



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, October 28, 2013
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at the
November 11, 2013 City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following members present: Mayor Junie White, Mayor pro tem Jerome Rice, Councilmembers Linda Dogan, Cate Ryba, Robert Reeder, Jan Scalisi, and W. Sterling Anderson II. 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** – Cub Scouts touring City Hall lead everyone in the pledge.
- III. Approval of Minutes of the October 14, 2013 City Council Meeting** –
Councilmember Dogan made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
- IV. Approval of Agenda of the October 28, 2013 City Council Meeting** –
Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Councilmember Ryba seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
- V. Public Comment**
*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk **Myers Hollis, 113 Briarwood Court, Spartanburg, SC**, voiced his concerns regarding speed humps being placed on Connecticut Avenue.
- VI. Recognition of Winners of the National Crime Prevention Month Poster Contest**
Presenter: Col. Jennifer Kindall, Public Safety Department
Colonel Kindall recognized the following for their participation in the National Crime Prevention Month Poster Contest:

First Place - Sharisa Fowler – Mary Wright Elementary

Second Place - Brenden Waters – Jesse Bobo Elementary

Third Place - Brayden Wilkins – Woodland Heights Elementary

Fourth Place - Nierre Gray-Gentry – Cleveland Academy of Leadership

VII. Recognition of City of Spartanburg Retirees

Presenter: Mayor Junie White

Mayor White recognized the following retirees, thanked them for their service to the City of Spartanburg, and presented them with a commemorative award from the City:

**Ann Hoffman
Blanding Brown
Tracey Fowler**

VIII. Convention and Visitors Bureau Update

Presenter: Chris Jennings, Executive Director

Mr. Jennings updated Council on recent activity of the CVB.

IX. Discussion of Downtown Streetscape Improvements

Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Story presented the following review of the process and suggestions for discussion:

Recap – TIF Eligible Physical Improvements Identified in Downtown Master Plan

- a) Streetscaping Daniel Morgan Avenue
- b) Streetscaping Converse Street
- c) Streetscaping Magnolia Street
- d) Streetscaping and repairing Wall Street
- e) Pedestrian Crossing Improvements to St. John Street at The George
- f) Converting Dunbar Street (Church to Converse) to two-way traffic
- g) Streetscaping E. Main (Church to Converse) to remove chicanes
- h) Enhancements to Denny’s Plaza (e.g. active water feature)
- i) Enhancement to Morgan Square (e.g. pavilion and seating)
- j) Other public space enhancements including additional public art

Staff’s project recommendations were:

1) N. Church Street Lighting & Street Trees	\$	546,654
2) Mary Black Foundation Rail Trail Extension (Palmetto Trail)		582,460
3) Converse Street Parking and Protected Bike Lane		147,033
4) Main Street Improvements		391,786
5) Wall Street festival street concept		210,375
6) Magnolia Street Sidewalk Improvements		158,929
7) Daniel Morgan Avenue Parking and Storm Drainage		190,417
8) Pedestrian crossing at The George (Hawk signal)		<u>75,000</u>
	\$	2,302,653

Mr. Story explained each expenditure in detail and accepted questions from Council.

After discussion, Mayor White made a motion to approve the proposed Downtown Streetscape Improvements. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

X. Approval of 2014 City Council Meeting Schedule

Presenter: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk

Ms. McIntyre presented the 2014 City Council Meeting Schedule for approval.

Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the schedule as presented. Councilmember Dogan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

XI. Boards and Commissions – Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals Applicant

Presenter: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk

Ms. McIntyre presented the application of David Scott Lewis for consideration of appointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

Councilmember Dogan made a motion to waive the rules and appoint David Scott Lewis to the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Councilmember Ryba seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

XII. City Council Updates –

Councilmember Sterling Anderson presented Mayor White with a letter officially tendering his resignation from Spartanburg City Council. He stated that he and his wife had accepted an offer to go back on active duty in a full time capacity with the United States Air Force and that the service commitment would take them out of the City of Spartanburg. He thanked the Mayor for his innate ability to bring people together no matter their race, gender, background, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, religion, or other beliefs. He thanked him for being a leader that understands that despite differences, which were all too often made the focus, everyone primarily wanted the same out of a place to live. He also thanked his fellow members of council for fostering and maintaining a spirit of collegiality throughout the sometimes arduous process. He thanked City Manager, Ed Memmott, for his steady leadership and guidance and city staff as a whole for their undying pursuit to make Spartanburg a better place to live, work, and play. He thanked his constituents for their support as well.

Councilmember Scalisi wished Councilmember Anderson the best. She mentioned that she attended a “Sovereign Citizens” class that morning and learned new facts regarding that subject. She shared that she had attended the Spartanburg Community College’s grand opening gala, and the League of Women Voters event the previous week.

Councilmember Ryba wished Councilmember Anderson well and thanked him for his diplomacy, and his advocacy for pedestrian and bicycle program awareness.

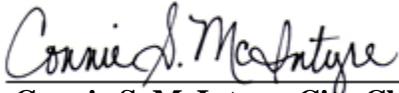
Mayor pro tem Rice told Councilmember Anderson that he was glad to have had the opportunity to serve on council with him. He thanked him for all he had done to represent District 1 and thanked him for his service to our country in the Air Force.

He shared that he had attended a tree planting in honor of J.C. Stroble behind the Beacon the previous Saturday.

Councilmember Dogan shared with Councilmember Anderson that she considered him as asset to City Council and thank him for his service. She mentioned that she had presented a proclamation to The Jack and Jill Association the previous Saturday. She thanked the CVB for their treatment of the South Carolina Planning Association group that was in Spartanburg the previous week. She mentioned that she attended the White Coat ceremony at VCOM the previous Sunday. She invited everyone to take part in a Northside cleanup that would happen on Saturday.

Councilmember Reeder wished Councilmember Anderson well and told him he had enjoyed serving with him on City Council. He added that he appreciated his service to our country. He added that he also appreciated his insight during the Water System controversy. He shared that the Neighborhood Walk in his district would take place on Saturday, November 9 with every meeting at Ricky's restaurant at 9:00 a.m. with refreshments following the walk. **Mayor White** wished Councilmember Anderson and his wife well and told him he considered it a privilege to have served with him on City Council.

- XIII. Adjournment – Councilmember Dogan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Sterling Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk