



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Monday, August 13, 2012**

**(These minutes were approved at the
August 27, 2012 City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following members present: Mayor Junie White, Councilmembers Linda Dogan, Jerome Rice, Robert Reeder and Jan Scalisi. Councilmember Anderson was absent due to required military service. Mayor pro tem Cate Ryba 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 Minutes of the July 23, 2012 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Dogan made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 4 to 0.
- IV. Approval of Agenda of the August 13, 2012 City Council Meeting –**
Mayor White stated that an Executive Session was not needed and asked that the agenda be amended to reflect the same. Councilmember Scalisi made a motion to amend the agenda to remove the Executive Session and approve the amended agenda as received. Councilmember Dogan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 4 to 0.
- V. Public Comment - none**
*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk

Councilmember Rice arrived at the meeting.

VI. Resolutions

- A. Approving Purchase of 149 Home Street (Block Map 7-16-10-175.00)**
Presenter: Wes Corrothers, Neighborhood Services Director
Mr. Corrothers presented the item to City Council as follows:
“Staff has been approached by the owner of 149 Home Street (TMS 7-16-10-175.00) regarding the purchase of the property by the City. The City owns

several properties along Sunny Street including 134 Bomar Avenue (TMS 7-16-10-173.00), which is immediately adjacent to the proposed purchase parcel.

Staff has negotiated with the property owner and believes \$2,500 is a reasonable amount for the purchase of this property.

Staff is requesting approval of this Resolution to purchase the property located at 149 Home Street (TMS 7-16-10-175.00) from James McKelvey for \$2,500.00.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA: CDBG funds.”

Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the resolution as presented.

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

B. To Approve the City to Negotiate Final Terms and Conditions of a Sponsorship Agreement for a 2012 Holiday Season Ice Rink

Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager

Mr. Memmott deferred to Special Events Manager Mandy Merck for presentation of the item to City Council. She presented the item as follows: “Management believes it is appropriate to brief City Council on a potential project for downtown. Over the past few weeks, staff has had conversations with a prospective private sponsor of a 2012 Holiday Season Ice Rink. Subject to Council authorization and reaching final agreement with the sponsor, the ice rink would be located on Morgan Square. The prospective sponsor has tentatively agreed to pay all net expenses associated with the ice rink. The sponsor’s only request of the City is the coordination of the project and paying for city personnel to operate the facility. Estimated City staff expenses are \$25,000. Staff is comfortable with the potential sponsor’s financial ability to meet all terms and conditions of a sponsorship agreement.

Staff believes that providing an ice rink in downtown Spartanburg is an exceptional opportunity that would help activate downtown and benefit businesses. Other communities such as Charlotte, Raleigh, and Greenville (SC) have utilized temporary ice rinks in their downtowns with great success. This special attraction and venue would be heavily promoted to encourage use and bring citizens to downtown. The Morgan Square location has convenient public parking in the Magnolia Street and Dunbar Street parking garages. Anticipated hours of operation would be 3 pm to 9 pm on weekdays. Weekend hours would tentatively be 12 noon to 10 pm. The cost to skate would be recommended at \$10 per person – which includes the cost of renting skates. It is expected that the facility would be available for corporate and private event rentals as well. It is expected that the ice rink would operate from mid-November to early January. While there remains some number issues and challenges to be resolved including equipment delivery schedule(s) and development of final written agreement(s), time is of the essence if the City and sponsor are to move forward with this project in 2012. Staff is seeking approval of a Resolution that confirms Council support for this initiative and authorizes management to proceed with final negotiations and then execute a sponsorship agreement for a downtown ice rink. If all final agreements can be executed, a formal announcement of the project would be made at the appropriate time.

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA: City would be responsible for covering the costs of personnel to operate the facility and any public safety overtime expenses estimated at a maximum cost of \$25,000. Revenues from other sponsorships and ticket sales would be applied against cost expenditures. Staff is proposing that Broad Street Tax Increment Funding would be used to pay city personnel expenses.”

After discussion, Councilmember Dogan made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

C. To Make Certain Findings of Benefit with Respect to Broad Street Redevelopment Plan as Adopted by Ordinance of City Council on April 3, 1989, and as Amended on December 15, 1997 (West Main Street Improvement Project)

Presenter: Ed Memmott, City Manager

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

“Staff is recommending the use of \$130,000 in Broad Street Tax Increment Financing District Funds for streetscaping improvements for a portion of West Main Street. This project, while outside of Broad Street TIF district, is immediately adjacent to the boundaries of the district and is an eligible public improvement as defined in the TIF Redevelopment Plan. This action requires the approval of City Council.

Staff is requesting approval of a Resolution approving use of Broad Street TIF funds for the West Main Street Improvement Project.

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA: \$130,000 in Broad Street TIF”.

After discussion, Councilmember Dogan made a motion to approve the resolution as requested. Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

VII. Other Business

A. Award of Bid for West Main Street Improvement Project

Presenter: Tim Carter, Engineering Administrator

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

“Staff received competitive bids for streetscaping a portion of West Main and Lafayette Streets on August 7. The West Main Street project will include urban streetscaping (wider sidewalks, pedestrian lighting, additional trees, and reduction of travel lanes) from the West Main Street/Daniel Morgan Avenue intersection to the CSX rail crossing. Staff has discussed this project with Council and believes it would significantly enhance the appearance of West Main Street as an entrance to downtown. Improvements to Lafayette Street (Henry Street to Ribault Street) were included in the bid package as an add alternate bid of \$34,556 to take advantage of more competitive unit cost pricing. Staff is proposing to install wider sidewalks, new curb and gutter, and repaving on Lafayette Street. Staff believes these improvements will complement the YMCA project. The following bids (including the Lafayette Street add alternate) were submitted:

Raby Construction Company, LLC (Greenville, SC)	\$ 275,263.40
Sossamon Construction (Gaffney, SC)	\$ 277,132.00
Secor Construction Company, LLC (Anderson, SC)	\$ 296,522.20
Vaughn Curbing Company (Woodruff, SC)	\$ 302,313.85

Staff has reviewed the bids and the qualifications of each contractor and has determined that Raby Construction Company, LLC, is the responsive low bidder. No bids were submitted from MWBE certified contractors.

Staff is requesting authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Raby Construction Company, LLC for the completion of the project.”

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA:

\$ 140,000 - Spartanburg County Road Fee

\$ 130,000 - Broad Street TIF District

\$ 35,000 – Multi-county Park Infrastructure Funding”.

After discussion, Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the bid award as recommended. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

B. Boards and Commissions – MWBE Applicant

Presenter: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk

Ms. McIntyre presented Lakeidra Barber’s application for consideration for the MWBE Board.

Councilmember Dogan made a motion to waive the rules and appoint LaKeidra Barber to the MWBE Board. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

VIII. City Council Updates –

Councilmember Dogan shared that she had spoken at a Women’s Conference at Converse College the previous Wednesday and had enjoyed the experience. She asked that anyone who could please volunteer at the Soup Kitchen.

Councilmember Reeder reminded Councilmembers of the Spartanburg County Municipal Association meeting on August 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Wade’s Restaurant.

Councilmember Rice mentioned how well things were going at the Panthers Training Camp. He also thanked everyone who was involved with the Hubapalooza event at Barnet Park for the softball tournament attendees.

Mayor White thanked everyone involved with the National Night Out event.

IX. Executive Session to Receive Information Regarding Economic Development – (Agenda amended to remove this item.)

X. Adjournment – Councilmember Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.


 Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk