



**City Council Meeting – Videoconference via Zoom  
Monday, March 30, 2020  
5:30 p.m.**

*“The upcoming City Council meeting will be held via publicly accessible videoconference. Links and instructions for how to access this meeting via telephone, computer, or mobile device will be posted in City Hall, available on the City’s webpage, and provided to the local media. The meeting will be broadcast live on the City’s Facebook page.*

*Those wishing to utilize the public comment provisions of city code, can do so by contacting City Clerk Connie Kellner at (864) 596-2019 or [ckellner@cityofspartanburg.org](mailto:ckellner@cityofspartanburg.org) prior to 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the meeting date.”*

**(These minutes were approved  
at the April 13, 2019 City Council meeting.  
The full content of the meeting can be found at  
<https://www.cityofspartanburg.org/city-council> )**

**City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present via Zoom: Mayor White, Mayor pro tem Ruth Littlejohn, Councilmembers Erica Brown, Jerome Rice, Jamie Fulmer, Meghan Smith and Rob Rain. 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 Minutes from the March 16, 2020 City Council Meeting –**  
*Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Mayor pro tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*
- IV. Approval of the Agenda for the March 30, 2020 City Council Meeting –**  
*Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Mayor pro tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*
- V. Public Comment**  
\*Refer to above instructions regarding Public Comment”
  - 1. Allen Smith, President and CEO of Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce, spoke regarding the dire financial situation of small businesses in Spartanburg. He asked that Council do whatever was in their power to help the businesses.**

**VI. Consent Agenda**

- A. Ordinance to Amend the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element, by Amending Section 206, Changes to District Boundaries, Specifically Parcel #7-13-07-014.01 (Back Portion of Property) Located on 1455 Fernwood Glendale Road, Which is Zoned R-15, with a Land Use Designation of Single Family Residential District; to Zone B-1, with a Land Use Designation of Neighborhood Shopping District and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date (Second Reading)**  
**Presenter: Natalia Rosario, AICP, Senior Planner**
- B. Ordinance to Amend the Text of Section 507, Planned Development Districts (PDD) to Consider Enabling Small Lot Infill Redevelopment Projects, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date (Second Reading)**  
**Presenter: Natalia Rosario, AICP, Senior Planner**  
*Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda on second reading. Mayor pro tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

**VII. Emergency Ordinance**

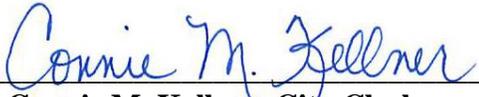
- A. To Extend the Deadline for the Payment of Hospitality Taxes Due on April 20, 2020 and May 20, 2020 Until June 20, 2020 and to Freeze the Late Payment Penalty on Business License Payments Due on February 29, 2020 at 5% (One Reading)**  
**Presenter: Robert Coler, City Attorney**  
Mr. Coler presented the item to Council as follows:  
“BACKGROUND: To mitigate the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on local businesses and restaurants  
ACTION REQUESTED: Council is being asked to approve the ordinance that will extend the deadlines for the payment of hospitality taxes due April 20 and May 20 to June 20, 2020 and will freeze the late payment penalty for unpaid business license taxes at 5% through May 1, 2020.  
BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA: Potential loss of late payment penalty revenue of less than \$10,000.00.”  
*After discussion, Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the emergency ordinance as presented. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

**VIII. Update from Staff on Coronavirus Response and Modified City Operations**

- Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager**  
City Manager Chris Story and Police Chief Alonzo Thompson updated Council on the City’s response to COVID 19. Council received the update as information. Council discussed the information and their personal concerns during the

pandemic.

- IX. City Council Updates** - *Each Councilmember gave updates on their activities since the previous council meeting.*
- X. Adjournment** – *Councilmember Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor pro tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

  
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**Connie M. Kellner, City Clerk**