



**City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
145 West Broad Street  
Spartanburg, SC  
Monday, April 1, 2013**

**(These minutes were approved at the  
April 15, 2013, City Council meeting.)**

**City Council met this date with the following members present: Mayor Junie White, Mayor pro tem Jerome Rice, Councilmembers Cate Ryba, Robert Reeder, Sterling Anderson, and Jan Scalisi. Councilmember Linda Dogan 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 Minutes of the March 18, 2013 City Council Meeting –**  
*Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Mayor pro tem Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*
- IV. Approval of Agenda of the April 1, 2013 City Council Meeting –**  
*Councilmember Ryba made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*
- V. Public Comment - none**  
\*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk
- VI. Recognition of Retiring City Employee Rose Geter**  
**Presenter: Mayor Junie White**  
**Mayor White** congratulated Ms. Geter on her retirement and thanked her for 25 years of service to the City of Spartanburg.
- VII. Presentation of Proclamation to The Barbershop Harmony Society**  
**Presenter: Mayor Junie White**  
**Mayor White** presented The Barbershop Harmony Society the proclamation after which everyone was entertained with two songs from the group.

**VIII. Tourism Update from Spartanburg Convention and Visitors Bureau**

**Presenter: Chris Jennings, Executive Director**

Mr. Jennings provided City Council with an update of the CVBs activities during the previous year. He highlighted the marketing and branding efforts, new technology and use of social media, and publications.

**IX. 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 #6-21-13-001.01, located at 235 East Blackstock Road, which is currently zoned GID with a Land Use Designation of General Institutional District to Zone LC with a Land Use Designation of Limited Commercial District, from Robert Scott, Agent on Behalf of Breakthrough Outreach Center, Owner. The purpose for this request is to allow the church to be able to lease office space and chapel, which is in the older church also located on the property, for professional offices for sales and consultation purposes related to funeral services. (Second Reading)**

**Presenter: Joshua Henderson, Planning Coordinator**

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

**X. Other Business**

- A. Discussion of Commission of Public Works Agreement**

**Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager**

Mr. Memmott stated that he wanted to update Council after the public forum with the Commissioners of Public Works (CPW) the previous week. He advised that staff was working to schedule a meeting the next week with the CPW. He shared that key in the pending discussions would be continued CPW critical funding to the city. He added that designated or restricted funding as suggested by the CPW would become problematic and would not be something that the city would want. He encouraged council, when considering any agreement, to think long term regarding how the city would be impacted. Mr. Memmott added that the CPW had numerous opportunities through discussions and meetings prior to the public forum to make the city aware that it planned to decrease and/or eliminate funding and they did not take advantage of any of those opportunities. He also suggested that consideration be given to agreements with fixed numbers and not numbers tied to any other variables.

**Councilmember Ryba** asked that long term funding be a priority in the discussions. She also thanked Mr. Memmott for the advance preparation for the public forum enabling Council to be well prepared for any citizen questions.

**Councilmember Scalisi** complimented staff on the on the volume of information presented in such a short period of time. She stated how pleased she was at the turn out of citizens and how engaged and prepared with questions they were. She added that she hoped the CPW would respond to the citizens' requests.

**Councilmember Anderson** asked for clarification that the city finally received the financial information the CPW as required by state law to provide the city on a monthly basis. Mr. Memmott confirmed that after several requests, most of the information requested was received.

Mr. Anderson stated that he felt council and staff wanted to sit at the table and work out the issues as requested by citizens and that he hoped the CPW had listened to what the citizens wanted.

**Mayor pro tem Rice** echoed the job well done by city staff sentiments.

**Mayor White** stated that the original committee of him, Councilmember Ryba, Councilmember Reeder and Mr. Memmott would meet with the CPW in the coming week.

#### **XI. City Council Updates**

**Councilmember Anderson** commented that the Hub City Hog Fest was well attended and thanked Scott Page and other city staff for their efforts. He said the amount raised for Mobile Meals was not yet determined.

**Councilmember Scalisi** commented that there were numerous Spring events to take part in in the City and that she was excited to see people becoming involved.

**Councilmember Reeder** presented a plaque from Cornerstone Baptist Church expressing gratitude for the City's support during the recently completed building project.

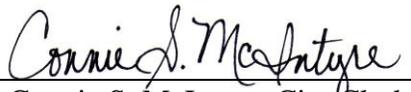
**Councilmember Ryba** reminded everyone of Music on Main and Jazz on the Square, and of the Assault on Mt. Mitchell.

**Mayor pro tem Rice** thanked city staff for their efforts at the underwater Easter Egg Hunt held the previous Saturday.

**Mayor White** shared how much he enjoyed the Hog Fest.

#### **XII. Adjournment**

*Councilmember Reeder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.*



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Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk