



**City Council Meeting
CC Woodson Recreation Center Gym
210 Bomar Avenue
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, August 24, 2020
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved
at the September 14, 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 - recited**
- III. Approval of the Minutes from the August 10, 2020 City Council Meeting –**
*Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*
- IV. Approval of the Agenda for the August 24, 2020 City Council Meeting –**
*Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Councilmember Rice 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. Charles Mann, 355 Faulkner Dr., Moore, SC,** made comments on racism.
 - 2. Annie Kerns, 293 S. Converse Street, Spartanburg, SC,** made comments regarding a fence issue she has with the city.
 - 3. Lauren Hensley, 207 Woodgrove Trace, Spartanburg, SC,** made comments regarding keeping businesses updated.
 - 4. Jason Spencer, 179 Grady Avenue, Tryon, NC,** made comments regarding the city’s comprehensive plan.
- VI. Recognition of City of Spartanburg Retiring Police Officer MPO Les Lindsey**
Presenter: Mayor Junie White
Mayor White read MPO Lindsey’s work summary and congratulated him on his retirement.

VII. Proclamation Recognizing August as Black Business Month

Presenter: Mayor Junie White

Mayor White read the proclamation and recognized several Black Business owners who were in attendance.

VIII. Consent Agenda

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 (Second Reading)

Mayor pro tem Littlejohn made a motion to approve the consent agenda on second reading. Councilmember Fulmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

IX. Emergency Ordinance Extension

A. Extension of the Emergency Ordinance Passed by City Council on June 26, 2020 Requiring Individuals to Wear Face Coverings in Certain Circumstances, and Matters Related Thereto. (One Reading)

Presenter: Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

Mr. Coler presented the item to Council as follows:

“City Council met on June 26, 2020 to enact an emergency ordinance requiring individuals to wear face coverings in a grocery store, pharmacy, restaurants, retail stores, salons, barber shops, and grocery stores. The ordinance also outlined that all persons entering City Hall, the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Community Services Building, the Public Works building, the Sparta Passenger Center, and all City buses are required to wear a mask. Per the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control as of August 17, 2020 the trend in incidence rate of Covid 19 in Spartanburg County is decreasing. In order to protect, preserve and promote the general health, safety, and welfare and the peace and order of the Community, the City wants to continue to take steps to try to protect the citizens and employees of the City from increased risk of exposure by continuing to require face mask in certain circumstances.

ACTION REQUESTED: City Council to approve the ordinance extending the requirement of mask wearing in the aforementioned places beginning August 24, 2020 and expiring automatically on the 61st day after enactment.”

Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the Emergency Ordinance as presented. Mayor pro tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

X. Ordinance

A. Adopting and Enacting a New Code for the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina; Providing for the Repeal of Certain Ordinances Not Included Therein; Providing a Penalty for the Violation There of; Providing for the Manner of Amending Such Code; and Providing When Such Code and This Ordinance Shall Become Effective (First Reading)

Presenter: Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

Mr. Coler presented the item to Council as follows:

“City Attorney, City Clerk, and other departments within the City reviewed and researched at length the current Code for the City of Spartanburg. The Code of the City of Spartanburg was last codified on August 3, 1988. Numerous sections of the Code were outdated or State Law had passed that superseded the City law. In light of these conversations and research, we gathered all ordinances passed since 1988 and up until October 28, 2019 and submitted to Municode for codification. Municode has provided us with an up to date Code and will place online once the Ordinance is enacted.

ACTION REQUESTED: City Council to approve the ordinance adopting and enacting a New Code for the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA: Codification fees (including legal analysis, organization of Code, final print copies and initial web link) \$13,000.00”
After discussion, Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented on first reading. Councilman Rain seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

XI. Resolution

**A. Approving Purchase of Property at Norris Court
(Tax Map Parcel Number 7-16-05-208.00)**

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Neighborhood Services Director

Mr. Livingston presented the item to Council as follows:

“Moore-Ward Properties, the owners of property located at Norris Court (7-16-05-208.00) is interested in selling property to the City of Spartanburg for \$1,500.00. The appraisal of the property is \$1,500. The property is located in the Highland Neighborhood. Purchase of the property is for the implementation of the Highland Transformation Plan. Purchase of the property is subject to clear title.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Resolution to purchase the property from Moore Ward Properties, the owner of property located at Norris Court (7-16-05-208.00) in the Highland Neighborhood.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL DATA:

Recording Fees: \$10.00

Estimated annual maintenance: \$300.00”

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

XII. Update on 2020 Activities of the Public Services Department

Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Kennedy updated Council on past and present work ethic and successes of the following departments:

1. Streets and Stormwater
2. Fleet Maintenance
3. Grounds Maintenance
4. Traffic Services
5. Solid Waste/Green Waste

Council received the report as information.

XIII. Update on Comprehensive Plan Process

Presenter: Natalia Rosario, Planner

Ms. Rosario presented the item to Council as follows:

“Since the Spring, City staff have been working with the consultants from Town Planning and Urban Design Collaborative to complete the preliminary work required before launching a comprehensive planning initiative. The Think Tank (or steering committee) has been formed and has met once already; their primary duty at this time involves recruiting people to be involved in the plan, and to brainstorm creative and safe ways to engage the public throughout this process.

To date, the planning process website has launched, and can be found at www.planspartanburg.com – interested citizens can create an account and begin providing us feedback on what they want to see in Spartanburg, and more activities/forums will be added as we progress through the public engagement this fall.

Please see the schedule for larger presentations, workshops, and the weeklong Planapalooza below, keeping in mind that city staff will be reaching out to foster and support smaller feedback sessions involving Neighborhood Associations, religious institutions, non-profit institutions, local businesses, schools, and any other group, collaborative, or individual involved in the life of the city. Staff will also be supplying anyone interested with “On The Table” materials, to enable them to run their own feedback meetings with small groups of friends or family, which will then be returned to staff and utilized to inform the plan.

Project Kick-off Presentation: Wednesday September 9th, 2020; this will be a brief online presentation in the evening, giving an overview of the project and the website, to show people how to participate in upcoming events. It will be live and recorded, so people can ask questions after the presentation or submit them later.

Visioning Workshops September 28th or 29th, 2020 (staff will also do something in-person the weekend of the 26th-27th if possible) – these will be a series of online activities, with brief presentations explaining the purpose of each, to the public.

Planapalooza: Thursday Oct 22nd to Monday Oct 26th (opening presentation on the evening of the 22nd, online technical meetings on the 23rd and 24th, work-in-progress summary presentation mid-week (the 28th or 29th))

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: *Think Tank Member List*

Araceli Hernandez-Laroche – USC Upstate, Hispanic Alliance

Laura Henthorn – Mark III Development

Shaunte Evans – Spartanburg Housing Authority

Russel Booker – Spartanburg Academic Movement

Jared Wilson – City Planning Commission Chair

Ralph Settle – Colliers Intl.

Marquice Clark – School District 7

Jalitha Moore – Spartanburg County Chamber of Commerce

Antiwan Tate – My Brother’s Keeper

Hannah Jarrett – United Way of the Piedmont

Wesley Hammond – Chair, Citizens Advisory Committee

Toni Sutton – Neighborhood Association President, South Converse Neighborhood

Council received the report as information.

XIV. Briefing on Policing Policy Update

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Police Chief Alonzo Thompson

Chief Thompson updated Council on the #8cantwait City of Spartanburg Police Department policies. He explained policy on each of the following:

1. De-escalation requirement
2. Has use of force continuum
3. Ban on chokeholds and strangleholds
4. Warning before shooting
5. Restricts shooting at moving vehicles
6. Requires that all other means are exhausted before shooting
7. Duty to intervene
8. Requires comprehensive reporting

Council received the report as information.

XV. 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.

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

XVII. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-40-70 (a) (2) of the South Carolina Code to Receive Legal Advice

Mayor pro tem Littlejohn made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.

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

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:43 p.m.

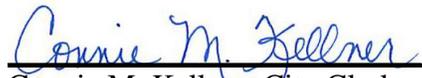
Council reconvened at 8:47 p.m. Mayor White stated that discussion was held with no decisions made.

XVIII. 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 8:49 p.m.



Connie M. Kellner, City Clerk