



**City Council Meeting
Spartanburg Marriott – Wadsworth and Croft Room
299 N. Church Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, June 8, 2020
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved
at the June 22, 2020 City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: 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 May 26, 2020 City Council Meeting, and the June 1, 2020 Special City Council Meeting –**
*Mayor pro tem Littlejohn made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*
- IV. Approval of the Agenda for the June 8, 2020 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Smith *made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Councilmember Fulmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*
- V. Public Comment**
*Refer to above instructions regarding Public Comment”
The following people spoke:
 - 1. Richard Swanson
 - 2. Tanna Thompson read a letter for Nikki Smith who was unable to attend the meeting.
 - 3. Jay Smith
- VI. Public Hearing**
 - A. Ordinance to Provide for the Adoption of a City Operating Budget, Its Execution and Effect, for the Fiscal Period July 1, 2020 Through June 30, 2021 (First Reading)**
Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Mr. Story presented the item to Council as follows:

“Attached please find a proposed budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. It reflects no changes from the version reviewed during our budget workshop last month. We recommend your approval.

The agenda for your upcoming City Council meeting contains a public hearing and first reading consideration. Balanced amendments are appropriate at any point in the process.

We look forward to addressing any questions you may have.”

After discussion, Mayor White opened the Public Hearing. He asked if there was anyone present to speak in opposition to the proposed budget. Hearing none, he asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the proposed budget.

Hearing none, Mayor pro tem Littlejohn made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented on first reading. Councilmember Rain seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

VII. Ordinances

- A. To Raise Revenues for the City of Spartanburg for the Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 To Levy Taxes On All Real Estate and Personal Property, Except Such as is Exempted By Law, in the Corporate Limits of the City of Spartanburg for Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal Year 2020 -2021 and to Provide Penalties for the Delinquent Payment of Taxes Levied and Provided For (First Reading)**

Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director

Mr. Locke presented the item to Council as follows:

“The purpose of this ordinance is to establish the property tax millage rate for the City of Spartanburg for FY 2020-2021. The current year’s millage is remaining at 104.4.

ACTION REQUESTED: Adoption of the millage Ordinance for fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA: See Millage Ordinance”

Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented on first reading. Mayor pro tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

- B. Accepting the Property Owned by Spartanburg County School District No 7 and Being Located at 1500 Skylyn Drive and 1530 Skylyn Drive, and is Further Identified on Spartanburg County Tax Map as 7-09-09, Parcel 022.02 and 7-09-09, Parcel 123.00 as a Part and Parcel of the City of Spartanburg and Declaring Said Property Annexed to and a Part and Parcel of the City of Spartanburg (First Reading)**

Presenter: Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

Mr. Coler presented the item to Council as follows:

“A request from Ken Darr, attorney for Spartanburg County School District No 7, to the City of Spartanburg to have the parcel located at 1500 Skylyn Drive and 1530 Skylyn Drive annexed into the City Limits of Spartanburg. This is the current location of Drayton Mills Elementary School.

ACTION REQUESTED: Council is being asked to provide first reading approval of the proposed Ordinance to accept 1500 Skylyn Drive & 1530 Skylyn Drive, TMN# 7-09-09-122.02 & 7-09-09-123.00 annexed to and a part and parcel of the City of Spartanburg.”

After discussion, Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented on first reading. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

VIII. Resolutions

**A. Approving Purchase of Property at 106 Norris Street
(TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBER 7-16-05-009.00)**

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Neighborhood Services Department

Mr. Livingston presented the item to Council as follows:

“Lucky Little Dog, LLC, the owners of property located at 106 Norris Street is interested in selling a fire-damaged property in the City of Spartanburg for \$6,500.00. The appraisal of the property is \$1,500, which includes the appraiser’s deduction of the estimated cost for demolition. The City will cover the cost of asbestos removal, demolition, title searches, recording fees, and closing cost. City staff will work with developers and other non-profits to build housing on the site. Sale of the property is contingent on clear title.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Resolution to purchase the property from Lucky Little Dog, LLC, the owner of property located at 627 Farley Avenue – Farley and Saxon Neighborhood.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA:

Recording Fees: \$10.00

Estimated annual maintenance: \$300.00

Asbestos Removal and Demolition Estimated: \$10,000 - 13,000.00”

After discussion, Mayor pro tem Littlejohn made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

**B. Approving Donation of Property at 627 Farley Avenue
(TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBER 7-11-08-232.00)**

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Neighborhood Services Department

“NM Property, the owners of property located at 627 Farley Avenue is interested in donating a fire-damaged property in the City of Spartanburg. The City will cover the cost of asbestos removal, demolition, title searches, recording fees, and closing cost. City staff will work with developers and other non-profits to build housing on the site. Donation of the property is contingent on clear title.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Resolution accepting the donation of the property from: NM Property, the owner of property located at 627 Farley Avenue – Farley and Saxon Neighborhood.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA:

Recording Fees: \$10.00

Estimated annual maintenance: \$300.00

Asbestos Removal and Demolition Estimated: \$8,000 - 10,000.00”

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the resolution.

Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

C. Allocating Fiscal Year 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) Cares Act Funds

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Neighborhood Services Department

Mr. Livingston presented the item to Council as follows:

“The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) makes available to the City of Spartanburg \$399,188 in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. Additionally, the CARES Act provides CDBG grantees with flexibilities that make it easier to use CDBG-CV grants and fiscal years 2019 and 2020 CDBG Grants for coronavirus response and authorizes the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to grant waivers and alternative requirements.

Staff is requesting approval of the City of Spartanburg’s Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Action Plan Amendment to include CARES Act CDBG-CV Funds. The City of Spartanburg will receive an allocation of Community Development Block Grant – CARES Act Funding (CDBG-CV) The total estimated allocation for CDBG-CV Funds is \$399,188.

After a thirty (30) day comment period which ended June 3, 2020, the amended documents must be submitted to HUD by June 19, for review and approval.

ACTION REQUESTED: Staff is requesting approval of the City of Spartanburg’s Fiscal Year 2020 Action Plan Amendments to include CDBG-CV Funds

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA: Revenue - \$399,188 in Community Development Block Grant – CARES Act (CDBG-CV) Funding.”

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

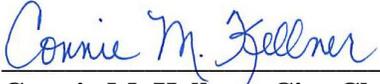
Mayor pro tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

IX. Consent Agenda

A. Ordinance to Consider (An Updated Design Change to the Previously Approved PDD Project, The Norris Ridge Redevelopment), that Amended

the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element, by Amending Section 206, Changes to District Boundaries, Specifically Parcels #7-12-09-111.00; 113.00; 114.00; 119.00; 120.00; 130.00; 131.00; 141.00; 142.00; 143.00; 143.01; 143.02; & 169.00; Located on 571 Wofford Street; 561 Wofford Street; '0' Hines Street; 288 Hines Street; 276 Hines Street; 531 Wofford Street; 523 Wofford Street; 480 Pilgrim Street; 484 Pilgrim Street; 263 Hines Street; 253 Hines Street; 243 Hines Street; and 242 N. Thompson Street, Which Were Zoned I-1 and/or R-6, with a Land Use Designation of Light Industrial and/or General Residential District to Zone R-6 PDD, with a Land Use Designation of General Residential Planned Development District and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date (Second Reading)
Presenter: Natalia Rosario, AICP, Senior Planner
Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda on second reading. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

- X. Police Briefing**
Presenter: Police Chief Alonzo Thompson
Chief Thompson gave a presentation to Council regarding policies, training, procedures, statistics, and community involvement of the City Police Department.
- XI. City Council Update** – Each Councilmember expressed their thoughts and feelings in the aftermath of George Floyd’s death.
- XII. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a) (5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to an Economic Development Project**
Mayor pro tem Littlejohn made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. Council reconvened at 8:43 p.m. Mayor White stated that discussion was held with no decisions made.
- XIII. Adjournment** – *Mayor White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.*



Connie M. Kellner, City Clerk