



**City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
145 West Broad Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29306  
Monday, November 25, 2019**

**(These minutes were approved at the  
January 13, 2020 City Council meeting.)**

**City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor White, Mayor pro tem Alan Jenkins, Jerome Rice, Ruth Littlejohn, and Jamie Fulmer. Councilmembers Erica Brown and Councilmember Sterling Anderson were absent from the meeting. City Manager Chris Story and City Attorney Robert Coler 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 Agenda of the November 25, 2019 City Council Meeting – Mayor pro tem Jenkins made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.**

**IV. Public Comment**

- \*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk
1. John McIntyre, 154 W. Park Drive, Spartanburg, SC, spoke regarding homeless issues in Spartanburg and possible establishment of a legal homeless encampment in the city limits.

**V. Ordinance**

**A. Authorizing the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina, to Execute and Deliver An Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement in An Amount Not Exceeding \$2,600,000 Between The City and the Lessor Thereof To Defray The Cost of Acquiring Certain Equipment; And Other Matters Relating Thereto (First Reading)**

**Presenter: Dennis R. 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, 80 Police Portable Radios, 10 Vehicles and 8 various pieces of equipment for Public Services, 1 Vehicle Inspections, 2 Vehicles for Fire, and 1 Vehicle for Property and Procurement Management

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 AND FINANCIAL DATA:** The total will not exceed \$2,600,000 inclusive of closing costs. This amount may be reduced pending final review of acquisition specifications."

*Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading.*

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

## **VI. Resolution**

### **A. Authorizing the Sale of the Naming Rights of the Bike Park Located at the Rail Yard Park Along the Mary Black Foundation Rail Trail to "Vic Bailey Subaru Bike Park" and to Authorize the City Manager to Finalize the Details of the Naming Agreement.**

**Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Assistant City Manager**

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

"The City of Spartanburg has partnered with Partners for Active Living (PAL) to continue park improvements along the Mary Black Foundation Rail Trail (Rail Trail). The latest improvement is a new "Bike Park" on Old Glendale Road adjacent to the Rail Yard Park. PAL has facilitated an investment of \$334,000 into the Bike Park amenity to date. The park is scheduled to be completed in February, and will be added to the City's park amenities at the Rail Yard Park once completed.

These improvements are consistent with the City's partnership with PAL, and commitment to advance our Parks and Recreation System.

PAL is seeking to secure a naming rights agreement with the City and Sponsor: Vic Bailey Imports, Inc. (Vic Bailey Subaru). Vic Bailey Imports, Inc. has agreed to contribute \$25,000 to PAL toward the Bike Park improvements. PAL seeks to name the Bike Park "Vic Baily Subaru Bike Park"

The attached proposed agreement would establish the terms of this partnership.

Staff fully supports this effort, and recommends to Council for approval the attached resolution and agreement.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Resolution to approve the sale of the naming rights of the Bike Park at the City owned and operated Rail Yard Park, and to authorize the City Manager to finalize the details of the naming agreement.

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA:** Vic Bailey Imports, Inc. to contribute \$25,000 to Partners for Active Living.”

*Councilmember Littlejohn made a motion to approve the resolution as presented.*

*Mayor pro tem Jenkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0.*

**B. To Amend the City Manager’s Employment Contract**

**Presenter: Robert Coler, City Attorney**

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

“Council met in Executive Session on October 28, 2019 and November 11, 2019 in regards to the annual performance review of City Manager Chris Story. On November 11, 2019 Council shared the findings of the annual performance review with the City Manager during Executive Session.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** City Council to approve the resolution to amend the City Manager’s Employment Contract and annual salary increase.

**BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA:** The annual salary for the City Manager will be increased by 4%.”

*Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the resolution as presented.*

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

**VII. Other Business**

**A. Annual Update from the Chapman Cultural Center**

**Presenter: Jennifer Evins, President & CEO, Chapman Cultural Center**

**Ms. Evins** highlighted the activities and accomplishments of the Chapman Cultural Center for 2019.

*Council received the report as information.*

**VIII. City Council Updates - Each Councilmember gave updates on their activities since the previous council meeting.**

**IX. Executive Session – Mayor pro tem Jenkins made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the reasons stated. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:22 p.m.**

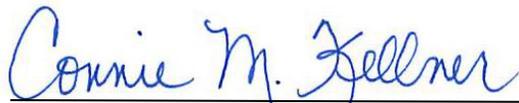
**A. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (2) concerning discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property at the Spartanburg Downtown Memorial Airport.**

**B. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(5) concerning discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in Downtown Spartanburg.**

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

**Council reconvened to regular session at 7:13 p.m. Mayor White stated that discussion was held with no decisions made.**

**X. Adjournment – Mayor pro tem Jenkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 5 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.**



**Connie M. Kellner, City Clerk**