



**City Council Meeting
Dr. TK Gregg Community Center Gym
650 Howard Street
Spartanburg, SC
Monday, September 28, 2020
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at
the October 12, 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 September 14, 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 7 to 0.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda for the September 28, 2020 City Council Meeting –**
City Attorney Coler addressed the Mayor and Council asking that the agenda be amended to include a proclamation declaring October 6, 2020 as “National Night Out and Lights on at Home in Spartanburg”.
Councilmember Erica Brown made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember Fulmer 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. Allen Smith, 625 Poplar St., Spartanburg, SC spoke supporting Item X. “Healing, Reconciling, and Unity. A Pathway to a More Equitable Spartanburg” resolution on the agenda for the meeting.
- VI. Special Presentation**
Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Assistant City Manager
Mr. Kennedy introduced Amanda Taylor, Regional Director for AT&T, for the presentation of a check in the amount of \$15,000 to be used as an intentional investment to structured programs for housing and food insecurities to be administered at the Dr. T.K. Gregg Community Center.

Ms. Taylor presented the check to Bill Barnet, Chairman of the Board for Northside Development Group. Mr. Barnet accepted the check with great appreciation to AT&T for its investment in the people and programs of Spartanburg.

Council received the presentation as information.

VII. Economic Recovery Data

**Presenter: Kathrine O’Neill, Chief Economic Development Officer
OneSpartanburg, Inc.**

Ms. O’Neill presented Council with encouraging data as it related to business recovery during COVID19.

Council received the report as information.

VIII. Consent Agenda

**A. ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPERTY OWNED BY MARK III PROPERTIES, LLC, AND NVR INC. BEING LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF CEDAR SPRINGS ROAD AND OLIVIA SPRINGS DRIVE, AND THAT PORTION OF CEDAR SPRINGS ROAD AND OLIVIA SPRINGS DRIVE ABUTTING SAID PROPERTIES, AND IS FURTHER IDENTIFIED ON SPARTANBURG COUNTY TAX MAP AS: 7-21-00; 025.01, 025.02, 025.03, 025.04, 025.05, 025.06, 025.07, 025.08, 025.09, 025.10, 025.11, 025.12, 025.13, 025.14, 025.15, 025.16, 025.17, 025.18, 025.19, & 025.20 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
(Second Reading)**

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Neighborhood Services Director

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

IX. Boards and Commissions - Recommendation of Council Interview Committee to Fill Spartanburg Housing Authority Vacancy

Presenter: Councilmember Jerome Rice

Councilmember Rice reported that the Interview Committee held Zoom interviews with both candidates. After the interviews, the Committee chose to recommend Drake Jackson to full Council to fill the vacancy on the Spartanburg Housing Authority.

Councilmember Rice made a motion to appoint Drake Jackson to fill the vacancy on the Spartanburg Housing Authority. Councilmember Fulmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

X. Resolutions

A. Healing, Reconciling, and Unity. A Pathway to a More Equitable Spartanburg

Presenter: Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

Mr. Coler presented the item to Council as follows:

“The City Council of Spartanburg recognizes that communities of color have borne the burdens of inequitable social, environmental, economic, and criminal justice policies, practices, and investments. Consistent with its deep resolve to promote equity, inclusion, and diversity in all aspects of city government, City Council desires to make a formal statement regarding its demonstrated efforts to further the aforementioned principles, unequivocally reject racism and racial inequities, commit to creating a community where all are welcome and treated with respect, fairness, trust and empathy, and to pursue meaningful paths to a future of hope for all.

ACTION REQUESTED: City Council to approve the attached resolution titled “Healing, Reconciling, and Unity. A Pathway to a More Equitable Spartanburg.”

After the Mayor and each Councilmember read a portion of the resolution, Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the resolution as presented.

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

XI. Staff Covid19 Update

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Mr. Story updated Council on the COVID19 cases and quarantines associated with city staff. He reiterated that staff continued to use all proactive measures to keep employees as safe as possible during the pandemic.

Council received the report as information.

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

XIII. Executive Sessions

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

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

Mayor pro tem Littlejohn made a motion to adjourn to Execution Sessions for the reasons stated. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Sessions at 6:39 p.m.

Council reconvened to regular session at 7:13 p.m. Mayor White stated that discussion was held with no decisions made.

XIV. Resolution

A. To Authorize a Purchase Option Agreement Extension for Land Owned by the City of Spartanburg

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

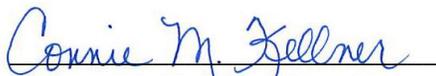
Mr. Story presented the item to Council as follows:

“As you know, the City owns two undeveloped parcels on the west side of N. Liberty Street behind the George and the Marriott. Those parcels are currently subject to a complex option agreement with Jimmy Gibbs that enables his company to acquire and develop the properties under certain conditions. His option on one of the parcels (the location of the proposed office building) is soon to expire. The enclosed proposed action would authorize me to extend the construction start deadline on Parcel A only by six months. Their team has continued to actively pursue this project. We believe that this extension is necessary and appropriate. We remain optimistic about the success of the project.”

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

Mayor pro tem Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

XV. 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 7:22 p.m.


Connie M. Kellner, City Clerk