



**City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
145 West Broad Street  
Spartanburg, SC  
Monday, April 24, 2017  
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at the  
May 8, 2017 City Council meeting.)**

**City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Junie White, Mayor pro tem Laura Stille, Councilmembers Erica Brown, Jerome Rice, Sterling Anderson, Rosalyn Henderson Myers and Alan Jenkins. 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 April 10, 2017, City Council Meeting –**  
*Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the minutes as received.  
Councilmember Henderson Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously  
7 to 0.*

**IV. Approval of the Agenda of the April 24, 2017 City Council Meeting –**  
*Councilmember Henderson Myers made a motion to approve the agenda as received.  
Councilmember Brown 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  
Amanda Mathis, 2217 Edgefield Rd., Spartanburg, SC, came forward to speak in  
favor of the Children’s Museum satellite facility in downtown Spartanburg.*

**VI. Ordinance**

**A. To Authorize Condemnation of Properties in the Airport Area to Extend  
Runway**

**Presentation: Cathy McCabe, City Attorney**

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

**“In order for the City of Spartanburg Airport to comply with the FAA Regulations  
and to provide safety for the citizens of Spartanburg living in close proximity to  
the takeoff and landing strip, it is necessary for the City to acquire certain**

properties. Two parcels are owned by St. James Baptist Church or its Trustees. The Church and its known members agree with the sale of the Church. However, the Court must determine ownership and thus, the reason for the condemnation.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** For authorization for a condemnation action to be brought to condemn two parcels of property owned by St. James Baptist Church or its Trustees located on New York Avenue for the purpose of acquiring the property including clearing title and determining ownership.

**BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA:** Any purchase of the parcels will be provided by various grants through the FAA.”

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

## VII. Resolutions

### A. Approving a Funding Agreement with The Children’s Museum of The Upstate for The Development of a Satellite Facility in Downtown Spartanburg

**Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager**

**Mr. Story** presented the item to Council as follows:

“The Children’s Museum of the Upstate opened in 2009 in downtown Greenville. It is an 80,000 square foot facility which offers 19 interactive exhibits focused on children 2 – 8 years old. It draws over 150,000 visitors per year. The Children’s Museum of the Upstate (TCMU) is a non-profit organization with a stable base of members and contributors and a board seeking to expand on their mission and build upon their success. 25% or more of their visitors are from Spartanburg County.

TCMU would like to create a satellite facility in downtown Spartanburg and has identified a building located at 130 Magnolia as its ideal location. The building is approximately 6,000 square feet in size and is close to public parking.

TCMU has already raised \$1.25 million of the \$1.5 million needed for this project with significant support coming from local philanthropic leaders. Staff believes this project will be very beneficial to downtown. Staff also believes that the city should actively support the project and assist financially. Staff is therefore requesting Council approval of a Resolution in support of the project and a contribution of \$100,000. This \$100,000 would be funded in \$20,000 annual installments starting in FY18.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval of a Resolution in support of a satellite facility in downtown Spartanburg for the TCMU.

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA: \$100,000 paid in five (5) annual payments of \$20,000.”

Nancy Harvelson, President and CEO of the Greenville Children’s Museum, presented Council with statistics which lead GCM to come to the City of Spartanburg. She expressed appreciation and excitement of the partnership with the City and the great things to come with the GCM satellite location.

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

**B. Allocating FY2017 Community Development Block Grant and Home Partnership Funds**

**Presenter: Martin Livingston, Neighborhood Services Director**

**Mr. Livingston** presented the item to Council as follows:

“The City of Spartanburg will receive an allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Partnership Funds for eligible activities to be implemented within City limits. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will provide the allocation to the City of Spartanburg. CDBG Funds can be used for a variety of activities including administration, affordable housing, infrastructure, economic development, demolition, subrecipient activities, and other eligible uses. HOME Partnership Funds can only be used for the development of affordable housing. The total estimated allocation for CDBG Funds is \$616,221 and the total allocation of HOME Partnership Funds is \$153,720. Staff is required by HUD to include language in the resolution to adjust CDBG and HOME funds should reductions or increases in funding allocations occur.

If the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development reduces or increases the overall allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Partnership Funds (HOME), each activity will be proportionally increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amounts.

If the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development allocation reduces the overall CDBG funds, then subrecipient activities will be proportionally reduce to meet the 15% CDBG subrecipient limit.

After a thirty (30) day comment period, the Annual Action Plan must be submitted to HUD by the June 15 deadline.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Council approval of the CDBG and HOME allocation activities for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA: CDBG Funds: 616,221 and HOME Partnership Funds: 153,720.”

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

**VIII. City Council Updates –**

**Councilmember Anderson** extended condolences to Officer Jason Harris’ family and commented that Officer Harris’ memorial service was one of the best orchestrated he had seen in his career. He thanked the city staff for all they did to honor Officer Harris.

**Councilmember Brown** offered her condolences to Officer Harris’ family. She reminded everyone of the closing ceremonies for “Seeing Spartanburg in a New Light” on Tuesday, August 25 beginning at 7:00 p.m. She mentioned that Spring Fling would begin on Friday, August 28. She stated that Council needed to respect the recommendations of the Spring Fling Evaluation Committee.

**Mayor pro tem Stille** stated that she wanted Council to set the mission of Spring Fling. She offered her condolences to Officer Harris’ family. She shared that she gave greetings at the inauguration of the new president at Converse College. She mentioned the Aug Smith Launch on April 27, and the launch of the Montgomery Building renovations on April 28.

**Councilmember Jenkins** shared that the March for Science drew a large crowd, and that the Earth Day Festival was a great event. He reminded everyone on the “Spartanburg Soars” kite flying event on Saturday at the Chapman Cultural Center. He shared that he would be at the Cottonwood Trail for the closing ceremonies for “Seeing Spartanburg in a New Light”.

**Councilmember Henderson Myers** offered her condolences to Officer Harris’ family. She stated that she thought the memorial service was very respectful to him, his family, and his colleagues. She added that she had never experienced anything like that in her life, and that the service showed the love everyone had for Officer Harris with the level of commitment that went into the planning of his service. She thanked Mitch Kennedy and his staff for their help with the Domestic Violence Town Hall she held the previous Thursday. She shared that the Earth Day Festival was a great event. She reminded everyone that Sarah Ioannides last concert with the Spartanburg Philharmonic would be on Saturday.

**Councilmember Rice** offered his condolences to Officer Harris’ family. He asked everyone to keep his family in their prayers. He added that it was a tribute to Officer Harris that so many policemen from so many states attended his memorial service. He shared that he had also attended the service and delivered a proclamation for Reverend George Downs, who was instrumental in establishing Ernest Rice Estates in the City. He mentioned that the funeral for community leader Dewey Tullis would be at The Church of the Advent at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday. He shared that Mayor White had attended the “101 Dalmatians” play at Mary H. Wright.

**Mayor White** offered his condolences to Officer Harris’ family. He offered them to the family of Dewey Tullis as well. He shared that Mr. Tullis was one of his closest friends and that the city had lost a true citizen in Mr. Tullis. He added that he would be dearly missed.

- IX. Adjournment – Councilmember Rice** made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The regular meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

**City Council Workshop  
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Monday, April 24, 2017  
After adjournment of regular meeting**

- I. Reconvene** – Council reconvened for the workshop at 6:40 p.m.

- II. Neighborhood Redevelopment Strategy –**  
**Martin Livingston** presented and discussed the following topics:

1. The Landscape – Status and Trends
2. Priority Neighborhoods
3. Northside Initiative
4. Highland Community
5. Beaumont Neighborhood
6. Broadening the Discussion Beyond Our Most Challenged Neighborhoods

**Mr. Memmott** discussed the Rental Property Registration Program with Council.

- III. Parks and Recreation Improvements –**  
**Community Services Director Mitch Kennedy, Assistant City Manager Chris Story, and City Manager Ed Memmott** discussed the following with Council regarding Parks and Recreation Improvements:

- 1. Current Projects**
  - a. Dr. TK Gregg Community Center
  - b. Airport Park
  - c. Butterfly Creek Mitigation Project
  - d. PAL Park
  - e. Trails Expansion
- 2. Pending Projects**
  - a. Mary H. Wright Greenway/Skate Park Repairs/Butterfly Creek Linear Park and Trail
  - b. Duncan Park
  - c. Adams Park
  - d. Irwin Park
- 3. Other Potential Projects**
  - a. Pineview Hills Park
  - b. Beaumont Neighborhood Park
  - c. Andrews Farm Park
  - d. Dog Park Expansion

- e. Rail Trail Restrooms
- f. Continued Funding for New Trails
- g. Hudson Barksdale Blvd. Protected Ped/Bike Lane
- h. Stewart Park (Restrooms & Ballfield Lighting)
- i. Chapel Street Park
- j. Happy Hollow Park
- k. Hillcrest Park
- l. Summer Hill Park

**IV. Adjournment –**

**Councilmember Henderson Myers** left the meeting at 6:52 p.m. and returned at 7:49 p.m.

*Councilmember Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The workshop adjourned at 8:15 p.m.*



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**Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk**