



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, July 10, 2017
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at the
July 24, 2017 City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Junie White, Mayor pro tem Laura Stille, Councilmembers Jerome Rice, Sterling Anderson, Rosalyn Henderson Myers, Erica Brown 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 June 26, 2017 City Council Meeting –
*Councilmember Jenkins 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 July 10, 2017 City Council Meeting –
*Councilmember Rice 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

VI. Ordinance

A. To Amend the Code of the City of Spartanburg 1988 Sections 23-17 and 23-19, and to Add a New Section 23-20, to the Nonconsensual Booting and Towing Ordinance (First Reading)

Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager

Mr. Memmott presented the item to Council as follows:

“Staff is requesting Council approval of an ordinance that will amend the Nonconsensual Towing Ordinance. The proposed amendments would require towing operators to have a storage facility in the city or within 2 miles of the city, staff storage facilities for a minimum number of hours, allow for the recovery of

personal property from a vehicle in storage, and allow an owner or authorized driver to recover a towed vehicle.

Additionally, the amendment would clarify procedures for revocation of a towing permit and/or the business license of a towing company that violates the ordinance. The provisions for having a storage facility in or within 2 miles of the city and staffing of the storage facility would take effect 30 days after approval of the ordinance. Other amendments would take effect immediately upon adoption. ACTION REQUESTED: First reading consideration of the ordinance.”

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

VII. Resolution

A. Approving the Leasing of City Owned Property Located at 254 Farley Street and 258 Farley Street to The Hub City Farmer’s Market

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Neighborhood Services Director

Mr. Livingston presented the item to Council as follows:

“Staff is requesting approval of a resolution to lease property located at 254 Farley Street and 258 Farley Street to the hub city farmers’ market. The lease is for the operation of an urban farm and garden on both sites adjacent to the butterfly creek mitigation and park project. Lease of the two properties would be for a two year period ending midnight June 30, 2019, with an opportunity to renew. The farm and garden are currently in operation and this lease agreement would clarify roles, responsibilities, and lease termination requirements.

Action requested: Approval of lease agreement between the city of Spartanburg and hub city farmers’ market for the lease of city owned property located at 254 and 258 Farley Street.”

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

B. Certifying Three (3) Units as Abandoned Building Sites Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Title 12, Chapter 67, Section 12-67-100 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws (1976), as Amended, Regarding the Property called The Converse Alumni House Located at 589 E. Main Street, Tax Map Parcel # 7-12-08-109.00.

Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Story presented the item to Council as follows:

“In late 2016, 589 East Main Street, LLC announced plans to perform a full historic restoration and renovation to 589 E. Main Street, known by many as the Converse College Alumnae House or Cleveland House. The property will be converted into market rate apartments. We believe this is an appropriate reuse for this prominent structure which will be complementary to its surroundings. Its renovation will be in full compliance with historic standards as supervised by the

SC State Historic Preservation Office. The property is currently not taxable. This repurposing will add it to the local tax rolls.

The attached resolution enables the developer to pursue credits against some state taxes. It has no impact on local government revenues. We recommend your approval and welcome any questions you may have.”

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

VIII. Other Business

A. Boards and Commissions Update

Presenter: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk

Ms. McIntyre presented the Boards and Commissions list. Council’s action follows:

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to reappoint all board members who had agreed to serve another term. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Ms. McIntyre explained that there were more applications than vacancies on a few of the committees and asked if Council wanted to form an interview committee for the applicants or exercise the option of waiving interviews and appoint one of the applicants. Council agreed to move forward with going through the list of each committee.

The reappointments were as follows:

Accommodations Tax Committee: Scott Ellis

*Airport Advisory Board: Bradley Grant Colburn
Terrence T. Connorton
Hamp Lindsey*

*Architectural Design and Historic Review: Thomas Koenig
Sarah Love*

Bike and Ped Committee: Bryan Burnett

*Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals: Harry Clayton
Stephen Parks*

*Planning Commission: Howard Kinard
Bob Pitts*

*Public Safety Committee: James Bittner
Brad Wright*

Storm Water Appeals Board: Winthrop Allen
William C. Schwartz, Jr.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Don Bramblett

The new appointments were as follows:

Airport Advisory Board: Councilmember Anderson made a motion to waive the rules and appointment **Timothy Lankford** to the Airport Advisory Board. Councilmember Henderson Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Architectural Design and Historic Review: Councilmember Brown made a motion to waive the rules and appoint **Melissa Walker and Meg Reid** to the HARB. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. Councilmember Jenkins and Mayor pro tem Stille raised the question of having three good candidates and not interviewing all of them before voting. After discussion, Mayor White called for the vote. The vote was 6 to 1, with Councilmember Jenkins voting against the motion. Motion carried.

Bike and Ped Committee: Councilmember Anderson made a motion to waive the rules and appoint **Ralph Hilsman and Marc Zachary** to the Bike and Ped Committee. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried 6 to 1. Councilmember Jenkins voted against the motion.

Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals: Councilmember Jenkins made a motion to waive the rules and appoint **Delino Bilbraut, Bryan Lawson, and William Gray** to the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Mayor pro tem Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Planning Commission: Mayor White made a motion to waive the rules and appoint **William Luke Quillen** to the Planning Commission. Councilmen Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Public Safety Committee: Councilmember Rice made a motion to waive the rules and appoint **Michael Byers and Luther Nesbitt III** to the Public Safety Committee. Councilmember Henderson Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

B. Environmental Sustainability Report

Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager

Mr. Memmott responded to Council's request concerning environmental sustainability highlighting the following:

City Efforts -

A series of projects/efforts to reduce fossil fuel consumption/GHG emissions, improve water quality, and promote more environmentally sustainable development:

- Adoption of the Urban Code
- Conversion of city traffic signals and downtown LED lighting
- Enhanced recycling efforts
- Installation of 15 electric vehicle charging stations
- Two hybrid Sparta buses
- One CNG garbage truck
- SC's first urban creek mitigation project (Butterfly Creek)
- Numerous projects to promote more walking/biking

Most local efforts, as a first step, focus on reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

CARBON DIOXIDE (CO₂)
METHANE (CH₄)
NITROUS OXIDE (N₂O)
HYDROFLUOROCARBONS (HFC)
PERFLUOROCARBONS (PFC)
SULFUR HEXAFLUORIDE (SF₆)

City GHG Emissions – Likely Sources

- ◆ Vehicle Fleet
- ◆ Building Facilities
- ◆ Streetlights and Signals
- ◆ Sparta
- ◆ Employee Commute

A GHG reduction effort would require:

- ◆ data collection on current emissions
- ◆ evaluation to determine greatest impact/ROI
- ◆ long term commitment

A GHG reduction effort could have financial implications.

Urban Sprawl

Council received the report as information.

Councilmember Jenkins made a motion directing staff to gather information on the City's current carbon footprint and report back to Council. Councilmember Henderson Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

IX. City Council Updates

Councilmember Anderson commented that he has had several constituents contact him regarding Briarwood Rd. being used as a cut through on the west side, thus creating

safety issues. He also mentioned the street paving currently taking place, and the street cuts and lack of proper preparation by the utility companies during the process.

Councilmember Brown congratulated staff on a job well done with Red, White, and Boom. She mentioned the House District 31 Meet The Candidates event on July 17.

Mayor pro tem Stille mentioned the final two “Walk With Your Elected Officials” sponsored by The Mary Black Foundation, on August 12 and Oct 14.

Councilmember Jenkins applauded Parks and Recreation for the “Let’s Play” truck. He shared that his little girl loved the truck.

Councilmember Henderson Myers stated she had received questions from her constituents on how the city decides which streets will be paved and hoped to receive more information regarding that process in the future. She shared she had also received calls regarding safety and lighting in a housing development in her district. She stated that citizens were always encouraged to come to Council with concerns.

Councilmember Rice concurred that citizens should come forward to Council with any concerns. He mentioned that tennis was being taught to young people through our Parks and Recreation at Duncan Park.

X. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a) (5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Encouraging New Investments in the City

Councilmember Brown made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Mayor pro tem Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:48 p.m.

Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session after exiting Executive Session.

Council reconvened at 7:08. Mayor White stated discussion was held with no decisions made.

XI. Adjournment – Councilmember Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk