



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, April 13, 2015
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at
the April 27, 2015 City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following members present: Mayor Junie White, Mayor pro tem Erica Brown, Councilmembers Jan Scalisi, Robert Reeder, Jerome Rice and Sterling Anderson. 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 March 30 2015 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Scalisi made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.
- IV. Approval of Agenda of the April 13, 2015 City Council Meeting –**
Mayor pro tem 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
Mr. Lewis Settle, 480 Sloan Street, Spartanburg, SC came forward to express his concerns regarding current and proposed developments in the Beaumont community.
- VI. Swearing In of District 4 Councilmember Laura Stille**
Presenter: Mayor White
Administration of Oath of Office: Mr. Brand Stille
Mayor White introduced Mr. and Mrs. Stille and their two children. The children held the family Bible as Mr. Stille administered the oath of office to Ms. Stille.
Councilmember Stille joined the other members of City Council.

VII. Resolutions

A. Designating Downtown Spartanburg as a South Carolina Cultural District **Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager**

“Last year at the request of the SC Arts Commission, the South Carolina General Assembly created an opportunity for locations in the state that have a concentration of arts and cultural elements to be recognized as cultural districts. Locally, the Arts Partnership has been creating an inventory of local cultural assets. Their inventory shows a remarkable number of assets and activities in the heart of this city. Therefore they are proposing we pursue the designation.

The designation does not make any additional resources available to us or to the Arts Partnership nor does it have any legal bearing on what occurs within its boundaries. Instead, it should be viewed simply as a tool for raising awareness of the rich and varied assets available in our downtown.

The Arts Partnership will lead this effort. In addition to adopting this authorizing Resolution, they have requested assistance from city staff with various related marketing and communications efforts. There may be related funding requests in the future.”

Jennifer Evins President, CEO & Director of Development at the Chapman Cultural Center presented the following highlights in support of the resolution:

- SC State Legislature Designation July 2014 “Cultural District”
A geographic area that has a concentration of cultural facilities, activities and assets that is easily identifiable and serves as a center of cultural, artistic and economic activity.
- Existing Assets Spartanburg Downtown Cultural District
 - 21 Indoor Live Performance Venue
 - 9 Outdoor Live Performance Venue/Amphitheater
 - 43 Gallery & Exhibit Space
 - 38 Public Art Sculpture & Murals
 - 15 Public Landscape Fountains
 - 5 Museums
 - 64 Studios & Workshops
 - 6 Historic Site
 - 15 Greenspace & Arboretums
 - 251 Creative Industry and Cultural Jobs
 - 1335 Events & Festivals open to the Public
- Activity that already takes place in our proposed cultural district
 - Concerts
 - Art Demonstrations
 - Art Creation and rehearsal
 - Exhibitions
 - Library readings
 - Performing arts events
 - Public art
 - Festivals
 - Gallery Nights – Art Walk
 - Walking Tours
 - Signature Events
 - Pop Up Art
 - Poetry Slams
 - Parades

Farmers Market
Art classes and educational offerings
Art Sales Open Studios

- **Vision** - Our vision is that the Spartanburg Downtown Cultural District is a concentrated and diverse experience of arts and creative enterprises that support an economically vibrant city for broad community benefit.
- **Goals** – Increase Pedestrian and Visitor Activity
Increase Residency and Occupancy
Attract New Creative Enterprises
Foster Art and Performances in Public Places
Celebrate Spartanburg’s Evolving Cultural Identity

Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mayor pro tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

B. Resolution Allocating FY16 Community Development Block Grant and Home Funds

Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Community Services Director

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

“In order to meet HUD grant application deadlines, it is necessary for staff to request approval of the CDBG and HOME budgets in advance of Council’s consideration of the full FY16 City budget. FY16 CDBG funding is \$618,505. HOME grant funding is \$143,897. Staff is recommending that these funds be used primarily to continue ongoing revitalization efforts.

CDBG Administrative, Service Delivery, and Code Enforcement Expenses – \$237,324.

CDBG Project Expenses - \$548,505 for project expenses as provided in the proposed Resolution.

CDBG Public Service Funding – \$90,000. Of this total, \$70,000 would be set aside for supportive community services which primarily benefit low or moderate income citizens. \$10,000 is recommended for the Fair Housing Activities. \$10,000 is recommended for first time home buyers outreach and counseling.

HOME Program Funding – \$143,897. HOME Funding has been an essential tool used to support the redevelopment efforts in Forest Park and Northside over the past several years. Funding from previous grants is available to continue support of the single-family housing development activities of the Upstate Housing Partnership (UHP) in Forest Park. \$21,584 in FY16 HOME is recommended for UHD project delivery and \$7,194 in UHD administrative support. \$100,730 is recommended for Northside owner-occupied housing rehabilitation. \$14,389 is recommended for city administrative costs associated with the HOME program.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff is requesting that City Council consider the recommended budget and approve the Resolution for CDBG and HOME funds allocations.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA:

\$762,404 total funding available on or about July 1, 2015. ‘

After discussion, Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mayor pro tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

VIII. City Council Updates –

Councilmember Anderson recognized his wife, Jane, who was in the audience. He mentioned that dirt was moving at the Texas Roadhouse site, that good things were going on at the Downtown Airport, and that he believed the new site for Event Rentals was under construction.

Councilmember Scalisi offered congratulations to Laura Stille on her election to Council District 4 representative.

She reminded everyone of the Crime Victim’s Day of Prayer the next day at City Hall.

She mentioned the Art Walk on Thursday of that week.

She mentioned that the Cluck, Squeal and Friends Food Truck would be on Spring Street in Downtown on Wednesday.

She shared that there was a good turnout at the CDBG Day event the previous Thursday.

She also shared that she presented a proclamation to the Levitical Worshipper’s Gathering held at Believer’s Fellowship Church the previous Friday evening.

Councilmember Reeder thanked Councilmember Scalisi for reading the Friday evening proclamation for him since he was out of town.

He mentioned that Representative Harold Mitchell was flying out to Seattle to receive a national EPA award. He thanked Mr. Mitchell for his commitment to make Spartanburg a better community.

He recognized John Poole, from Carolina Alliance Bank, who was in the audience, and thanked him for his efforts in the Spartanburg community.

He mentioned that he and his wife were celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary.

Mayor pro tem Brown reminded everyone of the Hub City Hog Fest that would be held on Friday and Saturday in the Grain District.

She thanked Jennifer Evins for her work in the Spartanburg community and particularly at the Chapman Cultural Center.

She reminded everyone of the Bare Yourself Bike Ride Mental Health awareness event to be held on Saturday evening by Westgate Family Therapy.

She reminded everyone of Music on Main and Jazz on the Square, and commented at how many people were attending those events.

She mentioned that the Farmer’s Market at Harvest Park was up and running from 8:00 a. m. to noon on Saturday mornings.

Councilmember Rice thanked Jennifer Evins for her many contributions to the Spartanburg community.

Councilmember Stille thanked her supporters during her campaign and at the polls.

She shared that she was excited to be on Council and that she was looking forward to working with everyone and serving the Spartanburg community.

Mayor White welcomed Councilmember Stille to Council.

IX. Adjournment – *Councilmember Reeder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.*



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk



CITY OF SPARTANBURG PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN APPEARANCE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 4/13/15

NAME: Lewis Settle

ADDRESS: 480 Sloan St (C17)

CONTACT NUMBER: 431-1457
(Optional – Provide only if you want to be contacted.)

CITY RESIDENT: BUSINESS YES NO
RESIDENT YES NO

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENT SUBJECT:
Ref: Beaumont Mills

** City Code Sec. 2-57. Citizen Appearance. Any citizen of the City of Spartanburg may speak at a regular meeting on any matter pertaining to City Services and operations germane to items within the purview and authority of City Council, except personnel matters, by signing a Citizen's Appearance form prior to the meeting stating the subject and purpose for speaking. No item considered by Council within the past twelve (12) months may be added as an agenda item other than by decision of City Council. The forms may be obtained from the Clerk and maintained by the same. Each person who gives notice may speak at the designated time and will be limited to a two (2) minute presentation.*