



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

**(These minutes are subject to approval at the  
August 14, 2017 City Council meeting.)**

**City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Junie White, Councilmembers Jerome Rice, Sterling Anderson, Rosalyn Henderson Myers, Erica Brown and Alan Jenkins. Mayor pro tem Stille was out of town. 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 July 10, 2017 City Council Meeting -**  
*Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Councilmember Henderson Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 1.*
- IV. Approval of the Agenda of the July 24, 2017 City Council Meeting –**  
*Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Councilmember Jenkins 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 Jimmy Cheeks from “Positive Thinking” came forward to tell Council about their program.

Nancy T. Sosbee, 202 Thornwell Ct., Roebuck, SC, came forward to express opposition to the proposed rental property registration.

Chuck Quinn, 553 Lundquist Dr. Spartanburg, SC, came forward to express opposition to the proposed rental property registration.

Lee T. Kubul, 331 Sugar Time Lane, came forward to express opposition to the proposed rental property registration.

David Burnett, 105 Camden Dr., Spartanburg, SC, came forward to speak concerning the proposed rental property registration.

Sara Eastler, 110 Stonecreek Dr., Spartanburg, SC, came forward to express opposition to the proposed rental property registration.

**VI. Presentation – 2017 SAIYL**

**Presenter: Kim Moultrie, Parks and Recreation Superintendent**

Members of the SAIYL group reviewed the many activities they participated in during the summer program.

*Council received the presentation as information.*

**VII. Discussion of Proposed Residential Rental Property Registration Program**

**Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager**

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

“Staff will brief Council on a proposed residential rental property registration program at the July 24 City Council meeting. Staff is not asking for formal Council approval at this time. Should Council want to move forward, staff would bring forward a final proposed ordinance in August.

Staff believes adoption of a residential rental property registration program will, over time, improve housing conditions. Initial expectations about the program should be limited however. A registration program will address only one subset of properties. It will not address every housing challenge.

Staff also acknowledges that a residential rental property registration program will add new regulatory burdens to rental property owners. Staff has considered input from property owners and managers and has attempted to reasonably address their concerns by streamlining the process to the extent possible. Staff has also attempted to incorporate specific language in the ordinance that is reflective of program intent. Staff’s efforts in this regard have not, however, relieved all of the concern of rental property owners.

Staff has also received input from neighborhood residents regarding the program. Residents want the city to deal with problem rental problems more effectively. Staff has been candid in its assessment of the potential benefits and limitations of the program. Residents have encouraged staff to move forward with the program.

Given the varying opinions regarding the proposed program, I am requesting that Council allow public comment specifically on this program after staff has made its presentation and responded to any Council questions.

A draft ordinance is attached. Staff anticipates that full implementation would take approximately 15 months. Should Council pass the ordinance, staff would initially focus its attention on registration of all properties subject to the ordinance. I anticipate that process could be completed by March 31, 2018. Staff would then turn its attention to preparing for the first registration renewal and inspections.”

*After discussion, Mr. Memmott stated that he understood from Council that they*

*wanted a formal public hearing on August 14 to give another opportunity for Council to hear from rental property owners, with an amended ordinance for review. Council agreed.*

**VIII. Consent Agenda**

**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 (Second Reading)**

**Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager**

*Councilmember Jenkins made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented on second reading. Councilmember Henderson Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

**IX. City Council Updates –**

**Councilmember Anderson** shared he had been by the airport and the park was coming along nicely. He mentioned that the House District 31 election was the following day and encouraged everyone in that district to get out and vote.

**Councilmember Jenkins** mentioned that Lidl Grocery had opened on the east side.

**Councilmember Henderson Myers** shared she had lunch at Andrew's Atomic Dogs and encouraged everyone to visit and support local businesses. She mentioned that she had visited the Butterfly Creek Project that was coming along, adding that she was looking forward to its completion.

**Councilmember Rice** reminded everyone that the Carolina Panthers would be back in town for Training Camp on Wednesday. He encouraged everyone to attend.

**X. Adjournment –**

*Councilmember Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Henderson Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.*



**Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk**