



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC 29306
Monday, September 23, 2019**

**(These minutes were approved at
the October 14, 2019 City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor White, Mayor pro tem Alan Jenkins, Councilmembers Erica Brown, Jerome Rice, Ruth Littlejohn, Sterling Anderson and Jamie Fulmer. 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 of the September 9, 2019 City Council Meeting -
Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

IV. Approval of the Agenda of the September 23, 2019 City Council Meeting –
Mayor pro tem Jenkins 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. Jada Charley, 236 Union St. Spartanburg, SC, informed Council that October was Domestic Violence Awareness month.
2. Dwight Smith, 128 Coastline Dr., Inman, SC, voiced his concerns regarding Spartanburg Water.
3. Steve Wade, 78 Coastline Drive, Inman, SC, voiced his concerns regarding Spartanburg Water.
4. James Sanders, 203 Pine Cove Drive, Inman, SC, voiced his concerns regarding Spartanburg Water.
5. Matt Spencer, 712 Brown Arrow Circle, Inman, SC, voiced his concerns regarding Spartanburg Water.
6. Melodie Fulbright, 140 Neal Pointe, Porter Shoals, voiced her concerns regarding Spartanburg Water.
7. Daniel Thornton, 124 Coastline Drive, Inman, SC, voiced his concerns regarding Spartanburg Water.

8. Roger Tinsley, 708 Brown Arrow Circle, Inman, SC, voiced his concerns regarding Spartanburg Water.
9. Larry Cook, 1103 Asheville Highway, Spartanburg, SC, voiced his concerns regarding Spartanburg Water.

VI. Welcome and Introduction of Shaunte´ Evans, New CEO of Spartanburg Housing Authority

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Mr. Story highlighted Ms. Evans background and accomplishments, and introduced her to Council.

VII. Presentation of National Night Out Proclamations

Presenter: Mayor Junie White

Mayor White presented National Night Out Proclamations to all neighborhood association representatives who were in attendance.

VIII. Update from Spartanburg Water

Presenters: Chris Story, City Manager

Newt Pressley, Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Pressley updated Council on Spartanburg Water’s financial position and current projects.

Council received the report as information.

IX. Resolutions

A. To Approve the Purchase of Parcel #7-12-09-245.00 (423 Carpenter Street) and Parcel #7-12-09-247.00 (408 Stevens Street) Spartanburg County, South Carolina (Hereinafter Called the “Properties”)

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Mr. Story presented the item to Council as follows:

“Among the projects to be funded with the Spartanburg County Capital Project Sales Tax is a new headquarters for our Police Department. After extensive evaluation of various siting considerations and options, we recommend that the facility be located at the northwest corner of W. Saint John Street and N. Forest Street. Approval of the attached resolution would authorize acquisition of properties which would be combined with properties already owned by the City to create a site well suited for the facility. We envision a two story structure totaling approximately 45,000 square feet to be situated at the corner with parking beside and to the rear of the structure. Portions of Carpenter Street and Hunt Street will likely be closed to accommodate the project, but we will ensure that all properties have appropriate vehicular access. The factors leading to our recommendation of this site include:

- Quick access in all directions so that officers can reach all areas of the city within minutes.
- Proximity to the planned Fire Department Headquarters where some shared equipment will be stored.

- Relatively low cost of site acquisition, enabling a higher percentage of the available funds to go directly into construction.
- By moving the facility from the current City Hall block, we can maximize the reuse of that important downtown property.

We recommend your approval of the attached resolution and welcome any questions you may have.”

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

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

B. To Authorize \$200,000 in Capital Funds to Support the Development of a New Trail Segment Within Spartanburg’s Urban Trail Network Located Parallel to Vanderbilt Road and Fairforest Creek

Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Assistant City Manager

Mr. Kennedy presented the item to Council as follows:

“In recent years Partners for Active Living (PAL) has partnered with the City of Spartanburg, Spartanburg County Parks, and many other public and private groups to expand Spartanburg’s urban trails network. The next segment that is ready for construction is Vanderbilt Road, phase 1. This segment will be a critical link between the Downtown and Northside communities with the Westside of our City.

All necessary easements and engineering are complete. PAL will manage and implement the project. They have procured Ray Lemons as the contractor, who also completed the Drayton Trails and River Birch, phase 1.

This section of trail on the map (in pink below) is 1.2 miles with 0.5 miles being in the City of Spartanburg and 0.7 miles in Spartanburg County only.

Total cost for this trail segment is \$800,000. Mary Black Foundation has committed \$200,000. PAL is requesting \$200,000 from the City of Spartanburg, and \$400,000 from Spartanburg County Parks.

ACTION REQUESTED: Allocation of \$200,000 in previously appropriated trails funds to this project.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA: \$200,000 from Capital Project – GP1274. These funds have been previously allocated to trails and appropriated into this capital project – this action simply specifies which specific trail project.”

Councilmember Littlejohn recused herself from the vote since she is a boardmember of Partners for Active Living.

Mayor pro tem Jenkins made a motion to approve the resolution as presented.

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

X. Consent Agenda

- A. Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Parcels of Real Property and Improvements Thereon Owned by the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina to the Spartanburg Recreational Facilities Corporation; the Acceptance of Grant Funds from the Northside Development Corporation, and the Granting of certain City Funds to the City of Spartanburg Development**

Corporation, to Facilitate the Financing of the Construction of the TK Gregg Recreational Center; the Assignment of Engineering, Design and Construction Contracts Entered into by the City to the Spartanburg Recreational Facilities Corporation Facilities Corporation; the Execution of Certain Documents by the City in Connection with New Markets Tax Credits Financing Obtained by Spartanburg Recreational Facilities Corporation in Connection with the TK Gregg Recreational Center; the Amendment of the By Laws of Spartanburg Recreational Facilities Corporation; and Other Matters Relating Thereto (Second Reading)

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Mayor pro tem Jenkins made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented on second reading. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

- XI. City Council Updates -** *Each Councilmember gave updates on their activities since the previous council meeting.*
- XI. Adjournment –** *Mayor pro tem Jenkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.*



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk