



**City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
145 West Broad Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29306  
Monday, December 10, 2018  
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved at the  
January 14, 2019 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 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 November 26, 2018 City Council Meeting -**  
*Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Mayor pro tem Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*
- IV. Approval of the Agenda of the December 10, 2018 City Council Meeting –**  
*Mayor pro tem Rice made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Councilmember Jenkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

*Mayor White introduced new City Attorney Robert P. Coler.*

- V. Public Comment**  
\*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk

**George Stojanovic, who owns property on Pierpont Dr.,** came forward to express his concerns regarding the closing of Bon Air Avenue.

- VI. Proclamation Expressing Appreciation for His 16 Years of Service to Outgoing County Council Chairman Jeff Horton**

**Presenter: Mayor Junie White**

**Mayor White** presented the proclamation to outgoing County Council Chairman Jeff Horton and thanked him for his many years of dedicated service.

## VII. Resolution

### A. **Relating to the Declaration of Intent by the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina, to Lease Property for Andrews Park from Park Lake, Inc.**

**Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager**

**Mr. Story presented the item to Council as follows:**

“For many years the City has operated and maintained Andrews Farm Park, a passive greenspace at Pinecrest and Woodburn Roads. The land is actually owned by Park Lake Inc. which makes the property available for public use via lease at no net cost. This lease is due for renewal and reauthorization. No significant changes are proposed to the lease terms or For many years the City has operated and maintained Andrews Farm Park, a passive greenspace at Pinecrest and Woodburn Roads. The land is actually owned by Park Lake Inc. which makes the property available for public use via lease at no net cost. This lease is due for renewal and reauthorization. No significant changes are proposed to the lease terms or to the facility itself.

We recommend your approval and welcome any questions you may have to the facility itself.

*Councilmember Jenkins made a motion to approve the resolution as requested. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

## VIII. Resolution and Declaration

### A. **Directing the Abandonment of and Closing of Catawba Street from its Beginning that Turns Right Off of North Church Street to its Terminus at Serpentine Drive, and of Bon Air Avenue from its Beginning that Turns Left Off of North Church Street to its Terminus at Rowland Avenue**

**Presenter: Natalia Rosario, Planner III**

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

“In order to beautify and improve the function and safety 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: Staff requests City Council vote in favor of the proposal at the December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 City Council meeting and public hearing.”*

*Councilmember Alan Jenkins recused himself from voting on the item due to his employment with Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System.*

*Mayor pro tem Rice made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

- B. Directing the Abandonment and Closing of Streets in the City of Spartanburg, Being Catawba Street From its Beginning that Turns Right Off of North Church Street to its Terminus at Serpentine Drive, and of Bon Air Avenue from its Beginning that Turns Left Off of North Church Street to its Terminus at Rowland Avenue**

**Presenter: Natalia Rosario, Planner III**

*Mayor pro tem Rice made a motion to approve the Declaration as presented. Mayor White seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 6 to 0.*

## **IX. Ordinance**

- A. Consenting to the Inclusion of certain Property Located in the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina, in a Joint County Industrial and Business Park Established by and Between Spartanburg County, South Carolina and Cherokee County, South Carolina; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Spartanburg and Spartanburg County; and Other Matters Relating Thereto (First Reading)**

**Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager**

**Mr. Story** presented the item to Council as follows:

“The attached ordinance authorizes the execution of an intergovernmental agreement with Spartanburg County regarding the planned Downtown Economic Development Partnership Multi-County Industrial Park. The Downtown MCIP will have similar effect to the Broad Street Tax Increment Finance District, which expires this year, in that it will allow for some of the property taxes generated in the downtown area to be redirected into a fund specifically for investments which will further downtown growth.

This mechanism, developed in partnership with Spartanburg County over the course of many meetings over the last several years, will not change the amount paid by any downtown property owners.

We look forward to addressing any questions you may have. We recommend your approval.”

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

**X. Other Business**

**A. Presentation on Spartanburg Construction Training Program  
Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Community Services Director**

**Mr. Kennedy** presented the item to Council as follows:

“The City of Spartanburg is already experiencing a construction boom and there is more in the pipeline. This creates entry level employment opportunities accessible to many of our residents. Our department has represented the City in the development of a cooperative effort to ensure our community capitalizes on this opportunity. The Spartanburg Construction Training Program is designed to get low-income, unemployed and under-employed individuals a high skilled employment opportunity to build financial stability. At the upcoming City Council meeting I, and the various other community partners involved in this important undertaking will share information with City Council.”

Mr. Kennedy, Tammie Hoy Hawkins, Project Manager for the North Side Development Group, and Betsy Sikma, Vice President of Talent and Economic Inclusion for the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce, presented details on the Spartanburg Construction Training Program to Council.

*Council received the report as information.*

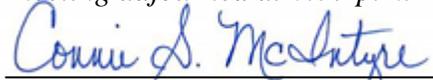
**B. Presentation on Process to Develop New Comprehensive Plan  
Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager**

**Mr. Story** overviewed the process of creating a new comprehensive plan for the city. He stated that staff and many stakeholders would be engaged in the process and he wanted to come before Council to confirm that Council was on board for launching the search for a consulting firm to facilitate the process.

*Mr. Story was given Council’s consent to move forward with the process.*

**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 Jenkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.***



**Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk**

