



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, November 13, 2017
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at the
November 27, 2017 City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Junie White, Mayor pro tem Stille, Councilmembers Jerome Rice, Sterling Anderson, Rosalyn Henderson Myers, Erica Brown and Alan Jenkins. Assistant City Manager Chris Story 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 October 23, 2017 City Council Meeting –**
*Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*
- IV. Approval of the Agenda of the November 13, 2017 City Council Meeting –**
Mayor pro tem 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**
*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk
Bill Bledsoe came forward to express concern regarding Smart Meters.
- VI. Resolution**
 - A. Confirming the City of Spartanburg has Legal Authority to Acquire the Former Naval Reserve Center, 704 Howard Street, Spartanburg, SC 29303**
Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Community Services Director
Mr. Kennedy presented the item to Council as follows:
“Staff has been working for more than 2 years to gain control of the former Piedmont Community Actions (PCA) site at 704 Howard Street to support the development of the New Dr. TK Gregg Community Center. The site was the Former Naval Reserve Center before use by PCA, and is owned by the United States Federal Government. Recently, the US Department of Health and Human

Services turned the property over to the General Services Administration for \ disposition.

Staff submitted the appropriate paper work to the General Services Administration to receive an application to acquire Surplus Federal Property. The City’s desired use of the property for parks and recreation purposes requires the City to submit an application to U.S. Department of The Interior National Park Service. The City must use the property in perpetuity for a public park or recreational purposes as set forth in its application.

The application requires a Resolution or Certification of Authority to Acquire Property.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Resolution that the City of Spartanburg has legal authority to acquire the former Naval Reserve Center at 704 Howard Street, Spartanburg, SC, 29303

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA: The City will be responsible for any environmental abatement and demolition costs. Staff is in the process of fully evaluating the property and will define all costs prior to accepting title.”

Councilmember Rice stated that he was on the board of Piedmont Community Actions and would need to recuse himself from the vote.

Mayor pro tem Stille made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

VII. Ordinance – Second Reading

A. Approving a Development Agreement Between the City of Spartanburg and Forge Capital Partners, LLC (Second Reading)

Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager

Mr. Memmott presented the item to Council as follows:

“The proposed development agreement with Forge Capital has been amended since first reading. Language has been added to indicate that the project site will be conveyed with easements for storm water piping and detention. Clarifying language was also added to indicate that the city would engage in its best efforts to obtain necessary property tax reduction. No other changes were made to the proposed development agreement. A copy of the revised Development Agreement is included for your review.

ACTION REQUESTED: Second reading approval of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Development Agreement with Forge Capital Partners, LLC for a 200 unit apartment project.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA: Project will have significant favorable impact on the City.”

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

VIII. Consent Agenda

- A. **Accepting the Property Owned by Mabel H. Hospital, and Being Located at 447 Ransdell Drive, and that Portion of Ransdell Drive and Hollis Drive Abutting Said Property, and is Further Identified on Spartanburg county tax Map as 7-10-09, Parcel 093.900 as a Part and Parcel of the City of Spartanburg and Declaring said Property Annexed to and as Part and Parcel of the City of Spartanburg (Second Reading)**
Presenter: Natalia Rosario, Planner III

- B. **Accepting the Property Owned by Barbara S. Shepherd, and Being Located at 443 Ransdell Drive, and that Portion of Ransdell drive Abutting Said Property, and is Further Identified on Spartanburg County Tax Map as 7-10-09, Parcel 094.00 as a Part and Parcel of the City of Spartanburg and Declaring Said Property Annexed to and a Part and Parcel of the City of Spartanburg (Second Reading)**
Presenter: Natalia Rosario, Planner III

Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda on second reading. Councilmember Henderson Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

IX. Other Business

- A. **Discussion of the Potential Local Impact of Federal Tax Reform on Local Community and Economic Development Efforts**
Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager

Mr. Memmott briefed Council on the potential impact of pending federal tax reform on local community and economic development efforts.

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to bring a resolution back to council regarding the tax reform. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

- B. **Discussion of TK Gregg Project**
Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager

Mr. Memmott briefed Council on the TK Gregg Community Center, sharing information for two (indoor or outdoor pool) for the project. He stated that he wanted to reacquaint Council with costs for the two options to make sure Council had the information needed to make a decision.

A lengthy and contentious discussion ensued. In the course of the discussion, Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve “the indoor swim center” at the TK Gregg Community Center. Mayor White seconded the motion. Another lengthy and contentious discussion ensued. Mayor White called for the vote. Mayor White, Councilmembers Rice, Brown, Anderson, and Henderson Myers voted in favor of the motion. Mayor pro tem Stille and Councilmember Jenkins voted against the motion. Motion carried with a 5 to 2 vote.

(video of the discussion is available at www.cityofspartanburg.org. click on city council)

C. Boards and Commissions – Civil Service Commission
Presenter: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk
Ms. McIntyre presented Kenneth Myers’ application to Council for consideration of appointment to the Civil Service Commission. Councilmember Henderson Myers recused herself from as Mr. Myers is her husband. Councilmember Anderson made a motion to waive the rules and appoint Mr. Myers to the Civil Service Commission. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

D. Approval of the 2018 City Council Meeting Schedule
Presenter: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk
Ms. McIntyre presented the 2018 City Council meeting schedule to Council for approval. Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the 2018 schedule as presented. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

X. City Council Updates
Council gave updates on their recent activity.

XI. Executive Sessions
Councilmember Rice made a motion to adjourn to Executive Sessions for the reasons stated. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Sessions at 6:59 p.m.

A. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a) (5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Encouraging a New Investment in the City

B. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 3-4-40 (2) Concerning a Personnel Matter Related to the City Attorney

C. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 3-4-40 (2) Related to Evaluation of the City Manager

Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session after exiting Executive Session.

Council reconvened at 8:20 p.m. Mayor White stated that discussion was held regarding A, B, and C with no decisions made.

XII. Adjournment

Councilmember Jenkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Henderson Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk