



**City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
145 West Broad Street  
Monday, July 9, 2012**

**(These minutes were approved at the  
July 23, 2012 City Council meeting.)**

**City Council met this date with the following members present: Mayor Junie White, Mayor pro tem Cate Ryba, Councilmembers Linda Dogan, and Robert Reeder. Councilmember Anderson was absent due to required military service. Councilmember Scalisi was absent due to a foot injury. Councilmember Rice arrived after the recognition of Lieutenant Alvin Gilbert. 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 Minutes of the June 25, 2012 City Council Meeting – *Councilmember Dogan made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 4 to 0.***
- IV. Approval of Agenda of the July 9, 2012 City Council Meeting – *Mayor pro tem Ryba made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 4 to 0.***
- V. Public Comment – Ms. Ruth Littlejohn, 284 Marion Avenue, spoke questioning City Council as to why a rezoning request in the Converse Street neighborhood to allow a home for rehabilitation of released prisoners was even considered. She stated that, while she was thankful the request was denied, she and her neighbors did not appreciate the request even being considered. She stated the neighborhood had worked too hard to get to its current status to allow those type individuals to live in the area. She asked that Council review the current zoning laws to keep such a request from happening again.  
\*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk**
- VI. Recognition of Retired Public Safety Lieutenant Alvin Gilbert  
Presenter: Mayor Junie White  
*Mayor White read a summary of Lieutenant Gilbert's career and thanked him for his service to the City of Spartanburg and the Spartanburg community.***

**VII. Consent Agenda**

- A. An Ordinance Accepting the Property Owned by Kathy Brittain Wright, and Being Located on 675 Perrin Drive, and that Portion of Perrin Drive Abutting Said Property, and is Further Identified on Spartanburg County Tax Map as 7-10-09, 067.00, 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, Said Parcel to be Zoned R-15, Single Family Residential District upon Annexation (Second Reading)**

**Presenter: Joshua Henderson, Planning Coordinator**

*Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the consent agenda on second reading. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.*

**VIII. Other Business**

- A. Housing Authority Update**

**Presenter: Harry Byrd, Executive Director Spartanburg Housing Authority**

Mr. Byrd presented a report updating Council on the progress of compliance of the Housing Authority to the recommendations by HUD in the previous year.

- B. Boards and Commission Update**

**Presenter: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk**

Ms. McIntyre presented the following names for City Council vote:

**Airport Advisory – 2 vacancies**

**Joseph Traywick II** – application received for reappointment

**Thomas Rogers** – application received for appointment

*Councilmember Dogan made a motion to waive the rules and reappointment Joseph Traywick II and appoint Thomas Rogers to the Airport Advisory Committee.*

*Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.*

**Board of Architectural Design and Historic Review – 3 vacancies**

**Thomas Belenchia** – application received for reappointment

**George Fain** – application received for reappointment

**Lewis Settle** – application received for reappointment

*Councilmember Dogan made a motion to waive the rules and reappointment Thomas Belenchia, George Fain, and Lewis Settle to the Board of Architectural Design. Mayor pro tem Ryba seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.*

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee – 2 vacancies**

**Randy Cooksey** – application received for reappointment

**Matt Holiday** – application received for reappointment

*Councilmember Reeder made a motion to waive the rules and reappoint Randy*

*Cooksey and Matt Holiday to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.*

**Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals – 2 vacancies**

**Howard Perry** – application received for reappointment

**Steven L. Smith** – application received for reappointment

*Mayor pro tem Ryba made a motion to waive the rules and reappoint Howard Perry and Steven Smith to the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Councilmember Dogan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.*

**Housing Board of Adjustment and Appeals – 2 vacancies**

Ronald L. Poole – application received

Horace C. Littlejohn – application received

*Councilmember Reeder made a motion to waive the rules and appoint Ronald Poole and Horace Littlejohn to the Housing Board of Adjustment and Appeals.*

*Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.*

**Investment Oversight – 1 vacancy**

Ethan Burroughs – application received

*Councilmember Rice made a motion to waive the rules and appoint Ethan Burroughs to the Investment Oversight Board. Councilmember Dogan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.*

**Planning Commission – 2 vacancies**

James Jenkins – application received for reappointment

Richard Letchworth – application received (applied last year)

*Councilmember Dogan made a motion to waive the rules and reappoint James Jenkins and appoint Richard Letchworth to the Planning Commission.*

*Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.*

**Storm Water Appeals Board (SWAB) – 2 vacancies**

Charles Godfrey – application received for reappointment

Alane S. Russell – application received for reappointment

*Mayor pro tem Ryba made a motion to waive the rules and reappoint Charles Godfrey and Alane S. Russell to the Storm Water Appeals Board. Councilmember Dogan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.*

**Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program – 5 vacancies**

Jackie Wood, MWBE Coordinator is supposed to be recruiting for this committee.

Arlene T. Dawkins – application received

Linda S. Brewer – application received

**Need 3 applicants**

*Councilmember Dogan made a motion to waive the rules and appoint Arlene T. Dawkins and Linda S. Brewer to the MWBE Committee. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.*

**Public Safety Committee – 4 vacancies**

Garrow Crowley – application received for reappointment

Tina Lyon – application received

**Need 2 applicants**

*Councilmember Reeder made a motion to waive the rules and reappoint Garrow Crowley and appoint Tina Lyon to the Public Safety Committee. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.*

**Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals – 3 vacancies**

Aaron Ryba – application received for reappointment

David L. Drum – application received

**Need 1 applicant**

*Mayor pro tem Ryba recused herself from voting on reappointment of Aaron Ryba as he is her husband.*

*Councilmember Rice made a motion to waive the rules and reappoint Aaron Ryba and appoint David Drum to the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals.*

*Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 4 to 0.*

**IX. City Council Updates**

**Mayor White** appointed Councilmember Robert Reeder and Mayor pro tem Ryba to serve on a committee with him to negotiate with the Spartanburg Water System.

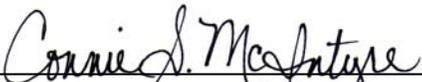
**Councilmember Dogan** thanked everyone responsible for the Red, White & Boom event. She asked for an investigation into the hiring and firing practices of the City.

**Mayor pro tem Ryba** shared that the successful B-Cycle program was one year old and that 20,000 miles had been logged on the bikes.

**Councilmember Reeder** shared that he and Councilmembers Dogan and Scalisi had attended the MASC annual meeting in Hilton Head, and that there were several seminars on bike lanes and sustainability. He mentioned that the City of Spartanburg Express Lane Track Team would be leaving for the National Meet in Orlando, FL.

**Councilmember Rice** shared that Stewart Park was moving forward and that he was looking forward to the reopening of the park.

**X. Adjournment – Councilmember Dogan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor pro tem Ryba seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0 and the meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.**

  
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Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk