



**City Council Meeting
Spartanburg Marriott – Wadsworth and Croft Room
299 N. Church Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, July 27, 2020
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved
at the August 10, 2020 City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers participating: Mayor White, Mayor pro tem Ruth Littlejohn, Councilmembers Jerome Rice, Jamie Fulmer, Meghan Smith and Rob Rain. City Manager Chris Story and City Attorney Robert Coler were also in attendance. Councilmember Erica Brown was absent from the meeting. 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 July 13, 2020 City Council Meeting –
Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Mayor pro tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

IV. Approval of the Agenda for the July 27, 2020 City Council Meeting –
Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Mayor pro tem Littlejohn 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. Toni Sutton, 102 Cemetery St., Spartanburg, SC, spoke against the proposed Mary H. Wright redevelopment.
 2. Chance LeBron, 100 Imperial Drive, Apt. 244B, Spartanburg, SC, spoke against the proposed Mary H. Wright redevelopment.
 3. Jason Spencer, 179 Grady Avenue, Tryon, NC, spoke against the proposed Mary H. Wright redevelopment.

**VI. Recognition of Retiring Special Events Manager Mandy Merck
Presentation: Mayor White**

Mayor White recognized Ms. Merck and presented her with her city retirement plaque. He thanked her for her 31 years of dedicated service to the city.

VII. Presentation on Bring Back the Burg (Pandemic Economic Recovery Effort)

Presenter: Allen Smith, President and CEO of the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Smith updated Council regarding the progress of the Bring Back the Burg recovery effort.

Council received the report as information.

IX. Boards and Commissions -

Ms. Kellner asked that Mayor White appoint two councilmembers to the Hospitality Tax Committee as required by the resolution for that committee.

Mayor White re-appointed Councilmember Meghan Smith and Councilmember Jerome Rice to the Hospitality Tax Committee for another one-year term.

A. Zoning Board Recommendation

Presenter: Connie M. Kellner, City Clerk

Ms. Kellner presented Ms. Janie Salley's application for Council's consideration for appointment to the Zoning Board.

Mayor White made a motion to approve appointment of Janie Salley to the Zoning Board. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.

B. Council Interview Committee Recommendations

Presenter: Councilmember Meghan Smith

Councilmember Smith brought forward recommendations as follows:

1. Lekesia Whitner and Warick Spencer for appointment to the Planning Commission.
2. Lauren Rogers for appointment to the Design Review Board.

Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the recommendations from the Interview Committee. Councilmember Fulmer 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.

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

Councilmember Rice made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the stated reason. Councilmember Fulmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:29 p.m.

Council reconvened to regular session at 6:42 p.m.

Mayor White stated that discussion was held with no decisions made.

XIII. Adjournment – Councilmember Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.



Connie M. Kellner, City Clerk