



**City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
145 West Broad Street  
Spartanburg, SC  
Monday, June 22, 2015  
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at  
the July 13, 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 honoring the victims of the Charleston Church shootings**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance - recited**
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the June 8, 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 June 22, 2015 City Council Meeting –**  
*Mayor pro tem Brown made a motion to approve the agenda as received.  
Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*
- V. Public Comment - one**  
*\*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk  
Mary Ann Washington Deku, 182 Stribling Circle, came forward to thank the City for its support of the Juneteenth celebration held on June 20 at Stewart Park.*
- VI. Resolution for Honorary Street Name Sign for Betsy Teter and John Lane - Teter Lane**  
**Presenter: Will Rothschild, Marketing Director**  
**Mr. Rothschild** presented the item to City 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, Betsy Teter and John Lane have been nominated by City Council Member Jan Scalisi and seconded by City Council Member Laura Stille. Ms. Teter and Mr. Lane are two of the three founders of the Hub City Writer's Project (HCWP), which has evolved into a nationally renowned independent book publisher and which has just celebrated its 20th anniversary. In addition, HCWP renovated part of the ground floor of the historic Masonic Temple on West Main Street in downtown Spartanburg to house a thriving independent local bookstore. The HCWP has created a vibrant local literary culture with its writer-in-residence program, and dozens of annual readings, book signings, writing workshops, and other events. The presence of the HCWP and the Hub City Bookshop has added immeasurable cultural vitality and significant economic activity to Spartanburg's downtown specifically and the larger community in general. Thanks to the achievements of the HCWP, it has created regional and national media attention that has raised Spartanburg's profile in a positive way and put the city on the lips of writers and publishers everywhere.

The honorary street sign for Ms. Teter and Mr. Lane would be installed on King Street adjacent to the Hub City Bookshop.

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

*Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

**VII. Consent Agenda - Mayor White asked that Item VII.A be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion of body cameras.**

**A. To Provide for the Adoption of a City Operating Budget, Its Execution and Effect, for the Fiscal Period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 (Second Reading)**

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

**Mr. Story** stated he wanted to recap staff's recommendation to Council regarding acquisition of body worn cameras for police officers. He stated that staff believed that they were able to move forward on that purchase if Council chose to do so. He added that staff was increasingly confident that state resources would be ultimately available to support that purchase or reimbursement. He stated that staff was ready to move forward with initiating the policy and procurement process over the next 60 to 90 days, and to do further check-in with the state officials to insure the steps staff was taking were in line with the state law, which had been passed and signed the Governor. He added that staff intended to move forward as rapidly as possible for the acquisition. He stated that staff anticipated coming back to council in September with an agenda item, that depending on what was learned during the next 60 to 90 days, may include a supplemental appropriation, which would be an advance from the City's fund balance to be able to move forward with the purchase, which would then be reimbursed by the state. He pointed out that Council had asked for a fall back strategy in the event the state funding did not come through, adding that from what staff had heard and researched, the state funding would eventually come through. He explained that the fall back plan would be a one-time request from the non-

profit fund set up by SRMC, Mary Black Foundation, Wofford College, and others. The remaining approximately \$71,000, which would be appropriate after the close out of the current fiscal year, a supplemental appropriation could be in order for that if necessary. The remaining \$71,000 in years two through five would be included in subsequent year budgets. He added that staff thought this would be the wiser financial course than to make alterations to the operating budget that might prove unnecessary. He stated this would be a no delay approach because policies would be in place and the city would be on sound legal ground either way. He mentioned that there were two pending grant applications from non-state sources that would provide funding and that staff should hear the results of those applications in early September.

*After discussion, Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented on second reading. Councilmember Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

**B. To Raise Revenues for the City of Spartanburg for the Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016 to Levy Taxes on All Real Estate and Personal Property, Except Such as is Exempted by Law, in the Corporate Limits of the City of Spartanburg for Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal year 2015 – 2016 and to Provide Penalties for the Delinquent Payment of Taxes Levied and Provided For (Second Reading)**

**Presenter: James Kennedy, Budget & Accounting Director**

*Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the ordinance as requested on second reading. Mayor pro tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

**VIII. Other Business**

**A. East Main Street Improvements**

**Presenter: Tim Carter, Engineering Administrator**

**Mr. Carter** presented the item to City Council as follows:

‘Council is aware that work has started on the East Main Street Streetscaping Project. Part of this project will include the replacement of sidewalk pavers. The replacement of pavers will enhance appearances and correct significant sections of the sidewalk which have settled or which have been broken and/or patched by utility work over the years. Staff bid this work separately from the storm drainage replacement/curb and gutter replacement to achieve cost savings. The following bids were submitted.

Paver Installations & Construction (Spartanburg, SC)	\$ 97,700.00
Parris Lawn Management, LLC (Spartanburg, SC)	\$105,009.50
Don Greene's Landscaping Service (Spartanburg, SC)	\$123,540.00

Staff has reviewed the bids received and the qualifications for each of these contractors and determined that Paver Installations & Construction is the responsive low bidder. No bids were submitted from MWBE certified contractors.

ACTION REQUESTED: Allow staff to accept the bid from Paver Installations & Construction and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Paver Installations & Construction for the completion of the project.

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA: \$ 97,700 from Broad Street Tax Increment Funds”

*Mayor pro tem Brown made a motion to approve the bid request from Paver Installations & Construction (Spartanburg, SC) in the amount of \$ 97,700. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

**B. Bus Purchases**

**Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director**

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

“The City was awarded a grant by SCDOT in the amount of \$800,000 to replace two buses that have fully depreciated. This grant covers the purchase price for two buses at 100% of the replacement cost up to \$800,000.

The grant was award based on the requirement that we replace the buses with heavy duty models with long lifespans. Large buses have advantages associated with safety, route efficiency, and rider convenience and comfort.

ACTION REQUESTED: Staff requests approval to purchase (2) two 35-foot heavy duty diesel buses from Gillic, LLC.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA:

The bid price for each of the two diesel buses is \$400,897.”

*Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the request for bus purchases. Mayor pro tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

**C. Transit Management Contract**

**Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director**

Mr. Locke presented the items to City Council as follows:

“Bids were received on February 24<sup>th</sup> for Transit Management Services for the bus system. A committee of City employees and citizens evaluated the proposals. After rating the proposals based on the requirements a decision was made to negotiate a contract with First Transit who’s our current provider. We received their Best and Final offer on June 9<sup>th</sup>. This offer includes some there agreement to perform a passenger survey, analyze the current route data & times to determine if any changes need to be recommended. I have attached the completed list of items they included in their final proposal.

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorize City Manager to award the bid to Transit Management Services to First Transit Inc.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA:

Year One Fee \$116,513.50

Year Two Fee	\$116,513.50
Year Three Fee	\$121,220.65
1 <sup>st</sup> Option year	\$123,645.06
2 <sup>nd</sup> Option year	\$126,117.96”

*Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the Transit Management Contract as presented. Councilmember Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

**D. Approval of Title VI Plan**

**Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director**

**Mr. Locke** presented the item to City Council as follows:

“Every three years the City is required to update its Title VI Plan since we are recipients of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. The Title VI Plan outlines how SPARTA shall provide information to the public regarding its Title VI obligations and apprise members of the public of the protections against discrimination, language assistance and special meetings afforded to them by Title VI. This will be accomplished by publishing a notice in the local newspaper, flyers in the transfer center and on the website. The contents of the notice shall include:

1. A statement that the agency operates programs without regard to race, color, and national origin.
2. A description of the procedures that members of the public should follow in order to request additional information about SPARTA’s Title VI obligations.
3. A description of the procedures that members of the public should follow in order to file a discrimination complaint against SPARTA

ACTION REQUESTED: Staff is recommending the approval of our update plan that complies with FTA regulations.”

*Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the Title VI Plan as presented. Councilmember Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

**IX. City Council Updates –**

**Councilmember Anderson** shared that the Texas Roadhouse project was moving along and that Founder’s Credit Union was building a new building.

**Councilmember Scalisi** shared that she thought the response to the Charleston shootings was a master class in forgiveness and faith and that it made her proud to be a South Carolinian.

**Councilmember Reeder** thanked everyone involved in the vigil held at Macedonia Church to honor the victims of the Charleston shootings. He stated that he was glad to see a united front concerning the confederate flag being moved.

**Councilmember Stille** stated she was so proud of how our brothers and sisters in Charleston, our citizens, leaders in Spartanburg, and people all over the country came together and showed unity in the time of sorrow.

**Councilmember Rice** echoed sentiments of the Charleston shootings. He reminded everyone that the shooter said he wanted to start a race war, but he actually brought people closer together. He thanked those responsible for the Macedonia Church vigil, particularly Jade Barton, a graduate from Furman, who made the call to hold the vigil for the victims.

**Mayor pro tem Brown** echoed sentiments regarding the Charleston shootings. She commended the community for coming together in a time of tragedy. She commended the lawmakers in Columbia for “finally getting something right”. She stated that the dialogue did not stop here and that it should continue.

She offered condolences to the Wofford family on the death of one of their basketball players.

**Mayor White** stated that it was time that the Confederate Flag was removed from the state capitol and moved to a museum.

- X. Executive Session to Discuss Potential Downtown Economic Development Project**  
*Councilmember Reeder made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Mayor pro tem Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:25 p.m.*

*Council reconvened to regular session at 6:42 p.m. Mayor White stated that discussion was held with no decisions made.*

- XI. Adjournment – Councilmember Reeder made a motion to adjourn.**  
*Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.*



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Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk