



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, August 25, 2014
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at the
September 8, 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 August 11, 2014 City Council Meeting –**
*Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Ryba seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*
- IV. Approval of Agenda of the August 25, 2014 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Ryba made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Mayor pro tem Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
- V. Public Comment – Chris Jennings, Executive Director, Spartanburg County Convention and Visitors Bureau, updated Council on the success of the Hubapalooza event and the 2014 Carolina Panthers Training Camp attendance and economic impact.**
- VI. Presentation on Behalf of Miss Spartanburg Pageant Association**
Presenter: Terry Phillips, Local Executive Director
Mr. Phillips gave a history of the Miss Spartanburg Pageant. He asked Council for \$1,000 to go toward the scholarship fund.
After a lengthy discussion, Councilmember Anderson made a motion to carry over any decision on the request to another meeting. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mayor White appointed a committee to research the funding request by the Miss Spartanburg Pageant Association. He appointed Mayor pro tem Scalisi as Chair of the committee, with Councilmembers Rice and Brown also serving on the committee.

VII. Resolutions

- A. Directing the Closing of an Unopened Road between Lots 2 & 3 and an Unopened Alley between Lots 3 & 4 in the City of Spartanburg between Norris Street and Gibson Street as Shown on the Survey for Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District by Lavender, Smith & Associates Dated September 4, 2013**

Presenter: Cathy McCabe, City Attorney

Ms. McCabe presented the item to City Council as follows:

“When providing a survey of Stewart Park to show sanitary sewer/water easements, the unopened road and unopened alley were detected. Upon further review in a title search, it was determined that the unopened road and unopened alley were part of property originally conveyed to the City in 1959.

This action is merely a formality so that the survey of the property no longer is encumbered by an unopened road or alley

Staff is requesting approval of Resolution.”

Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the resolution as requested.

Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

- B. Approving Donation of 0 Annie Street (Block Map Sheet 7-12-06-168.00)**

Presenter: Cathy McCabe, City Attorney

Ms. McCabe presented the item to City Council as follows:

“Property located at 0 Annie Street (Block Map Sheet 7-12-06-168.00) is owned by Maxim Commercial Capital, LLC and is located in Renaissance Park. This property is adjacent to property already owned by the City. Maxim Commercial Capital, LLC wishes to donate the property to the City.

Staff recommends accepting the donation of the parcel.

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

Mayor pro tem Scalisi made a motion to approve the resolution as requested.

Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 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 7-12-09-280.00 located on 148 N. Walker Street, which is Currently Zones B-4, with a Land Use Designation of Heavy Commercial District to Zone B-3, with a Land Use Designation of General Business District, from David R. Seegers, Owner. The purpose for the request is to permit the Owner to turn the property back into a residential property and live there. (Second Reading)**

Presenter: Joshua Henderson, Planning Coordinator

- B. Authorizing the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina, To Execute and Deliver Equipment Lease Purchase Agreements in an Aggregate Amount Not Exceeding**

\$218,000 Between the City and the Lessor Thereof to Defray the Cost of Acquiring Certain Equipment; and Other Matters Relating Thereto (Second Reading)

Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager

Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the consent agenda as received. Councilmember Ryba seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

IX. Other Business

A. Award of Contract City Hall Parking Lot Improvements

Presenter: Tim Carter, Engineering Administrator

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

“Staff has been working to improve the function of the City Hall parking lot. Project objectives are to increase the availability of public parking, improve internal circulation, improve pedestrian safety, enhance appearances, and extend the life cycle of the parking lot. To achieve these outcomes, three “landscape islands” (which will channel and improve traffic flow), new sidewalk (which will better separate pedestrian and vehicular traffic), new signage, additional plant material, asphalt seal coating, and new pavement markings will be installed. Total estimated cost for all improvements is approximately \$70,000. The first stage of this work will be the removal and replacement of deteriorating concrete curbing and sidewalks.

At this time, staff is requesting Council authorization to proceed with the curb and sidewalk work. Additional bids/quotes will be accepted from other contractors for the balance of the work. This curb and sidewalk project was publicly advertised with the following bids submitted:

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| Concrete Design & Construction Company, (Spartanburg, SC) | \$ 29,968.00 |
| Vaughn’s Curbing Company LLC (Woodruff, SC) | \$ 35,780.00 |
| Capitol Construction of the Carolinas, LLC (Spartanburg, SC) | \$ 39,534.00 |
| Ashmore Bros. Inc. (Greer, SC) | \$ 80,150.00 |

Staff has reviewed these bids/contractor qualifications and has determined that Concrete Design & Construction Company is the responsive low bidder. No bids were submitted from MWBE certified contractors.

Staff is requesting City Council to allow staff to accept the bid from Concrete Design & Construction Company and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Concrete Design & Construction Company for the completion of the project.

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA: \$29,968 – Building Facilities Improvement Fund”

Councilmember Reeder made a motion to award the contract to Concrete Design & Construction Company, Spartanburg, SC in the amount of \$29,968. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

B. Approval to Purchase One 75 Ft. Ladder Aerial

Presenter: Marion Blackwell, Fire Chief

Chief Blackwell presented the item to City Council as follows:

“Over the past year, the Fire Department has researched and prepared a bid specification to serve the needs of our citizens and city. The proposed aerial ladder will provide fire suppression and elevated rescue for all areas of the city. This aerial is a replacement for an aerial that needs to be removed from the fleet after 20 years of service. The bid document was prepared by a committee of driver/operators under the direction of Asst. Chief Culbreth. The bid document was reviewed and approved by Chief Blackwell.

The City’s Procurement and Property staff received two bids on May 10, 2011, (proposal# 1314-05-13-01) one 75 ft. aerial to be delivered to City Hall. No

| Company | Amount |
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| Spartan Fire Apparatus | \$843,974 |
| C.W. Williams & Co. | \$874,996 |
| C.W. Williams & Co. did not meet the technical specifications of the bid | |
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M.W.B.E. responded.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Fire Department requests approval to purchase one (1) 75 ft. Aerial from Spartan Fire Apparatus, in accordance with proposal number 1314-05-13-01.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA: The Engine is funded through the Equipment Replacement Fund. “

Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the ladder aerial as requested. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

**C. Approval of Applicants for Boards and Commissions –
Storm Water Board and SADAC**

Presenter: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk

Ms. McIntyre presented applicants for Storm Water Board and SADAC with Council action as follows:

Councilmember Ryba made a motion to waive the rules and appoint William C. Schwartz, Jr. to the Storm Water Board. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilmember Reeder made a motion to waive the rules and appoint Rena Thompson-Hunter to SADAC. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

X. City Council Updates -

Mayor pro tem Scalisi offered congratulations to the Mary Black Foundation and the City for being selected as one of five communities nationally to compete in the national ‘Way to Wellville ‘challenge. She mentioned she had attended the Spartanburg County Municipal Association meeting the previous Thursday where members of the Legislative Delegation attended to update the group on what was going on in Columbia. She also shared that she attended two separate meetings at ACOG, the Committee on Seniors and the regular meeting

Councilmember Reeder thanked Mr. Memmott and staff for the quick response and tremendous repair to the sink hole that developed on Lincoln Dr. (his street). He thanked Mark Cleveland for his efforts in making the SCMA meeting a success and reported that Mr. Cleveland was re-elected to serve in the position of Secretary/Treasurer. He mentioned that Congressman James Clyburn would be in town for an event Tuesday evening regarding “The Power of Partnerships and Environmental Justice”. He shared the event would take place at Spartanburg Community College beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember Ryba shared that Craig Kinley from Growler Haus would be hosting the “Great Ideas” back to school event with Jack McBride speaking about how he started his business in Spartanburg. It will be a forum for anyone hoping to start their own business in Spartanburg on August 27 at 5:30. On September 9, the “Code for Spartanburg” group will meet at the Ironyard to discuss uses of technology/data to solve civic issues and improve city services. The Chapman Cultural Center has come up with an innovative way to highlight all that Spartanburg's creative community has to offer, and a new event to be held in Downtown Spartanburg on September 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (on Liberty St. between Chapman and "The George") offers a new way to do just that. #1Spark! is a festival of ideas, bringing together two of the most important creative forces in our community, business and the arts. The goal is to "spark" innovation bringing local artists together with local entrepreneurs to help connect the dots between ideas and people. The Chapman Cultural Center is partnering with The George, The Ironyard, The Chamber of Commerce and Growler Haus to bring this event to our city. Their tag line is, “Where Creativity and Innovation Will Collide”.

Councilmember Brown reminded everyone about Jazz on the Square, Downtown Bites on Morgan Square, September 20 from 4 to 11, and the Bruce Hornsby concert at Barnet Park on September 20 at 8:00 p.m. (gates open at 6:00 p.m.)

Councilmember Anderson mentioned he attended the SCMA for a brief time. He shared that he attended the Woodland Heights Neighborhood Association meeting where speed humps on St. James Dr. was discussed. He stated that he met with Pastor Rob Brown of St. Matthews Episcopal Church and discussed the park at the church. He shared he did a tour of the residential areas on the Westside, and he reported that the Heather Dr. project was completed.

Councilmember Rice commented that he saw the new playground equipment at Priscilla Rumley Park and that it looked really nice. He mentioned that he invited Mayor pro tem Scalisi, along with some of the neighborhood associations – Hampton Heights, Converse Street, Highland, Mary Wright Achievers – and other friends of Mary H. Wright Elementary School to welcome the students and show their support.

- XI. Adjournment** – *Mayor pro tem Scalisi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Ryba seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.*



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk