



**City Council Meeting
CC Woodson Recreation Center Gym
210 Bomar Avenue
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, August 10, 2020
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved
at the August 24, 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, Jamie Fulmer 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 – observed

III. Approval of the Minutes from the July 27, 2020 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 August 10, 2020 City Council Meeting –
*Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

V. Public Comment

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

- 1. Ms. Brenda Lee Pryce, invited Council to a birthday celebration for Mary H. Wright on Tuesday, August 11, 2020*
- 2. Mr. Robert Lee Weathers, 6 Cleveland Ct., Drayton, SC, voiced his concerns about the rezoning of Drayton property owned by Pacolet Milliken.*

VI. Recognition of Fire Chief Marion Blackwell for Receiving the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs Career Fire Chief of the Year

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Mr. Story read the accolades from the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs for the award Chief Blackwell was given. He mentioned that the nomination came from one of Chief Blackwell's former employees.

***Council** received the report as information and congratulated Chief Blackwell on receiving the award*

VII. Presentation by Blue Duck Scooters

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Neighborhood Services Director

Megan McNamara, Blue Duck Scooters

Members of the Blue Duck Scooters team gave a presentation to Council regarding the possibility of bring their product to Spartanburg

Council received the report as information.

VIII. Public Hearing

A. Accepting the Property Owned by Pacolet Milliken, LLC, and Being Located at 225 Milliken Street & “0” Cleveland Court, and that Portion of Milliken Street and Cleveland Court Abutting Said Properties, and is Further Identified on Spartanburg County Tax Map as 7-08-16-043.00 & 7-08-16-061.00 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: Rachel Grothe, Planning

Ms. Grothe presented the item to Council as follows:

“The applicant has requested an R-6, General Residential zone designation with the intention of developing the site with multi-family units. Table 402- Standards for Group Housing Projects, indicates that 2,500 square feet of lot area is required per dwelling unit. The project site is located across the street from the Drayton Mills complex, a successful mixed use development. Therefore, the proposed annexation and multi-family development makes sense in this location.

A full traffic study would need to be requested and undertaken in order to identify any potential traffic impacts of the proposed development. Impacts are primarily congestion or safety related.

Staff concludes that the proposed annexation and zoning, along with the subsequent multi-family development, are appropriate for the project site. A preliminary site plan was submitted and is attached for informational purposes. Should this project reach the construction phase, a full Site Plan review process will be required. This helps to ensure that the development meets or exceeds the standards laid out in the Zoning Ordinance. Furthermore, the project will be subject to review by all other applicable City departments to make certain a quality and safe development.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: The request was endorsed by the Planning Commission on July 16, 2020 by a vote of 4 to 0.”

Mayor White opened the public hearing asking if there was anyone present who wanted to speak against the proposed annexation. Hearing none, Mayor White asked if there was anyone present who wanted to speak in favor of the proposed annexation.

Hearing none, Councilmember Rice made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the proposed annexation on first reading. Mayor pro tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

IX. Ordinance

A. To Enter into a Franchise Agreement with Verizon Wireless to Construct, Install, Maintain, Repair, Operate, Relocate, Replace and Remove Certain Small Wireless Facilities Using the Rights of Way in the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina (First Reading)

Presenter: Bob Coler, City Attorney

Mr. Coler presented the item to Council as follows:

“To date, city staff has been contacted by two providers of broadband wireless services, Verizon and AT&T, expressing an interest in installing SWFs in the City. As a result of those conversations, the City Attorney’s Office prepared a proposed ordinance to regulate the implementation of SWFs in the City. First reading occurred on June 24, 2019. At second reading on July 8, 2019, Council, in response to public comment, tabled the matter and recommended city staff meet with concerned citizens. On January 27, 2020, second reading occurred and passed 5 to 2.

A public meeting occurred on Tuesday, October 22, 2019. At that meeting citizens, residents and non-residents of the City, expressed concerns about 1) the long-term health effects of radio frequency on the human body and the environment, 2) the threat to personal privacy, and 3) the potential negative visual impacts of SWFs, particularly with regard to historic trees. As a result of that meeting, the City’s proposed process for the implementation of SWFs will allow city staff to factor into the permit decision the proposed locations for SWFs, will regulate radio frequency, will provide notice to owners and residents within a certain distance of proposed SWFs, will protect historic trees, and will minimize negative visual impacts of SWFs through concealment requirements.

ACTION REQUESTED: City Council to approve the Franchise Agreement between the City of Spartanburg and Verizon Wireless for small cell wireless facilities within the City limits.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA: City anticipates being reimbursed by the applicant for a SWF permit for any “make ready work” conducted by city staff to implement particular SWF’s. City anticipates collecting nominal fees to process applications and nominal rates for the use of public rights of way.”

Mayor White 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.”

X. Resolution

A. Approving the Purchase of 457 Bethlehem Drive (Block Map Sheet 7-16-01-388.00) and 321 Caulder Avenue (Block Map Sheet 7-16-07-113)

Presenter: Bob Coler, City Attorney

Mr. Coler presented the item to Council as follows:

“Property located at 457 Bethlehem Drive (Block Map Sheet 7-16-01-388.00) and 321 Caulder Avenue (Block Map Sheet 7-16-07-113.00) is owned by Redrock Capital, LLC. Homes that were located on the property were condemned and demolished. The owner would like to sell the property to the City of Spartanburg. Both properties are located within the City limits.

ACTION REQUESTED: Council to approve the purchase of both properties.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA: \$5606.01 for both properties. Per the Spartanburg County assessors page, the market value for 457 Bethlehem Drive is \$20,000.00 and the market value for 321 Caulder Avenue is \$45,500.00”

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.

XI. Boards and Commissions

A. Council Interview Committee Recommendations

Presenter: Councilmember Meghan Smith

Councilmember Smith stated that the Interview Committee had met and interview several very qualified applicants.

Councilmember Smith stated that the committee was recommending Kenneth Brown and Anne Rodrick for appointment to the Architectural Design and Historic Review (HARB). Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the recommendations. Councilmember Rain seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Councilmember Smith stated that the committee was recommending Brooks Gaylord and Reggie Browning for appointment to the Spartanburg Housing Authority Board. Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mayor pro tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

XII. 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.

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

XIV. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a) (5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to an Economic Development Project

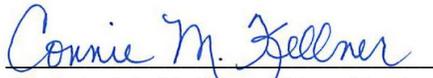
Councilmember Rice made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the stated reason. Councilmember Fulmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:17 p.m.

Council reconvened to regular session at 7:41 p.m.

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

XV. Adjournment –

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor pro tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.


Connie M. Kellner, City Clerk