



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
TUESDAY, May 26 2015
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at the
June 8, 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, Sterling Anderson and Laura Stille. 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 May 11, 2015 City Council Meeting –
Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

IV. Approval of Agenda of the May 26, 2015 City Council Meeting –
Councilmember Stille made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

V. Public Comment - none

**Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk*

VI. Presentations by Organizations Requesting Hospitality Tax Allocation

Presenters:

1. College Town Initiative – Caroline Wham, Director
2. Wofford College – Panther Party/Wofford Homecoming/Debbi Thompson, Coordinator
3. Team Spartanburg – Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas – Chuck Dixon, Chairperson
4. Partners for Active Living – Bike Town/ArtCycle – Laura Ringo, Executive Director
5. Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium – Steve Jones, General Manager
6. Arts Partnership – Jennifer C. Evins, President & CEO

Council received the reports as information.

VII. FY2015-16 Accommodations Tax Grant Recommendations

Presenter: Kathy Hill, Community Services Coordinator

Ms. Hill introduced Crystal Thomas, Chair of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. Ms. Thomas presented the item to City Council as follows:

“Accommodations Tax Grants are provided to eligible projects through revenue received by the City of its share of the 2% lodging tax levied by the State of South Carolina. These monies can be used for activities related to tourism, including:

1. Advertising and promotion of events that will increase tourism
2. Promotion of the arts and cultural events
3. Support for facilities where civic and cultural events take place
4. Other eligible uses include additional health, safety, and public services for tourists, tourist transportation shuttles, visitor information centers, waterfront erosion control, and repair.

*Note: A tourist is defined as those who travel at least 50 miles to attend an event.

It has been City Council’s practice to limit City Accommodations Tax grants to eligible projects that take place within the City. Events funded must “attract” and /or “provide for tourists.” Grant recipients must have an IRS 501(C) 3 status.

State law requires the City to have an Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. This committee reviews applications and makes a recommendation to City Council for grant awards. The committee members are:

Crystal Thomas	Spartanburg Marriott at Renaissance Park, Chair
Wayne Sease	Inn on Main
Clyde Norris	Owner, Clyde’s Fitness
Emily Woods	Owner, Health In Hand
Scott Ellis	Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium
Barbara Colvin	Owner, Palmetto Palate Catering
Steve Wong	Chapman Cultural Center

The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee met on May 13 and thoroughly reviewed all of the applications. Nineteen (19) applications were received this year. The committee used the following criteria for making award recommendations:

- 1) Does the application/event meet all of the mandated requirements?
- 2) Does the event have a secured date and venue scheduled?
- 3) Does the event truly attract tourists to the City?
- 4) How great is the need for the funding – what other sources of revenue are available for this event?

After careful consideration, the committee unanimously made the attached recommendations.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of the recommendations from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for the allocation of FY 2015-16 Accommodations Tax Grants.
 BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA: A total of \$110,000 is available to distribute for the FY 2015-16 to various organizations.”

Organization	Event	2014-15 Funding	2015-16 Requested Amount	2015-16 Recommendation	Location
America's Clogging Hall of Fame	America's Clogging Hall of Fame Championship	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium
Artists' Guild of Spartanburg	42 Annual Juried Show	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,464.00	\$ 1,000.00	Spartanburg Art Museum - Chapman Cultural Center
The Arts Partnership	continued operations for events	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	Chapman Cultural Center
Ballet Spartanburg	The Nutcracker	\$ -	\$ 33,700.00	\$ 2,000.00	Twichell Auditorium
City of Spartanburg	Barnet Park continued operations for events	\$ -	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 12,000.00	Downtown Spartanburg
City of Spartanburg	Skating on the Square	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	Morgan Square
City of Spartanburg	Spring Fling	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	Downtown Spartanburg
Epsilon Beta Omega Chapter of AKA Sorority	Conference	\$ -	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 770.00	Marriott
Hatcher Garden & Woodland Preserve	year long event/increase visitation	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	Hatcher Garden & Woodland Preserve
Hmong-American Assoc. of SC	Hmong New Year	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	Fairgrounds
Local Chapter, Nat'l Railway Historical Society	Hub City RR Museum and Caboose Exhibit	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	296 Magnolia Street
Spartanburg Art Museum	A Dyeing Art: Contemporary Textiles...	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	Spartanburg Art Museum - Chapman Cultural Center
Spartanburg CVB	Revolutionary Spartanburg Marketing & Sales Plan	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 27,230.00	City hotels, restaurant, venues, etc.
Spartanburg County Historical Association	Repairs at Regional Museum	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	Chapman Cultural Center
Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium	new website	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium
Spartanburg Terrace Tenants Association	An Evening of Talent Expressions	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	Chapman Cultural Center
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church	Spartanburg Greek festival	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	St. Nicholas Church
*Team Spartanburg Sports Council	Shriners Bowl	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	Wofford College
Wofford College	Panthers Training Camp Kick off party	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	Wofford College
TOTALS		\$ 73,000.00	\$ 301,614.00	\$ 110,000.00	
<small>Application was incomplete therefore not accepted by the committee</small>					

Council received the recommendations as information.

Councilmember Rice stepped out of Council Chambers for a few minutes.

VIII. Public Hearing

A. Ordinance Accepting the Property Owned by Bright-Meyers Cedar Springs, LLC, and Being Located at 203 and 205 Cedar Springs Road, and that Portion of Cedar Springs Road and Southport Road Abutting Said Property, and is Further Identified on Spartanburg County Tax Map as 7-17-15-025.00 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 (First Reading)

Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager

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

“On April 29, 2015 Staff received a request from Bright-Meyers Cedar Springs, LLC, Owner of 203 and 205 Cedar Springs Road for annexation of the property into the City

of Spartanburg. Because this property is proposed to be zoned B-1, Neighborhood Shopping District upon annexation, it does meet the requirements as stated in Section 208 Zoning of Annexed Property (C) Zoning Classification (1) of the City of Spartanburg Zoning Ordinance, because the proposed property to be annexed is not vacant and since the property owner is not requesting zoning that is less restrictive than the existing zoning for all adjacent property, there is no need to obtain zoning designation by the Planning Commission.

Since the parcel is contiguous to the City Limits, the property owner has submitted an annexation petition under the 100 percent Petition and Ordinance method. Since the zoning designation for the contiguous parcels are B-1 and B-3; Staff is requesting Council to designate the parcel as B-1.

Staff recommends that the City Council take the following actions:

a) Approve the annexation of 203 and 205 Cedar Springs Road (TMS 7-17-15-025.00).

b) Designate the zoning for this property as B-1, Neighborhood Shopping District upon annexation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Enclosed is a proposed Ordinance in the event that Council approves the rezoning request on First Reading.

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA: The parcel will generate property tax after annexation.”

Mayor White opened the Public Hearing. He asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of the rezoning. Hearing none, he asked if there was anyone to speak against the rezoning. No one came forward for either.

Councilmember Reeder made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

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

IX. Consent Agenda

**A. Ordinance to Amend the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina Zoning Ordinance, by Amending Section 206, Changes to District Boundaries, Specifically Parcel #7-08-16-083.00 Located on “0” Heywood Avenue, at the Corner of Heywood Avenue and Beverly Road, Which is Zoned R-12, with a Land Use Designation of General Residential District to Zone R-6, with a Land Use Designation of General Residential District in Order to Relax the Setbacks in Order to Build a New House that Would be in Compliance with the Zoning Ordinance, from Michael S. Lowe, LandHorse, Agent on behalf of Randy Henson, Owner (Second Reading)
Presenter: Josh Henderson, Planning Coordinator**

**B. Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Water System Refunding Revenue Bonds of the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina, in One or More Series, in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed Forty Million Five Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$40,530,000); and Other Matters Relating Thereto (Second Reading)
Presenter: Cathy McCabe, City Attorney**

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

Councilmember Rice returned to his seat in Chambers.

X. City Council Updates

Councilmember Stille congratulated all graduates and encouraged them to get a good education and return to their home town.

Councilmember Anderson commented that Texas Roadhouse had walls and a roof and should be opening soon.

Councilmember Scalisi shared that she heard that several thousand people “Slid the City” at the “Slide the City” event. She mentioned that Hub Diggity sold out of hotdogs. She congratulated Hub-Bub for putting on the event.

She shared that the Spartanburg Symphony Concert at Barnet Park was a wonderful event. She expressed condolences to Mayor Elaine Harris’ family and the Town of Pacolet.

Councilmember Rice share he was downtown at 6:00 a.m. on the day of “Slide the City” assisting with Spartanburg High School students who were helping with set up at the slide site. He commended everyone who helped with the successful event.

He also sent condolences to Mayor Elaine Harris’ family.

Mayor pro tem Brown shared that she had heard there were as many as 3,000 sliders at the “Slide the City” event. She also mentioned Jenna Wolfe from The Today Show was on site, which gave the city national recognition. She mentioned three new openings in the city – McClellan’s Urban Eatery, the bakery on Wall street and a new shaved ice spot at 630 W. Main Street.

She also mentioned the Brews, Blues and Barbeque event at Harvest Park on June 5.

Councilmember Reeder also commended everyone associated with “Slide the City”. He shared that a group flew in from London to see how the slide was set up and received because they were planning the same event in their city.

He also expressed condolences to Mayor Elaine Harris’ family and the Town of Pacolet. He shared how much he had enjoyed working with Mayor Harris when he was president of the Spartanburg County Municipal Association.

XI. Executive Session for Discussion of a Potential Downtown Economic Development Project

Councilmember Stille made a motion to adjourn to Execution Session for the reason stated. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:46 p.m.

Council reconvened at 7:05 p.m. Mayor White stated that discussion was held with no decisions made.

XII. **Adjournment** – *Councilmember Reeder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.*



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk