



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC 29306
Monday, October 22, 2018
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at the
November 26, 2018 City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Junie White, Mayor pro tem Jerome Rice, Councilmembers Erica Brown, Sterling Anderson, Alan Jenkins, Max Hyde, and Ruth Littlejohn. City Manager Chris Story and Interim City Attorney Larry Flynn 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 October 8, 2018 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Jenkins 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 October 22, 2018 City Council Meeting –**
Mayor pro tem Rice made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
- V. Public Comment - None**
*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk
- VI. Update from the Downtown Development Partnership**
Presenter: Jansen Tidmore, Executive Vice President, Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Tidmore updated Council on the success of the Downtown Development Partnership. Complete details of the report can be found at <http://www.cityofspartanburg.org/city-council>
Council received the report as information.
- VII. Presentation of Spartanburg Racial Equity Index**
Presenter: Dr. Kathleen Brady, Vice Chancellor of USC Upstate and Director of USC Upstate’s Metropolitan Studies Institute
Dr. Brady presented highlights of her study entitled, “Spartanburg Racial Equity Index”.

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Council received the report as information.

VIII. Resolutions

A. Endorsing the City of Spartanburg’s Membership and Participation in The Government Alliance on Race and Equity
Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

Mr. Story presented the item to Council as follows:

“The upcoming agenda includes two items related to the challenging but vitally important topic of racial equity.

The first is a presentation by Dr. Kathleen Brady, Vice Chancellor of USC Upstate and Director of USC Upstate’s Metropolitan Studies Institute (you will recall Dr. Brady from her time with us at Council’s retreat this past spring). Dr. Brady recently compiled the attached, a first of its kind report entitled Spartanburg Racial Equity Index. Dr. Brady will present an overview of this report.

After the Equity Index overview, I will make a very brief presentation about the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (“GARE”), a national collaborative of cities seeking to accelerate progress on racial equity. A two page overview of GARE follows Dr. Brady’s report in your packet. I will recommend your approval of a resolution endorsing our membership in GARE. 93 cities have joined GARE for 32 states. We would be the first from South Carolina to do so. Joining GARE does not formally obligate us to any specific activities or changes – it simply provides us with tools and resources to move forward faster in ways that are consistent with what I understand to be our values.”

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

B. Authorizing the City Manager to Appropriate Funds to the Aden Warehouse Corporation, Such Funds to be Used to Acquire and Remediate the Property Located at 300 Aden Street, Block Map Sheet 7-11-08, Parcel 147.00
Presenter: Martin Livingston, Neighborhood Services Director

Mr. Livingston presented the item to Council as follows:

“Staff is requesting approval to enter into an agreement with the Aden Warehouse Corporation to purchase, cleanup, and make available for sale and development 300 Aden Street in partnership with the Northside Development Corporation (NDC). The Aden Warehouses Corporation is an entity of the Northside Development Corporation and the City of Spartanburg. The NDC and City staff have learned that the warehouses at 300 Aden Street is currently available for failure to pay property taxes due. Staff is requesting approval to partner with the Northside Development Corporation to enter into a Voluntary Cleanup Contract (VCC) with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

(SC-DHEC), purchase the property, cleanup the site, and make the property available for development.

The NDC and City will partner and share the cost of the activities associated with cleaning up the site. Estimated cost for all activities is expected to be the following:

Phase I Assessment	1,600.00
Purchase of Property	57,000.00
Limited demolition/cleanup	250,000.00
Miscellaneous cost/insurance/testing	2,500.00
TOTAL COST	311,100.00

ACTION REQUESTED: Staff is requesting approval to provide the Aden Warehouses Corporation funding to purchase, cleanup the site, and make available for sale and development the property located at 300 Aden Street.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA: \$ 156,000.00.”

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

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

IX. Ordinances

A. To Provide Certification of a Portion of Spartan Mill as a Textile Mill Site Under the South Carolina Textiles Communities Revitalization Act (First Reading)

Presenter: Martin Livingston

Neighborhood Services Director

Mr. Livingston presented the item to Council as follows:

“Staff is requesting approval to certify the property located in the Northside community at the southwest corner of Howard Street and College Street as eligible for the textile mill certification. The certification would allow developers to seek Textile Mill Credit for a potential development on the site.

ACTION REQUESTED: Staff is requesting approval of the ordinance certifying the Partans LLC site as eligible for the Textile Mill certification.”

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

B. Authorizing and Approving a Franchise Agreement Between Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., and the City of Spartanburg for a Period of Ten (10) Years Providing for a One Percent (1%) Payment Increase by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. From Four Percent (4%) to Five Percent (5%) (First Reading)

Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager

“Our franchise agreement with Piedmont Natural Gas (“PNG”) is expiring and is due for renewal. The agreement enables PNG to utilize and run their pipes and other equipment through city streets and rights-of-way. PNG pays a franchise fee for those rights.

The only difference between the prior agreement and the enclosed proposed agreement is that the franchise fee has been adjusted from 4% of gross receipts to 5% of gross receipts which would place our arrangement in line with similar arrangements with other larger municipalities in PNG’s service territory including Greenville and Anderson, SC.”

Mayor White made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented on first reading. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

X. Other Business

A. Award of Construction Services for Dr. T. K. Gregg Community Center Project

Presenter: David Cook, Construction Project Manager

Mr. Cook presented the item to Council as follows:

“The City solicited Request for Qualifications for pre-construction consulting services for the purpose of presenting a budget with an option by the City to execute a Guarantee Maximum Price contract. Working with City Staff and McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture, Harper General Contractors has provided the city with a Value Engineered cost for the project.

Harper General Contractors Spartanburg S C \$11,907,857.00

After many meetings, staff is recommending award of the contract to Harper General Contractors. Harper General Contractors has indicated that it intends to award 15.3% of the contract total to MWBE subcontractors.

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorization for the City Manager to sign a contract with Harper General Contractors for the construction of the new Dr. T. K. Gregg Community Center Project.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL DATA: City Funding - \$ 11,907,857.00 in accordance with the financing plan approved by City Council on 8.27.18.”

Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the award of construction as presented. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

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

XII. Adjournment – Mayor pro tem Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Connie S. McIntyre

Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk