



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC 29306
Monday, February 11, 2019
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved
at the February 25, 2019 City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor Junie White, Mayor pro tem Alan Jenkins, Councilmembers Erica Brown, Sterling Anderson, Jerome Rice, 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 January 28, 2019 City Council Meeting -**
Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the minutes as received.
Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda of the February 11, 2019 City Council Meeting –**
Mayor pro tem Jenkins made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Councilmember Littlejohn 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. Homelessness Task Force Update**
Presenter: Mitch Kennedy, Assistant City Manager
Mr. Kennedy presented the item to Council as follows:
“In May of 2018, City staff gathered a group of community stakeholders to discuss efforts related to homelessness in our City, and potential strategies moving forward. A “Homelessness Task Force” was formed and several meetings have been held since. The

group has identified some new strategies, while reconciling the need for continual support of current efforts.”

Mr. Kennedy presented the draft MOU from the Homelessness Task Force for their review and approval to move forward.

After presentation from some of the stakeholders and discussion by Council, *Mayor pro tem Jenkins made a motion for Council to wholeheartedly endorse the efforts of the Homelessness Task Force. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

**VII. Butterfly Creek 2019 ACEC Engineering Excellence Grand Award Recipient
Presenter: Jay Squires, Streets and Storm Water Manager**

Mr. Squires presented the item to Council as follows:

“The Butterfly Creek project, our recently completed creek daylighting, restoration and water quality project on the Northside, was submitted by the City and W.K. Dickson Engineers to the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) annual Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) competition. The project was evaluated, along with 20 others. Of the 14 projects selected for award, nine were at the Honors level, four, including Butterfly Creek, were at the Grand level, and one was selected at the Grand Conceptor level.

Staff and members of the design team presented the award and update to Council on this effort.”

Mayor White accepted the award on behalf of City Council and City Staff.

**VIII. Butterfly Creek First Year Sampling Results
Presenter: Jay Squires, Streets and Storm Water Manager**

Mr. Squires presented the item to Council as follows:

“Last year we completed the Butterfly Creek Project. The purpose of that project was to daylight and restore the creek to improve the health of the stream while creating a positive environmental asset on the Northside.

Ward Marotti, of W.K. Dickson Engineering, is here to provide a brief update on the results of the first year of sampling of both the water and benthic environments at the Butterfly Creek Project.”

Council received Mr. Marotti’s report as information.

**IX. Duncan Park Lake Tree Removal and Spill Way Maintenance Project
Presenter: Jay Squires, Streets and Storm Water Manager**

Mr. Squires presented the item to Council as follows:

“The Duncan Park Dam is the only dam owned by the City of Spartanburg. It is imperative that we responsibly maintain it to ensure that it remains stable and secure in perpetuity. With the guidance and assistance of the state’s regulatory authorities, we have recently carefully reviewed the dam to determine what preventive maintenance is appropriate. While we appreciate trees for their environmental and aesthetic benefits, tree roots, if left unaddressed for extended periods of time, could negatively impact the dam. It is important that we remove them and perform some maintenance to the spillway.

Staff received bids for tree removal and spill way maintenance for the Duncan Park Dam. The project is located on Parkview Drive. The following bids were received:

Sossamon Construction Co, LLC.	Gaffney, S.C.	\$406,270.85
Faulkner Development & Engineering, LLC.	Hickory Grove, SC	\$465,450

Staff has reviewed the bids and the qualifications for each of these contractors. Based on that review, staff has determined that, Sossamon Construction Co, LLC. is the responsive low bidder. No bids were submitted from MWBE certified contractors. It is anticipated that it will take 45 days (depending on weather) to complete this project. Staff will give neighborhood residents advance notice using door hangers and mailers. Parkview Drive will be closed during construction for safety reasons. A detour route will be in place for convenience while the segment of road is closed.

ACTION REQUESTED: Allow staff to accept the bids and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Sossamon Construction Co, LLC for the completion of the project.

BUDGET AND FINANCE DATA: \$406,270.85 to be paid from the Storm Water Construction Account.”

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to award Sossamon Construction Co., LLC the contract in the amount of \$406,270.85 as requested. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

X. Boards and Commissions – Civil Service Commission

Presenter: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk

Ms. McIntyre presented Cynthia Lounds’ application for Council’s consideration for appointment to the Civil Service Commission. Councilmember Brown made a motion to appoint Ms. Lounds to the Civil Service Commission. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

XI. Consent Agenda

A. Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance and Sale of a Not Exceeding \$3,000,000.00 Aggregate Principal Amount Federally Guaranteed Note of the City of Spartanburg South Carolina Pursuant to Section 108 of the Housing and Community Development act of 1974, as Amended, and Section 6-1-30, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as Amended; the Application of the Proceeds of Said Note to Provide Financing for the Northside Commons Project; the Entering into of Certain Covenants and Agreements and the Execution and Delivery of Certain Instruments Relating to the Issuance of the Aforesaid Note, Including a Contract for Loan Guarantee Assistance Between the City and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”); Appropriating Funds to Pay Certain Fees to HUD; and Other Matters in Connection with the Foregoing (Second Reading)

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Neighborhood Services Director

Councilmember Brown made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda on second reading. Mayor pro tem Jenkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

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

XIII. Executive Sessions – *Councilmember Brown made a motion to adjourn to Executive Sessions for the reasons stated. Mayor pro tem Jenkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.*

A. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-40-70 (a) (2) of the South Carolina Code to Receive Legal Advice Regarding Settlement of Litigation Related to Revocation of a City Issued Permit

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

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

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

Council reconvened to regular session at 7:45 p.m. Mayor White stated that each Executive Session item was discussed with no decisions made.

XIV. Adjournment – *Mayor pro tem Jenkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.*



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk