



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Monday, August 27, 2012**

**(These minutes were approved at the
September 10, 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, Jerome Rice, Robert Reeder and Jan Scalisi. Councilmember Anderson was absent due to required military service. 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 August 13, 2012 City Council Meeting –**
*Councilmember Dogan made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*
- IV. **Approval of Agenda of the August 27, 2012 City Council Meeting –**
*Mayor pro tem Ryba made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*
- V. **Public Comment – Detria Smith Jones of 283 Hydrick St., Spartanburg, SC** came forward to express concerns regarding code enforcement.
*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk
- VI. **Special Presentation**
 - A. **City of Spartanburg 30 Years of Tree City USA Flag Presentation**
Presenter: Dena Jacob, Regional Urban Forester, Piedmont
Ms. Jacob presented a plaque and a Tree City USA flag to the City celebrating 30 years of Tree City USA compliance.
- VII. **Resolution**
 - A. **Approving the Purchase of 18.24 Acres of Property from Mt. Zion Full Gospel Baptist Church (Portion of Parcel 7016-008.00)**
Presenter: Darwin Simpson, Airport Director
Mr. Simpson presented the item to City Council as follows:

“Several years ago, an airport Layout Plan was approved by the FAA for the Spartanburg Downtown Airport which required the acquisition of parcels needed for the expansion of the safety zone and also for the expansion of the runway. Several parcels were purchased in 2009 and the City now has the opportunity to purchase 18.24 acres of vacant land from Mt. Zion Full Gospel Baptist Church. This property is adjacent to Mt. Zion Full Gospel Baptist Church and is a portion of Block Map Sheet 7-16-13-008.00. The appraised value of the property is \$109,000.00 which the Church has agreed to accept as just compensation. Staff is requesting approval for the purchase of property located just off Wimberly Drive which is a portion of Block Map Sheet 7-16-13-008.00 from Mt. Zion Full Gospel Baptist Church for the agreed upon price of \$109,000.00. BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA: \$109,000 which will be reimbursed by the FAA.”

Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the resolution as requested.

Councilmember Reeder seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

VIII. Other Business

**A. Approval to Purchase Mobile Computer Infrastructure and Network Upgrade
Presenter: Major Steve Lamb, Public Safety**

Major Lamb presented the item to City Council as follows:

“Over the last decade, the Public Safety Department has utilized an advanced network of integrated computers assigned to individual patrol units. This system has allowed officers to create reports in the field and wirelessly send them to our records division. They can also query data from several internal, local and national databases. This process has saved countless man hours, reduced the number of needed clerical positions and established our real-time data flow system.

However, over the last several years our wireless infrastructure has begun to deteriorate and the technology has become almost obsolete. We are currently utilizing outdated cellular technology and computer modems. We are also unable to update our police records management system’s software because our infrastructure will not support the necessary changes. Basically, without a complete infrastructure overhaul our data network will eventually become unusable to our department.

The Public Safety and Information Technology Divisions have researched for over a year for the best possible solution. We searched for a national company with a record of producing high quality products that could meet our short and long term goals. The overall plan is to install new cellular modems in 48 patrol vehicles and utilize advanced software to simultaneously oversee these multiple computer systems.

All requested purchases fall under the U.S General Services Administration (national contract) or the South Carolina State Contract. These purchases will also adhere to the City’s policy and procurement guidelines.

Company	Price
Utility (GSA)	\$93,379
Dell (State Contract)	\$13,618
AT&T (State Contract)	\$44,250
Microsoft (State Contract)	\$9,540
Total	\$160,787

The Public Safety Department requests City Council approval to upgrade their mobile computer system's infrastructure by utilizing several procurement approved vendors.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA: This project will be funded through the 2009 Recovery Act JAG Program. (MG0135) No City of Spartanburg funds will be used for the purchase of this system. After one year, the City of Spartanburg will be responsible for an annual modem maintenance fee of approximately \$13,632. This will include maintenance for all 48 modems at \$285 for each system. After three years, the City of Spartanburg will be responsible for annual software maintenance of approximately \$6,000 yearly."

Councilmember Reeder made a motion to approve the request as presented. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

B. Award of Bid for Bus Shelters

Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director

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

"SPARTA staff is in the process of reviewing the placement and condition of the shelter structures located at bus stops throughout the city. We are reviewing all high volume bus stops to determine the highest priority needs for installation and replacement of bus shelters. We have identified some FTA grant funding that will allow us to purchase a number of attractive high quality shelter units to be installed later this year at the locations identified as highest priority in the review process.

We received bids from:

Columbia Equipment Company (Jamaica, NY)	\$4,060.00 ea
Duo-Gard Industries (Canto, MI)	\$4,671.00 ea
Brasco International Incorporated (Madison Heights, MI)	\$5,320.00 ea

No MWBE firms responded.

After review of the bids and qualifications from each vendor, we determined that Columbia Equipment Co. is the responsive low bidder. We are planning to purchase nine shelters. We request Council approval accordingly.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA: The total price for this purchase will be \$38,732.40 to be paid by F.T.A. Grant number SC 90-X166-00. This grant has an 80/20 match requirement that is included in the current year Budget."

Councilmember Dogan made a motion to approve the award of bid as requested. Councilmember Scalisi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

C. Consideration of Redistricting

Presenter: Cathy McCabe, City Attorney

Ms. McCabe presented the item to City Council as follows:

"In order for the City to comply with various federal requirements, it is necessary for Council to consider whether the boundaries of its single member districts require adjustment based on demographic and/or population changes. These assessments are routinely done every 10 years to coincide with the federal census. Each local government having single member election districts is expected to engage in good

faith efforts to maintain roughly equal (by population) election districts. There are also legal protections regarding minority voters that must be respected during a redistricting process. Given the population changes for the City between 2000 and 2010, staff anticipates that boundary changes for the City's six single member districts will be necessary. A redistricting plan process must also:

1. Adhere to the 1965 Voting Rights Act as amended and controlling court decisions.
2. Ensure that parts of districts established are contiguous.
3. Respect Communities of Interest.
4. Attempt to maintain constituent consistency.
5. Solicit public input.
6. Avoid splitting voting precincts if possible.

To assist local governments in this process, the State of South Carolina offers support through the State Budget and Control Board – Office of Research and Statistics. After initial consultation with Mr. Bowers, Executive Director of the Office of Research and Statistic, staff is recommending the following district plan development process.

September 10, 2012 – Briefing from Mr. Bowers. It is expected that Mr. Bowers will provide his assessment of the City current district boundaries and present a sample plan of changes for Council's initial consideration. If Council believes the sample plan presented by Mr. Bowers is acceptable, Council could vote to accept the sample as its "starting point" plan. This sample plan would then be released to the public in the next few days after this meeting.

October 22, 2012 – Conduct a public hearing and possible first reading of an Ordinance to adopt new district boundaries. Council may decide to delay its vote on the plan based on comments received during the public hearing and set more time for public comment and input.

Staff is requesting that City Council consider staff's suggested schedule and process for Council redistricting and provide direction to staff for moving this process forward."

Ms. McCabe also proposed a public forum on the redistricting matter on either September 27, October 2, or October 4, which would give citizens an opportunity to view proposed changes, ask questions, and voice concerns over the proposed redistricting. She asked that councilmembers let City Clerk McIntyre know which date they preferred. She stated that Mr. Bowers would be in attendance at the public forum.

City Council received the report as information.

IX. City Council Updates

Councilmember Reeder shared that the Spartanburg County Municipal Association meeting held the previous Thursday at Wade's was very productive and informative with staff from the Appalachian Council of Governments advising the group regarding current legislation in Columbia and other pertinent matters.

Councilmember Dogan shared that she had attended her first meeting with the Arts

Partnership committee and that it went well. She echoed Councilmember Reeder's comments regarding the SCMA meeting.

Councilmember Scalisi also echoed Councilmember Reeder's comments regarding the SCMA meeting and emphasized how important it was for Councilmembers to keep up with current and pending legislation in Columbia.

She shared that she and the Mayor had attended the regular meeting of ACOG the previous Friday. She also asked that everyone remember the people on the Gulf Coast who would be affected by Hurricane Isaac.

Councilmember Rice stated that the grand opening of the refurbished Stewart Park would be held on Saturday, September 8, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. and encouraged everyone to attend.

Mayor pro tem Ryba thanked the staff and BikeWorks for the signage recently placed on the Duncan Park Trail.

- X. Adjournment** – *Councilmember Dogan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor pro tem Ryba seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.*



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk