



**City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
145 West Broad Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29306  
Monday, November 26, 2018  
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at the  
December 10, 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, Ruth Littlejohn and Jamie Fulmer. 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 –** Boy Scout Michael Erwin from Troop 8 led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the November 12, 2018 City Council Meeting –**  
*Councilmember Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*
- IV. Approval of the Agenda of the November 26, 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 USC Upstate Chancellor Dr. Brendan Kelly -**  
**Dr. Kelly** updated Council on progress and activities at USC Upstate.  
*Council received the report as information.*
- VII. Resolution to Authorize City Manager to Extend Option Relating to  
Redevelopment of Liberty Street Parcel A**  
**Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager**  
**Mr. Story** presented the item to Council as follows:  
“ In November 2016, City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into an option agreement with the Gibbs/Cajka development team intended to enable the development of city-owned properties on Liberty Street as illustrated in the attached. Despite the best

efforts of the development, they have been unable to initiate construction according to the timeline in the prior agreement. Staff continues to believe that the optimal course of action is for the proposed development to proceed as envisioned; therefore, we are recommending that you authorize an extension of the prior terms relating to Parcel A for a period to be subsequently defined but not to exceed 24 months. The terms relating to Parcel B will remain unchanged.

Correspondingly, the Gibbs team has agreed to extend for the same time period the terms of their arrangements with Northside Development Group regarding their proposed redevelopment of the Gibbs owned parcel on the northeast corner of College and Howard.

We recommend your approval of the attached resolution which authorizes extension of the terms relating to Parcel A. I look forward to any questions you may have.”

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

**VIII. Presentation of Proposed Street Closures of Bon Air Avenue from North Church Street to Rowland Avenue and Catawba Street from North Church Street to Serpentine Drive**

**Presenter: Natalia Rosario, Planner III**

**Ms. Rosario** presented the item to Council as follows:

“In order to beautify and improve the function of the hospital grounds near and around a portion of Bon Air Avenue and Catawba Street, Chris Lambka of Toole Design, Agent, on behalf of Spartanburg Regional Hospital System, has proposed that Council authorize the closing of two streets (see illustration attached):

1. Catawba Street from N. Church Street to its terminus at Serpentine Drive &
2. Bon Air Avenue from N. Church Street to its terminus at Rowland Avenue.

City staff (planning, public works, public safety, fire) have no issue with the closing of these streets for their functions. Spartanburg Water and Sanitary Sewer System has noted that it maintains public infrastructure in these right-of-ways, and is working with the applicant to ensure their access to their infrastructure remains intact.

**ACTION REQUESTED: *None at this time, Staff will ask for a public hearing and vote at the December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 City Council meeting.***

*Council received the report as information.*

**IX. Approval of the 2019 City Council Meeting Schedule**

**Presenter: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk**

**Ms. McIntyre** presented the 2019 City Council Meeting Schedule to Council for approval.

*Councilmember Jenkins made a motion to approve the proposed 2019 City Council Meeting Schedule. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

**X. Declaration of Vacancies on Architectural Design and Review Board (HARB) and the Design Review Board (DRB)**

**Presenter: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk**

Ms. McIntyre declared one vacancy on the HARB board and one vacancy on the DRB board.

*Council received the report as information.*

**XI. Update on City's Communication Efforts**

**Presenter: Christopher George, Communications Manager**

Mr. George updated Council on the communications team's efforts to ensure that the city community is well informed and engaged in the progress of the city. He presented data on all social media communication as well as stressing how important it was for Council to understand how citizens are accessing information about their government and how the city is adhering to its goals to be transparent and responsive.

*Council received the report as information.*

**XII. Consent Agenda**

**A. Authorizing the City of Spartanburg South Carolina, to Execute and Deliver an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement in an Amount Not Exceeding \$2,700,000 Between the City and the Lessor Thereof to Defray the Cost of Acquiring Certain Equipment; and Other Matters Relating Thereto (Second Reading)**  
**Presenter: Dennis Locke, Finance Director**

**~~B. Ordinance to Amend the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element, By Amending Section 206, Changes to District Boundaries, Specifically Parcel #6-21-15-010.00; Located on 116 Kensington Drive; Which is Zoned R-15, with a Land Use Designation of Single Family Residential District to Zone R-12, with a Land Use Designation of General Residential District and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date (Second Reading)~~**  
**~~Presenter: Natalia Rosario, Planner III~~**

**~~This item was removed from the Consent agenda since it was not approved on first reading by City Council.~~**

**C. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Sale of 170 Arch Street, Block Map Sheet 7-11-08, Parcel 158.00 (Second Reading)**  
**Presenter: Martin Livingston, Neighborhood Services Director**

**D. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Sale of 170 Arch Street, Block Map Sheet 7-11-08, Parcel 158.00 (Second Reading)**

**Presenter: Martin Livingston, Neighborhood Services Director**

- E. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Donation and Sale of 904 Lucerne Drive, Block Map Sheet 7-20-04, Parcel 033.00 (Second Reading)**

**Presenter: Martin Livingston, Neighborhood Services Director**

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

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

**XIV. Executive Sessions**

- A. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a) (5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Encouraging Economic Development Downtown**
- B. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(2) of the South Carolina Code to Receive Legal Advice Concerning a Contractual Matter**

**Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session after exiting Executive Session.**

*Mayor pro tem Rice made a motion to adjourn to Executive Sessions for the reasons stated. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Sessions at 6:45 p.m.*

*Council reconvened to regular session at 7:14 p.m. Mayor White stated that discussion was held with no decisions made.*

- XV. Adjournment – Councilmember Jenkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.**



**Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk**