



**City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
145 West Broad Street  
Spartanburg, SC  
Monday, February 8, 2016  
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved  
at the February 22, 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. Several Boy Scouts were in attendance and assisted with the pledge.**
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the January 25, 2016, City Council Meeting –**  
*Councilmember Rice 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 February 8, 2016 City Council Meeting –**  
*Councilmember Stille made a motion to approve the agenda as received.*  
*Councilmember Henderson Myers 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. Resolution for Honorary Street Name Sign for Charles E. Atchison, Sr.**  
**Presenter: Will Rothschild, Communications and Marketing Manager**  
**Mr. Rothschild** presented the item to City Council as follows:  
“The city’s Honorary City Street Signs ordinance provides City Council with an avenue to recognize and honor local citizens who, in the determination of City Council, deserve to be honored for their significant contributions to the city. An honorary street naming does not officially change the name of a street, but does add the honorary name to the existing street signage.

In accordance with the policy, Charles E. Atchison Sr. has been nominated by Councilmember Jerome Rice. Atchison is President/Owner of Atchison Transportation Services, Inc. and Atchison Enterprises. Atchison began his career half a century ago as a taxi/delivery driver then expanded his business into a full-service ground transportation conglomerate that includes his Airport Limousine Service and Atchison Charter Service, which initially began with one 47 passenger Eagle bus and grew into 16 motor coaches. Atchison's entrepreneurial efforts do not stop there. He manages a large portfolio of real estate and has contributed to the redevelopment of the south side of Spartanburg, earning him recognition in *South of Main* as one of the most influential businessmen in the county.

His involvement in the community is vast as well. Notable positions include serving on the board of the directors at the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce, the Spartanburg Children's Shelter, and at various colleges throughout South Carolina. Atchison was named the Spartanburg Small Business Person of the Year in 1998, at which point he was the first minority to receive this accolade.”

*Councilmember Rice shared comments regarding Mr. Atchison’s career and his contributions to the Spartanburg community. He explained that the portion of E. Kennedy St. from its intersection with S. Church St. to Union Street was the proposed section for the honorary street name.*

*Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the proposed resolution as presented. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. Jody Traywick, Elaine Brackett, Pinkney Spencer, Henry Giles, Mayor pro tem Anderson, Councilmember Henderson Myers, and Mayor White offered congratulatory comments to Mr. Atchison.*

## **VII. Public Hearing**

### **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 Parcels #6-21-13.001.02 & 001.00 Located at 243 and 245 East Blackstock Road, which are currently Zoned LOD with a Land Use Designation of Limited Office District to Zone B-1 with a Land Use Designation of Neighborhood Shopping District; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date (First Reading) Presenter: Natalia Rosario, Planning Staff**

**Ms. Rosario** presented the item to City Council as follows:

“On January 21, 2016, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and reviewed a rezoning request submitted by Carl R. Fraley, Jr., proposed purchaser of properties, on behalf of Marty Reid, Neuberger Management, Property Owner of 243 and 245 East Blackstock Road, to rezone parcels 6-21-13-001.02 and 6-21-13-001.00 from Zone LOD/Limited Office District to B-1/Neighborhood Shopping District, in order to utilize the properties as retail

space. The purchase of the properties is contingent upon the request being approved.

The 2004 Comprehensive Plan envisions this area have a future land use category of Limited Activity Center, with land use zoned of Limited Office District and Limited Commercial District. While the proposed zone is not entirely consistent with what the Comprehensive Plan proposes, staff would note that the proposed use is still consistent with the plan.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposal on January 21, 2016. After consideration of the staff report, public comments, and the criteria set forth in the City of Spartanburg Zoning Ordinance and 2004 City Comprehensive Plan, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the request to City Council for the rezoning of the parcel from LOD to B-1.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: The request was endorsed by the Planning Commission on January 21, 2016 by a vote of 7 to 0.”

*Mayor White opened the Public Hearing. He asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of or in opposition to the proposed rezoning.*

*Hearing none, Councilmember Rice made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

*Mayor pro tem Anderson made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented on first reading. Councilmember Henderson Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

## VIII. Resolution

### A. **Approving the Purchase of 391 Farley Street (Parcel 7-12-05-173.00) From Calvin Burns for the Turnaround Space Needed When the Farley Street Bridge is Closed by Norfolk Southern Railway Company** **Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager**

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

“At the October 22, 2015 City Council meeting, Council was advised that the Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“Norfolk”) was demolishing the Farley Street bridge that crosses over the Norfolk rail lines due to concerns about structure stability and the safety of the bridge. The bridge has been closed by the City for over a year. Since the bridge is being removed, it is necessary for the City to acquire a vacant structure located at 391 Farley Street, Parcel 7-12-05-173.00, (the “Property”) so that a turnaround space can be constructed. Council approved a resolution authorizing staff to proceed with efforts to acquire the Property or to condemn the Property in the event the City could not reach an agreed purchase price. The owner of the Property has agreed to sell the Property for \$8,000.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval of Council to the purchase of the Property for \$8,000.

**BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA:**

The cost to the City will be reimbursed by Norfolk.”

*Councilmember Henderson Myers made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

*Councilmember Stille made a motion to take the item off the table regarding 440 S. Church Street, which was tabled at the January 25 meeting, and place it on the February 22, 2016 City Council meeting agenda. Mayor pro tem Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

**IX. Executive Sessions –**

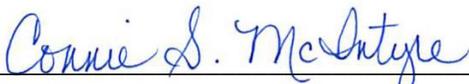
*Councilmember Scalisi made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the reasons stated. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 5:59 p.m.*

- A. Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a) (5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Encouraging the Location of a Business in the City**
- B. Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a) (1) to Discuss a Personnel Matter Regarding the Municipal Court Judge**

*Council reconvened to regular session at 7:05 p.m. Mayor White stated that discussion was held on Item A with no decisions made. He stated that discussion was held on Item B with no votes taken.*

*Councilmember Rice made a motion to increase the salary of Municipal Court Judge Erika McJimpsey by \$4,500 annually. Councilmember Henderson Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

- X. Adjournment – Councilmember Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Henderson Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.**



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**Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk**