



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, July 25, 2016
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at the
August 8, 2016 City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following members present: Mayor Junie White, Mayor pro tem Sterling Anderson, Councilmembers Jan Scalisi, Jerome Rice, Erica Brown, Laura Stille and Rosalyn Henderson Myers. 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 11, 2016, 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 Agenda of the July 25, 2016 City Council Meeting –
*Councilmember Henderson Myers made a motion to approve the agenda as
received. Councilmember Scalisi 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
W. Thomas Maynard, 147 Mills Avenue, expressed his concerns regarding cut
through traffic and excessive speeds in the Converse Heights neighborhood.

VI. Ordinance

**A. Authorizing the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina, To Execute and
Deliver an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement, 2016, in an Amount Not
Exceeding \$2,000,000 Between the City and the Lessor Thereof to Defray the
Cost of Acquiring Certain Equipment; and Other Matters Relating Thereto
(First Reading)
Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director**

Mr. Locke presented the item to Council as follows:

“As part of our ongoing efforts to equip staff with the resources they need at the lowest possible cost over the long term, the City is committed to maintaining an annual equipment replacement schedule. Funds are appropriated through the annual budget into the equipment replacement fund from which these purchases and then made throughout the year.

Due in part to very low interest rates in recent years, staff had determined that the City could strengthen its financial position by bundling and leasing the major purchases within a master lease. This mechanism spreads the cost of these purchases over several years. The proposed action is to authorize this year’s lease program.

ACTION REQUESTED: Staff is recommending the replacement of 12 Police Vehicles, 2 Vehicles Fire Department,(including Pumper Truck, 5 vehicles and 5 various pieces of equipment for Public Services, 1 Vehicle Parks & Recreation, 1 Vehicle Information Technology, 1 Vehicle Construction Management, 1 Vehicle Building Maintenance.

It is staff’s recommendation that we use a capital lease to finance these purchases. If approved, we would accept bids from various financial institutions. The source of repayment would be the Equipment Replacement Fund.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA: The total will not exceed \$2,000,000 inclusive of closing costs. This amount may be reduced pending final review of acquisition specifications.”

Councilmember Stille made a motion to approve the ordinance request on first reading. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

B. Approving the Conveyance of Two Permanent Encroachment Easements Necessary to Facilitate the Construction of a Mixed Use Building at the Northeast Corner of the Daniel Morgan Avenue and West Main Street Intersection (First Reading)

Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager

Mr. Memmott presented the item to Council as follows:

“Staff has determined that the mixed use development that will be located on the northwest corner of the West Main and Daniel Morgan Avenue will benefit from the granting to two permanent encroachment easements. One permanent easement, approximately 6’ in width, along the western dimension (Daniel Morgan Avenue side) of the development parcel would be granted. A second permanent easement, approximately 2’ in width, (West Main Street side) would be also be granted. The easements will allow the buildings to have certain architectural features that will enhance the project.

ACTION REQUESTED: First reading approval of an Ordinance authorizing the granting of two permanent encroachment easements.”

Mayor pro tem Anderson made a motion to approve the ordinance request on first reading. Councilmember Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

VII. Consent Agenda

- A. **Ordinance to Amend the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina Zoning Ordinance, by amending Section 206, Changes to District Boundaries, Specifically Parcel #6-21-13-156.06, Located on “0” Camelot That is Approximately 8.64 acre Vacant Piece of Property Located at the Intersection of Camelot Drive and Camelot Court, Which is Currently Zoned LOD, with a Land Use Designation of Limited Office District to Zone LOD/PDD, with a Land Use Designation of Limited Office District/Planned Development District in Order for the Agent/Developer to Purchase and to Build to Purchase and to Build Camelot Townes, which proposes 72 townhomes. Jay Beeson, Mark III Properties, Agent/Developer, on Behalf of Joseph F. and David Sullivan, Owners. Note; The purchase and development of this property are contingent upon the request being approved. (Second Reading)**

Presenter: Natalia Rosario, Planner III

Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the consent agenda on second reading. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

VIII. Other Business

- A. **Approval of Highland Community Memorandum of Understanding
Presenter: Martin Livingston, Neighborhood Services Director**

Mr. Livingstone presented the item to Council as follows:

“The Highland Working Group has been meeting to discuss a potential Master Plan for the redevelopment of the Highland Community. Meeting regularly since December of 2015, the group has discussed potential opportunities and challenges that could affect the community. Members of the group include representation from the City of Spartanburg, Highland Neighborhood Association, Spartanburg School District 7, the Spartanburg Housing Authority, the Bethlehem Center, Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, and the Highland Community Development Corporation.

The memorandum of understanding outlines the roles and responsibilities of each partner. The partners included in the memorandum are early participants the City identified as key to a successful redevelopment of the community. Additional partners may be added to the meetings and discussions as the planning process progresses. There is no financial commitment included in the memorandum of understanding.

ACTION REQUESTED: Staff is requesting approval to allow the City Manager to execute the Highland Community Memorandum of Understanding.”

Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the Highland Community Memorandum of Understanding. Councilmember Stille seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

B. Approval of Development Agreement to Support the Renovation and Reuse of 141/143 W. Main Street

Presenter: Chris Story, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Story presented the item to Council as follows:

“141/143 West Main is an important structure within the historic blocks of Morgan Square. It has been vacant since 2006 and prior to that was occupied by finance companies, a pawn shop and law offices. Since that time, our Economic Development staff has sought to encourage a mixed use renovation and reuse of this 10,000 +/- square foot building.

Recently 141/143 West Main, LLC, a locally owned corporation purchased the building for the purpose of renovating and restoring the property to being a productive contributor to our downtown. The lower level will support a full service restaurant, and the upper level and building wing will include 5 apartments. The attached development agreement would provide necessary incentives to ensure completion of this undertaking. We recommend your approval.”

Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the item as presented.

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

C. Update on Procurement of Body Worn Cameras/Tasers

Presenters: Alonzo Thompson, Police Chief

Ed Memmott, City Manager

Chief Thompson reviewed with Council that the Police department had already purchased 20 cameras for its traffic division officers that were being used as a pilot program. He stated that the 85 additional cameras funded through the \$184,500 U.S. Department of Justice grant recently obtained would allow 105 officers to record and store footage of traffic stops and emergency responses. Chief Thompson shared that the cameras were good for transparency to show what officers do. He added that it was an opportunity for learning and identifying training needs as well. He shared that the 85 cameras would come with 85 Tasers. He stressed the importance of being involved in the community and having the officers engage with residents to keep their relationship strong with them. He added that “Community policing isn’t a program, it’s a philosophy”.

Councilmembers commended Chief Thompson for he and his staff’s hard work and dedication in making sure the funding was obtained and the cameras and Tasers were purchased.

IX. City Council Updates

Councilmember Rice shared that a Town Hall meeting to discuss issues in

Spartanburg was being held at 6:30 that evening at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. He mentioned that Police Chief Thompson held “Chats with the Chief” at Q-Cuts on S. Church St. the previous Friday. He reminded everyone that the Carolina Panthers would begin their training camp at Wofford College on Thursday, July 28 at 4:30 p.m.

Councilmember Scalisi commented that she thought it was good for everyone for the City’s policemen to have body worn cameras and Tasers so that everyone would be accountable. She stated the importance of the community building relationships with the policemen.

Councilmember Henderson Myers shared that she had just returned from the NBC/LEO Summer Summit in Columbus, Ohio. She stated that there were many projects discussed that could happen in Spartanburg. She mentioned a tour of an old elementary school, similar to the former Mary H. Wright building, that has been renovated with city and corporate dollars. She stated that the building now included a food market, a doctor’s office, a café, a mental health office and several non-profits. She also shared that had been elected Chair of the Women Lawyers Division of the National Association of the Bar, and that she was the first South Carolinian to be elected to that position. She said that she would be looking to utilize that position nationally and locally.

X. City Council Workshop – Discretionary Grants Allocation (Hospitality Tax)

Chris Story, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Story presented Staff’s recommendations for allocation as a starting point for the discussion. A lengthy discussion ensued as to allocation of \$370,000 in Hospitality Tax funds.

Councilmember Stille made a motion to award Spartanburg Juneteenth Inc. \$15,000 and Hub Bub \$62,500. Councilmember Henderson Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilmember Stille made a motion to reduce the Arts Partnership amount by \$10,000 and award \$35,000 to the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium. Mayor pro tem Anderson seconded the motion, which carried 6 to 1. Councilmember Brown voted against the motion.

Councilmember Henderson Myers made a motion to reduce The Cottonwood Trail amount by \$5,000 and award that amount to the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion. The motion failed with a vote of 2 to 5. Mayor White, Mayor pro tem Anderson, and Councilmembers Stille, Scalisi and Brown voted against the motion.

Councilmember Stille made a motion to approve the revised allocation amounts totaling \$370,000. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 2. Councilmembers Rice and Henderson Myers voted against the motion. (the final amounts awarded are listed in the chart below)

FY17 Discretionary Grants

Event/Project/Program	Organization	FY16		City Staff Recommendation	Final - Approved By City Council
		Allocation	FY17 Request		
Carolina Panther Training Party	Wofford College	\$ 6,200	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Public Art Installation Program	Spartanburg Art Museum		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Seeing Spartanburg In a New Light - Event	The Arts Partnership of Greater Spartanburg, Inc.		\$ 35,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Spartanburg Juneteenth Celebration	Spartanburg Juneteenth, Inc.		\$ 27,500	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000
Spartanburg Regional Criterium	Partners of Active Living	\$ 21,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 20,000
Upstate Pride SC March & Festival	Upstate Pride SC		\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Arts Partnership	The Arts Partnership of Greater Spartanburg, Inc.	\$ 75,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 81,100	\$ 70,000
Ballet Spartanburg	Ballet Spartanburg		\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -
Spartanburg Downtown Cultural District	The Arts Partnership of Greater Spartanburg, Inc.		\$ 20,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000
College Town	College Town Consortium	\$ 12,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Hatcher Gardens	Hatcher Gardens & Woodland Preserve, Inc.	\$ 20,400	\$ 28,017	\$ 20,400	\$ 20,000
HUB BUB	HUB BUB	\$ 70,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 62,500
Hub City Farmer's Market	Hub City Farmer's Market	\$ 15,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Hub City Writers Project	Hub City Writers Project		\$ 15,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 15,000
Spartanburg Convention & Visitor's Bureau	Chamber of Commerce	\$ 30,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Spartanburg Downtown Association	Spartanburg Downtown Association	\$ 6,800	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium	Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 35,000
Spartanburg Regional History Museum	Spartanburg County Historical Association		\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -
The Cottonwood Trail	Spartanburg Area Conservancy, Inc.	\$ 15,000	\$ 25,050	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
West Main Artists Co-op	West Main Artists Cooperative	\$ 5,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
total				\$ 370,000	\$ 370,000

XI. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a) (5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Encouraging the Location of Two Businesses in the City

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

Councilmember Scalisi made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the reason stated. Councilmember Henderson Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

Council reconvened at 7:30 p.m. Mayor White stated that discussion was held with no decisions made.

XII. Adjournment – Councilmember Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk