



**Special City Council Meeting
Via Videoconference
Thursday, April 2, 2020
11:00 a.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.

**(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. Call to Order – Mayor White called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.**
- II. Emergency Ordinance**
 - A. To State City Council’s Recognition of the Critical Importance of Taking All Reasonable Measures to Slow the Spread of the Coronavirus COVID19 and Enforcing the Regulations of the Governor’s Executive Orders Pertaining to the Declaration of a State of Emergency (One Reading)**

Presenter: Robert Coler, City Attorney

Mr. Coler presented the item to Council as follows:

“The state of South Carolina, by and through, Governor McMaster has, to date, issued 11 Executive Orders concerning efforts to respond to and stop the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19. City Council finds it necessary and appropriate to express to its residents and visitors the critical importance of abiding the CDC’s guidelines and the Governor’s Orders to stop the spread of the virus. City Council also finds it necessary to commit to protecting the health, safety and welfare of its residents by carrying out the Governor’s Orders, particularly where they promote social distancing and prohibit the gathering or congregating of groups larger than three persons.

ACTION REQUESTED: Council is being asked to approve the ordinance that

reiterates the Council’s commitment to doing everything within its legal authority to stop the spread of coronavirus COVID-19 and expressing its desire to carry out the Governor’s Executive Orders, particularly as they pertain to stemming the spread of the coronavirus COVID–19.”

After Council discussion, Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the emergency ordinance as presented. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

III. Update from Staff on Response to Coronavirus COVID19

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

City Manager Story updated Council on staff efforts regarding COVID 19.

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

V. Adjournment – *Councilmember Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor pro tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.*



Connie M. Kellner, City Clerk