



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, December 12, 2016
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at the
January 9, 2017 City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following members present: Mayor Junie White, Mayor pro tem Sterling Anderson, Councilmembers Jerome Rice, Erica Brown, Laura Stille and Rosalyn Henderson Myers. Councilmember Jan Scalisi was absent due to illness. 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 28, 2016, City Council Meeting –
Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

IV. Approval of Agenda of the December 12, 2016 City Council Meeting –
Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

V. Public Comment

*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk **Audrey Grant and Carolyn Reed Smith** came forward to express concern regarding the Oakview Apartments.

VI. Fire Department Update

Presenter: Marion Blackwell, Fire Chief

Chief Blackwell introduced Tom Weber, National Director, ISO and Verisk Insurance Solutions. Mr. Weber reviewed the criteria necessary for fire departments to attain the prestigious ISO 1 rating. He then announced that the City of Spartanburg Fire Department was the newest ISO Class 1 Community effective March 1, 2017. He mentioned that less than 1% of fire departments nationwide earn this top score.

***Council** received the report as information and commended Chief Blackwell and all members of the fire department for their efforts in making this prestigious honor and classification possible.*

VII. Public Hearing

- A. **Ordinance Accepting the Property Owned by Spartanburg County School District No. 7, and Being Located at 2252 East Main Street, and that Portion of East Main Street and Plainview Drive Abutting Said Property, and is Further Identified on Spartanburg County Tax Map as 7009-00-013.00 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, and Requested Zone is GID, General Institutional District (First Reading)**

Presenter: Natalia Rosario, Planning Staff

Ms. Rosario presented the item to Council as follows:

“On Thursday, November 17th, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and reviewed an annexation and rezoning request submitted by Dr. Russell W. Booker, Agent, on behalf of Spartanburg School District 7, Property Owner, to annex parcel #7-09-00-013.00 into the City of Spartanburg and to zone said parcel as GID: General Institutional District. The owner seeks to develop this site as the new campus for Spartanburg High School.

The 2004 Comprehensive Plan does not speak on the proposed future use and zoning of this parcel, as it has never been located within City Limits. However, the immediately surrounding area is envisioned as a General Activity Center which calls for a range of uses and zones, and defined as “...a general commercial area, serving a neighborhood or regional market; to contain a wide variety of commercial, repair, service and office uses”, to consist of the zones LOD: Limited Office District, LC: Limited Commercial, B-1: Neighborhood Shopping District, and B-3: General Commercial District. GID: General Institutional District for the use of the property as a school campus is a fitting and complementary use district for the proposed use and scale of the corridor, and will not negatively impact the surrounding area.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: The request was endorsed by the Planning Commission on November 17th, 2016 by a vote of 6 to 0. Staff’s recommendation concerning this application is explained in detail in the attached staff report to the Planning Commission.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Minutes from the November 17th, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting and Staff Report with attachments are included.” *Mayor White declared the Public Hearing opened. He asked if there was anyone to speak against the proposed annexation. Hearing none, he asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of the proposed annexation.*

Hearing none, Mayor pro tem Anderson made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilmember Henderson Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 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 6 to 0.

VIII. Ordinances

A. **To Authorize the Sale of a Portion of TMS 7-12-05-345.00 to the Northside Development Corporation (First Reading)**

Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager

Mr. Memmott presented the item to Council as follows:

“TMS 7-12-05-345.00 is located at the northwest corner of the Howard and College Street intersection. Attachment 1 shows the location of the property. The City has entered into an agreement to purchase this parcel for \$500,000.

Approximately 3.85 acres of the parcel will be used for the Butterfly Creek Daylighting and Linear Park Project. The remaining 2.68 acres of the parcel has frontage on Howard and College Streets and is well suited for development. In order to offset a portion of the costs to acquire the site and to further Northside redevelopment, staff is recommending the sale of the 2.68 acre portion of the site to the Northside Development Corporation (NDC) for \$300,000. Attachment 2 shows how the parcel will be subdivided. The NDC intends to develop the site in a manner that is consistent with the Northside Transformation Plan.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of an ordinance authorizing the sale of a portion of TMS 7-12-05-345.00 to the Northside Development Corporation for \$300,000.

BUDGET: \$300,000 in sales proceeds will offset expenses associated with purchase of the property.”

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

B. **Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Deed to Northside Development Group Conveying Property Located at 199 Raindrop Street, Block Map Number 7-12-05-292.00; 178 Raindrop Street, Block Map Number 7-12-05-279.00; 189 Milan Street, Block Map Number 7-12-05-273.00; and 181 Milan Street, Block Map Number 7-12-05-274.00 (First Reading)**

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Neighborhood Services Director

Mr. Livingston presented the item to Council as follows:

“As part of the Northside Transformation Plan, the City of Spartanburg has in certain instances partnered with non-profit developers to build housing in the community. Staff is requesting approval to transfer property to the Northside Development Group (NDG) for the development of housing in the Northside community. The City in a partnership with the Northside Development Group and the Spartanburg Housing Authority (SHA) has engaged a developer to develop the sites. The properties are being transferred for a potential development that would occur in the community. The development will be consistent with the Northside Transformation Plan and is consistent with the Collaborative Partnership Agreement approved by Council at the November 28, meeting. It may be necessary for the NDG to clear title on these properties.

Property Address	Tax Map Number	Property Type	Sale Amount
199 Raindrop Street	7-12-05-292.00	Vacant Lot	1,100.00
178 Raindrop Street	7-12-05-279.00	Vacant Lot	100.00
189 Milan Street	7-12-05-273.00	Vacant Lot	100.00
181 Milan Street	7-12-05-274.00	Vacant Lot	100.00

ACTION REQUESTED: Staff is requesting approval for the sale of the three (6) properties to the Northside Development Group for \$1,400. The City Manager would execute a deed to transfer ownership of the property.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA: Sale of property.”

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 6 to 0.

IX. Resolutions

A. To Establish Hospitality Tax Grants Committee

Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Story presented the item to Council as follows:

“Last year, City Council appointed an ad-hoc committee of Council members to make recommendations for improving the process by which discretionary grants from the Hospitality Tax fund are made. Their recommendations were discussed with City Council last year. A number of their recommendations have already been implemented administratively. Council action is necessary to implement their recommendation to establish a committee to annually review applications and recommend a slate of grant allocations to City Council for approval.

The attached resolution formally establishes this committee and specifies its duties and composition. We recommend your approval. We hope to have the committee appointed and functioning soon to allow them adequate time to prepare for their important task in the Spring.”

Councilmember Stille made a motion to approve the resolution as presented.

Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Mayor White appointed Councilmembers Stille and Brown to serve on the committee as the council representatives.

B. Creating an Honorary Street Name Sign in Honor of Johnnye Code-Stewart for the Portion of Caulder Avenue from Hudson L. Barksdale Boulevard to Collins Avenue

Presenter: Will Rothschild, Communications Manager

Councilmember Rosalyn Henderson Myers

Mr. Rothschild presented the item to 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, Johnnye Code-Stewart has been nominated by Councilmember Rosalyn Henderson Myers. Code-Stewart was a longtime community educator, civic leader, and was a member of Spartanburg County Council at the time of her death in 2008. She was first elected to County Council in 1991.

The honorary street naming for Ms. Code-Stewart would be for the portion of Caulder Avenue from Hudson L. Barksdale Boulevard to Collins Avenue. The honorary name would be Johnnye Code-Stewart Avenue.”

Councilmember Henderson Myers reviewed the many accomplishments of Ms. Code-Stewart for Council and stated there would be a ceremony on Friday, December 30 at 2:00 p.m. at the site to reveal the honorary street sign.

Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the honorary street name for Johnnye Code-Stewart. Mayor pro tem Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Councilmember Henderson Myers invited all family members in attendance to join her at the podium for pictures with the honorary sign that would be placed in the designated area in the coming days.

X. Consent Agenda

A. To Authorize a Purchase Option Agreement for Land Owned by the City of Spartanburg (Second Reading)

Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager

B. To Authorize an Exchange of Property Between Piedmont Interstate Fair, Inc. and the City of Spartanburg (Second Reading)

Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager

Councilmember Stille made a motion to approve the consent agenda on second reading. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

XI. Other Business

A. Approval of 2017 City Council Meeting Schedule

Presenter: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk

Ms. McIntyre presented the proposed 2017 City Council meeting schedule. She commented that the only change in the second and fourth Council meeting schedule would be in March when there would be one meeting on March 20 due to the National League of Cities conference dates.

Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the 2017 City Council meeting schedule as presented. Councilmember Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

XII. City Council Updates –

Councilmember Henderson Myers shared she attended the Spartanburg Philharmonic concert and was happy to see diversity in the orchestra. She shared that she would be holding a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m. at CC Woodson Center. She shared that city staff from Public Works would be on hand to answer questions.

Councilmember Stille shared that she attended the Arbor Day event at USC, as well as the topping out ceremony for AC Marriott. She shared that she would need the T-shirt sizes of all councilmembers for a quarterly “Walk With Your Politicians” event in conjunction with the city’s participation and partnership with fifty other cities in the country in the Healthy Cities and Counties Challenge to win \$500,000 to improve the health of our community. She added that this would also be a good way to connect with residents and engage in conversations with them and encourage them to be more involved. She shared that she noticed in the paper that the Solicitor’s Office was establishing a new task force, which the City Police Department would participate in, to address domestic violence.

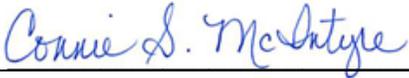
Councilmember Brown shared that she attended a luncheon to honor seniors and thank them for their contribution to our community at Cleveland Park event center. She reminded everyone about the Christmas Parade at 6:30 the following evening. She asked everyone to remember the service men and women at home and abroad during Christmas. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. She asked everyone to remember Councilmember Scalisi in their prayers.

Mayor pro tem Anderson shared he attended the topping out ceremony for the AC Marriott hotel. He told everyone he went to the 7th floor and saw a beautiful view of the Westside and the Blue Ridge mountains. He mentioned that the poinsettias at each councilmember’s seat were from him and his wife to express appreciation for their hard work. He mentioned he had visited Councilmember Scalisi and asked everyone to continue to pray for her.

Councilmember Rice shared that he wanted to clarify and correct information mentioned in the Public Comment period previously that evening regarding Oakview residents. He shared that as today, there were only five families that required housing and that by the weekend there should be only 1 family needing housing. He added that the city and the case workers were working hard to place the families. He shared that he, too, attended the topping out of AC Marriott, stating that it was an outstanding hotel that would add to the momentum of everything going on in Spartanburg. He reminded everyone of the 80th Shrine Bowl Football game that would take place at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday at Gibbs Stadium. He mentioned that Spartanburg High School football player Grady Thomas would be participating. He thanked everyone for coming to the council meetings, adding that he very much enjoys his service on Council and is thankful for those who served before him, particularly Ms. Johnny Code-Stewart. He shared that he thought it appropriate that she should have an honorary street sign in her honor. He added that he also appreciated Mayor White and all that he does for Spartanburg.

Mayor White shared that he also attended the AC Marriott topping out and that he was very impressed with the hotel that he knew would make Spartanburg proud.

XIII. Adjournment – *Councilmember Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.*



Connie S. McIntyre
Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk