, 2014 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Mayor pro tem Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
- IV. Approval of Agenda of the October 13, 2014 City Council Meeting –**
Mayor White requested that the agenda be amended to add under Item VII. D, consideration of an applicant for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember Ryba 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. Special Recognition of Retired Lt. Mike Foster – Spartanburg Police Department**
Presenter: Mayor Junie White
Mayor White presented Lt. Mike Foster with a retirement plaque from the City and thanked him for his many years of service.

VII. Other Business

A. Award of Bid for Cart Drive Culvert Replacement Project

Presenter: Jay Squires, Storm Water Manager

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

“Staff received bids for the replacement of a bridge on Cart Drive. This project consists of removal and replacement of a three sided arch culvert under Cart Drive, between Blackwood Drive and Hillbrook Drive.

The following bids were submitted:

Dillard Excavating (Pelzer, S.C.)	\$645,315.00
Upstate Grading & Engineering, Inc. (Inman, S.C.)	\$844,607.50

Staff has reviewed the bids and the qualifications for each of these contractors. Based on that review, staff has determined that, Dillard Excavating is the responsive low bidder. No bids were submitted from MWBE certified contractors. It is anticipated that it will take 90 days (depending on weather) to complete this project. Staff will give neighborhood residents advance notice using door hangers and mailers. A portion of Cart Drive 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 Dillard Excavating and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Dillard Excavating for the completion of the project.

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA:

\$ 430,315 - Storm Water Utility Fund

\$ 189,265 - County Transportation Funds

\$ 25,735 - State Representative Durham Cole C Fund Set-aside”

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the award of bid as requested. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

B. Update on Trail Development

Presenters: Laura Ringo and Ned Barrett, Partners for Active Living

Ms. Ringo and Mr. Barrett updated Council on the progress of the long range plan to connect existing trail amenities with new sections to construct a cohesive network of trails throughout and around the City. They shared the anticipated path forward for utilization of the \$675,000, not yet allocated, to specific trail projects and the potential project scheduling.

Council received the report as information.

C. Brief Overview of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Financial Performance

Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Story shared that a complete audit of FY13-14 would be completed in a couple of months and that the update was to give Council an idea of where the City was financially. He stated that unaudited numbers for the end of FY 13-14

indicated that revenues exceeded expenditures by 1.5%, which equated to approximately \$490,000. He explained this represented that we were managing to maintain structural fiscal balance and continued tightening of expenditures, with revenue growth exceeding what was budgeted. He mentioned that a negative was larger workmen's compensation claims and healthcare costs. He explained that the City was within the trends of larger employers and that we hoped to see those costs flatten in the coming years. He shared that the strongest news on revenue growth was that property taxes held steady, that there was evidence of more household spending in the form of higher value vehicles being added to the tax books, and a 6% growth in hospitality taxes.

Council received the report as information.

D. Boards and Commissions – Storm Water Appeals Board and Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Presenter: Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk

Ms. McIntyre presented the following applicants for Council consideration:

Storm Water Appeals Board – Winthrop Allen

Councilmember Ryba made a motion to waive the rules and appoint Winthrop Allen to the Storm Water Appeals Board. Mayor pro tem Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee – Bryan Burnett

Councilmember Rice made a motion to waive the rules and approve Bryan Burnett to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

VIII. City Council Updates

Councilmember Rice reminded everyone that Spartanburg High School Football team beat the Dorman High School Football team the previous Friday night.

He thanked those who participated in National Walk to School Day the previous Wednesday at Mary H. Wright Elementary School.

He invited everyone to visit Friends and Company, a new restaurant and antique shop recently opened on West Main Street.

He mentioned the new safety concussion indicators, provided by the Marcus Lattimore Foundation, for the helmets of all City Little League Football players.

Councilmember Anderson reminded everyone of the November 8 opening date for the mini-park in partnership with at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church from 11:00 until 2:00.

Councilmember Brown thanked everyone associated with the International Festival and commented on what a great event it was for everyone.

She mentioned the SC Summit on Stem Cell Research two day event with 400 participants and 310 hotel rooms rented in the area.

She reminded everyone of the YMCA Fall Festival on October 25 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Councilmember Ryba shared that she would be attending/representing the City at the Playful Cities Leadership Summit October 22 – 24 in Chicago.

Mayor pro tem Scalisi echoed comments that the International Festival was a great event.

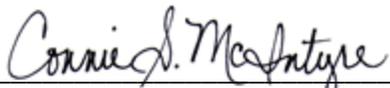
She mentioned that Fratellos restaurant had recently opened on Fernwood-Glendale Road, and that Motte & Sons had opened on Daniel Morgan Avenue. She shared that she noticed that there were 4 poetry readings in 3 weeks in the City and celebrated those events.

She shared that she attended the Fire Department's Fire Prevention Event, that there was a good turnout despite the weather, and that all the City Fireman were wearing pink t-shirts during the month of October to commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness Month. **Councilmember Reeder** echoed comments that the International Festival was a great event.

- IX. Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice Regarding Land Acquisition –** *Mayor pro tem Scalisi made a motion to adjourn to Execution for the reason stated. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:08 p.m.*

Council reconvened at 7:00 p.m. Mayor White stated that legal advice was received with no vote taken.

- X. Adjournment – Councilmember Reeder made a motion to adjourn the meeting.** *Mayor pro tem Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.*



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk