



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, January 25, 2016
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved
at the February 8, 2016 City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following members present: Mayor Junie White, Mayor pro tem Sterling Anderson, Councilmembers Jan Scalisi, Jerome Rice, Erica Brown, Laura Stille and Rosalyn Henderson Myers. 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 January 11, 2016 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Councilmember Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
- IV. Approval of Agenda of the January 25, 2016 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Henderson made a motion to table Item VI.A. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. Mayor pro tem Anderson asked why the item was being tabled. No response was given. The vote was 5 to 2, with Mayor White and Mayor pro tem Anderson voting against the motion. Motion carried.
- V. Public Comment -**
**Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk Brenda Lee Pryce, 291 Alexander Avenue, Spartanburg, SC, came forward to speak regarding her concerns of the auctioning of the old Mary H. Wright building.*
- VI. Ordinance - **Tabled****
 - A. Authorizing the Lease of 440 South Church Street and for the City Manager to Enter into a Lease Purchase Agreement with Spartanburg Development Corporation (First Reading)**
Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager

VII. Other Business

A. Bus Route Review

Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director

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

“Staff presented to Council the results of a Bus Route Review at the December 14th council meeting. Included in that report were several recommendations to improve the service for our citizens. We are requesting at this time approval to implement the following changes on April 1, 2016.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Route 2-Hillcrest (Two Parts)

Part One: 8:30 and 3:30 trips to Converse Heights

These trips travel through a residential neighborhood on narrow streets with numerous turns. On the trips that were observed, there was no ridership on this deviation. This observation was in line with information from SPARTA employees. In addition, there is extra time needed on each trip, this causes the Route 2 bus to be late for the pulse on a daily basis. These trips also require a different pattern of service compared to the regular Route 2 alignment and causes missed regular stops on East Main Street. We are recommending that we discontinue these trips.

Part Two: Running Late

There is no left turn arrow in the outbound direction for the traffic signal on East Main Street and Drayton Road. When traffic is heavy going westbound on East Main Street significant delays at this intersection occur. This causes the bus to run late on the remaining outbound trip and subsequently on the inbound trip to the Transit Center. We are recommending a change in the direction of this route to go to Wal-Mart first then to Mary Black Hospital.

We recommend passage of a motion approving these two changes effective April 1, 2016.

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the request.

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

B. Boards and Commissions – HARB Application Consideration

Presenter: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk

Ms. McIntyre presented Joshua Turner’s application for consideration of appointment to the Architectural Design and Historic Review Board.

Councilmember Stille made a motion to waive the rules and appoint Mr. Turner to HARB. Councilmember Henderson Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

VIII. City Council Updates –

Councilmember Stille thanked city staff for the preparations and work during the recent snowy weather.

Councilmember Brown wished the Carolina Panthers well at the Super Bowl.

Councilmember Anderson thanked staff for their efforts during the snow storm.

Councilmember Henderson Myers thanked everyone involved in the MLK activities. She stated that she would hold a town hall meeting on Thursday, January 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the community room at CC Woodson Center.

Councilmember Scalisi congratulated staff on their efforts in getting through the snow storm. She commended everyone involved in the MLK events. She reminded everyone of the City Council Retreat on February 6 at The George.

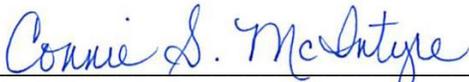
Councilmember Rice thanked everyone involved in the MLK events. He commended staff for going the extra mile during the snow storm. He congratulated the Panthers and wished them well in the Super Bowl.

IX. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a) (5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Encouraging the Location of Two Businesses in the City

Councilmember Scalisi made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the reason stated. Councilmember Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

Council reconvened to regular session at 6:45 p.m. Mayor White stated that discussion was held with no decisions made.

X. Adjournment – Councilmember Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. Council adjourned at 6:46 p.m.



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk