



**City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
145 West Broad Street  
Spartanburg, SC  
Monday, November 24, 2014  
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at the December 8, 2014 City Council meeting.)**

**City Council met this date with the following members present: Mayor Junie White, Councilmembers Cate Ryba, Erica Brown, Robert Reeder, Jerome Rice, and Sterling Anderson. Mayor pro tem Jan Scalisi was out of town. 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 November 10, 2014 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.*
- IV. Approval of Agenda of the November 24, 2014 City Council Meeting –**  
*Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the agenda as received.*  
*Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*
- V. Public Comment - none**  
\*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk
- VI. Special Presentation**
  - A. Resolution in Support of the Carolina Panthers and Their Twenty Year Commitment to Spartanburg**  
**Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager**  
**Mr. Story** stated that the resolution was an action that seemed appropriate to undertake as the Carolina Panthers consider staying in Spartanburg for their pre-season training camp. He added that the City wanted to be on record as showing support for that and the positive impact that activity has on our community in multiple ways.  
**Mayor White read the resolution.**

## VII. Ordinance

### A. Approving Transfer of Property to Upstate Housing Partnership (First Reading)

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

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

“In February 2011, the City accepted ownership of five houses that had been purchased and were being renovated by the Preservation Trust of Spartanburg. The Trust, using Neighborhood Stabilization Program (“NSP”) funds, had intended to complete renovation of these properties and then sell the homes to low/moderate income buyers. The Trust was unable to complete this project when it ceased operations in 2011.

Transfer of the properties to the City was a temporary strategy intended to preserve the public funding invested and retain the possibility of transferring the properties to a local housing nonprofit organization when the timing was optimal. It was never the intent of the City to permanently own and manage these properties. Staff now believes that Upstate Housing Partnership (“UHP”) is capable of owning and managing these homes. These homes would provide affordable rental opportunities to low-moderate income families while providing a recurring revenue stream for the UHP to continue its other affordable housing endeavors.

ACTION REQUESTED: First reading approval of an Ordinance approving the transfer of these properties to the UHP.”

*Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented on first reading. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

## VIII. Consent Agenda

### A. Ordinance to Amend the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element, by Amending Section 206, Changes to District Boundaries, Specifically Parcel 7-12-13-254.00 Located on 201 Highland Avenue, for Proposed Highland Crossing (formerly Cammie Claggett), which is Currently Zoned R-6 with a Land Use Designation of General Residential District to Zone R-6 PDD with a Land Use Designation of General Residential Planned Development District from Daryl Dalton, Interim Executive Director, Spartanburg Housing Authority, Owner in Order to Improve and Develop the Property in a Manner which is More Consistent with the City’s PDD Zoning Category and the Future Development of the Highland Area (Second Reading)

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

*Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda on second reading. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

**IX. Other Business**

**A. Award of Contract for Wall Street Improvements**

**Presenter: Tim Carter, Engineering Administrator**

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

“Council has appropriated \$2.3 million for downtown streetscape, biking, and pedestrian improvement projects. One of the projects approved for this round of funding is Wall Street. Staff’s goal for Wall Street is to make it a more active public space while maintaining it as an important and convenient pedestrian connection from West Broad Street to Morgan Square. We intend to do this by making Wall Street a “festival street.” As a festival street, Wall Street will remain closed to vehicular traffic during most times of the year. Cars will be prevented from entering Wall Street by the installation of removable bollards and/or large landscaping planters at each end of the street. Additionally, there will be no elevated curbs or sidewalks in the new design. Pedestrian walkways and vehicular drive lanes will be distinguished by different colors and patterns of pavers. Pavers will be installed across the entire width (building face to building face) and length of the street. New pedestrian street lighting will be installed. This new lighting will have the ability to supply electricity to and support additional strand lighting that can be draped (pole to pole) across the street. Nearby businesses will be able to utilize this space for outdoor dining and special events. Staff has consulted with various downtown stakeholders during the design process. Reaction has been very favorable. With the construction of Royce Camp’s project nearing completion, staff is now ready to proceed with this project.

The following bids were submitted:

Capitol Construction of the Carolinas (Spartanburg, SC)	\$ 100,178.50
Alley Masonry LLC (Belton, SC)	\$ 101,996.25
Sossamon Construction (Gaffney, SC)	\$ 138,885.00
P.A.R. Grading, (Spartanburg, SC)	\$ 139,480.00

Staff has reviewed the bids received and the qualifications for each of these contractors and determined that Capitol Construction of the Carolinas is the responsive low bidder. No bids were submitted from MWBE certified contractors.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Allow staff to accept the bid from Capitol Construction of the Carolinas and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Capitol Construction of the Carolinas for the completion of the project.

**BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA:** \$100,178.50 - Downtown Streetscape Capital Budget”

***Councilmember Brown** made a motion to approve the award of bid to Capitol Construction of the Carolinas in the amount of \$100,178.50. Councilmember Ryba seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

**B. Approval of 2015 City Council Meeting Schedule**

**Presenters: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk**

Ms. McIntyre was absent due to illness. Mark Cleveland, Downtown Manager, presented the item in Ms. McIntyre's absence.

*Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the 2015 City Council meeting schedule as presented. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

**C. Presentation and Review of Northside Choice Neighborhood Transformation Plan**

**Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager**

Tammy Hawkins introduced Tony Thomas, the Northside Neighborhood Association President and also a Northside Voyager, which is a resident lead northside leadership group. She stated that Mr. Thomas would be talking about the human engagement side of the Northside Choice Neighborhood Transformation Plan. Mr. Thomas shared how the Mobile Food Market was a big boost to the community that was once considered a "food desert". He added that SNAP could be used with the Mobile Food Market and at Harvest Park, which had recently opened. He shared that the Voyagers had assessed skill sets in the community to be able to know where to plug in residents and to encourage that they take responsibility and participate in their community. He added that the group would use the data for future reference for means of employment and community involvement. He shared that the Mary Black Foundation funded a computer literacy program, that there was now a food distribution program for the elderly and sick, and a reading comprehension program with Cleveland Academy. He shared that the Voyagers and others combed the footprint of the development area and assessed the exterior condition of homes to assist when funds are available with roofs, shrubbery, painting, sidewalks, etc. He added that a Block Captains program had been established to assist in building a better relationship with the police department. He expressed thanks for partners who help share the vision of the transformation of the northside of the city.

*Council received the report as information.*

**X. City Council Updates**

**Councilmember Rice** shared that he, the City Manager, and the Assistant City Manager spoke to several non-profit groups and learned new things about the Vista program and Hope for Children. He also mentioned that the Spartanburg High School Vikings would be playing in the semi-final state playoff game against South Florence on Friday night.

**Councilmember Ryba** shared that she enjoyed the Austin NLC conference. She participated in a bike tour of the City and observed their Urban Farm.

**Councilmember Reeder** thanked Councilmember Rice for inviting him to the opening of their STEM classroom. He attended the ribbon cutting of the St. Matthews Park and thanked everyone for their work in getting that park done for the west side. He shared that he was in Austin and unable to attend the ribbon cutting for the CC Woodson

playground event, thanked everyone who helped make that project happen. He shared that the Forest Park ribbon cutting went well and thanked everyone who helped with that project.

**Councilmember Brown** shared that she also attended the CC Woodson playground ribbon cutting and that it was a great event. She mentioned that she attended the 7:00 a.m. ESPN covered Wofford basketball game, which they won, and was pleased with the tremendous turnout for the game.

**Councilmember Anderson** thanked everyone involved in the St. Matthews Mini-Park project and all who attended the ribbon cutting.

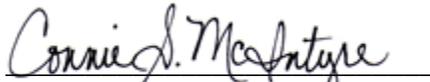
**Mayor White** mentioned the CC Woodson playground and how remarkable the project turned out. He thanked everyone involved and shared that you would never meet a nicer person than Marcus Lattimore, also thanking him and his foundation for their support of the project.

**XI. Executive Session to Receive Legal Advice Regarding Land Acquisition**

*Councilmember Rice made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the stated reason. Councilmember Ryba seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.*

**XII. Adjournment –**

*Councilmember Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.*

  
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**Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk**