



**City Council Meeting
Spartanburg Marriott – Wadsworth and Croft Room
299 N. Church Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, July 13, 2020
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved
at the July 27, 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, Meghan Smith and Rob Rain. Councilmember Fulmer was absent. 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 June 22, 2020 City Council Meeting and the June 26, 2020 Emergency City Council Meeting – *Mayor pro tem Littlejohn made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.***
- IV. Approval of the Agenda for the July 13, 2020 City Council Meeting – *Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.***
- V. Public Comment**

**Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk*

 - 1. Elliott McCarthy, 512 Norwood St., Spartanburg, SC** spoke asking that Council consider a mandatory mask ordinance.
 - 2. Peter Freissle, 1790 Dewberry, Spartanburg, SC** thanked Council for the agreement with SPIHN to use the Northwest Center for The Opportunity Center for the homeless.
 - 3. Beth Rutherford, 211 Hillsboro Trace, Spartanburg, SC** thanked Council for the agreement with SPIHN to use the Northwest Center for The Opportunity Center for the homeless. She presented a framed picture, signed by Opportunity Center users, thanking Council.
- VI. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Development Agreement Between the City of Spartanburg and Lat Purser and Associates Inc. for a**

Project Located at 289 Union Street and 327 E. Kennedy Street (Second Reading)

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

- B. Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement to Lease a Portion of the Northwest Center Located at 701 Saxon Avenue to the Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network (SPHIN) to House the Spartanburg Opportunity Center (Second Reading)**

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the consent agenda on second reading. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

VIII. 2020 Street Resurfacing Award of Bid

Presenter: Tim Carter, Engineering Administrator

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

“Staff received bids for the 2020 Street Resurfacing Project on June 23, 2020. This project consists of approximately 10,520 tons of surface Type C Asphalt, 2,050 square yards of full depth patching, and 43,870 square yards milling.

The following bids were submitted:

King Asphalt Inc. (Liberty, SC)	\$ 967,645.21
Rogers Group, Inc. (Greer, SC)	\$ 993,854.36
Venesky Asphalt Paving & Grading, LLC (Easley, SC)	\$ 1,161,416.94
Sloan Construction. (Duncan, SC)	\$ 1,181,998.80
Bird Paving (Inman, SC)	\$ 1,210,189.16

Staff has reviewed the bids received and the qualifications for each of these contractors and determined that King Asphalt Inc. is the responsive low bidder. No bids were submitted from MWBE certified contractors.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Allow staff to accept the bid from King Asphalt Inc. and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with King Asphalt Inc. for the completion of the project.

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA:

\$ 455,000.00 County Transportation Committee Funds (CTC)

\$ 512,645.21 from the Spartanburg County Road Fee Funds.”

Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the bid to King Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$967,645.21. Mayor pro tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

IX. Approval of Bus Purchase

Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director

Mr. Locke presented the item to Council as follows:

“Staff is requesting we replace a 2012 Goshen model bus with 151,723 miles. This vehicle is past its useful life of 4 years/ 100,000 miles. The recommended replacement is an heavy duty, 12 year/500,000 mile bus which will be ADA compliant. In November

2017, City Council had given approval of RFP 1718-04-10-01 which including options to purchase additional buses in the future. We are exercising this option and received an purchase quote from Gillig dated 5/5/20 in the amount of \$451,169.

Given our expectations of future federal funding, staff has concluded that the most conservative fiscal approach for the City is to replace this bus with a large, heavy-duty model with a long lifespan. Large busses also have advantages associated with safety, route efficiency, and rider convenience and comfort.

ACTION REQUESTED: Staff requests approval to purchase (1) 35-foot heavy-duty diesel buses from Gillig, LLC.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA: Purchase Price - \$451,169

Annual Operating & Capital Grants - \$361,250

Cares Act - \$26,169

Local match - \$63,750”

Mayor pro tem Littlejohn made a motion to approve the bus purchase as requested.

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

X. Staff Covid19 Update

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Mr. Story updated Council on procedures currently used and others that have been implemented during the pandemic.

Council received the report as information.

During the discussion, Councilmember Smith made a motion to suspend “in person” council meetings for the foreseeable future. The motion died from lack of a second.

Mayor White, Mayor pro tem Littlejohn, and Councilmembers Rice, Brown and Rain stated they were in support of continuing “in person” meetings for the time being.

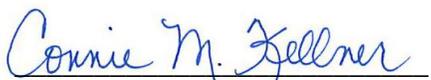
XI. City Council Updates - Each Councilmember gave updates on their activities since the previous council meeting.

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

The Executive Session was not needed.

XIII. Adjournment –

Councilmember Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor pro tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.


Connie M. Kellner, City Clerk