



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC 29306
Monday, February 25, 2019
5:30 p.m.**

**(These minutes were approved
at the March 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 February 11, 2019 City Council Meeting –**
*Councilmember Brown 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 February 25, 2019 City Council Meeting –**
Councilmember Rice made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Mayor pro tem Jenkins 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. Presentation on United Way’s Efforts on Prevention of Homelessness, Financial Stability, and Behavioral Health**
Presenter: Chris Story, City Manager
Paige Stephenson, President and CEO of United Way of the Piedmont, and Hannah Jarrett, Director of Financial Stability Strategy, updated Council on the initiatives UWP has in place to serve the homeless.
Council received the report as information.

VII. Resolution

A. Approval of Application to Grounded Solutions Network's for Everyone Home: City Solutions for Housing Equity Initiative

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Neighborhood Services Director

Mr. Livingston presented the item to Council as follows:

“Staff believes the development of a balanced housing strategy is a very important component of developing a successful comprehensive plan. This work is essential to our efforts to maintain housing affordability for the foreseeable future. Our challenges are complex. We recognize that it will take both a transparent participatory local process coupled and national best practices and expertise to develop optimal strategies.

Grounded Solutions Network (<https://groundedsolutions.org/>) is a national collaborative that supports local communities, connecting local experts with the networks, knowledge, and support to promote housing solutions that will stay affordable for generations and to build stable equitable neighborhoods. Their work at the national, state, and local levels results in more use of financially viable and sustainable housing models and adoption of inclusive housing policies. They are currently accepting applications for a new initiative.

“ForEveryoneHome” is an 18-month technical assistance, peer learning and community engagement program to help mixed-market cities chart a path to inclusive growth through lasting affordability.

We are seeking your endorsement of our application to this opportunity. We feel it aligns well with our challenges and our values. If we are selected, Grounded Solutions would provide technical assistance valued at \$150,000. Our obligation would be to provide a \$75,000 match, which we could accommodate over two fiscal years. We consider this to be a cost effective approach to one of our central strategic challenges.

Staff will be working with the United Way of the Piedmont to submit the application by the February 28th deadline. Staff would also work with funding partners to cover a portion of the \$75,000 match commitment necessary for the submission of an application, possibly after the application has been submitted. Grounded Solutions is expected to provide a decision and selection of communities by March 31, 2019.

We recommend your approval of the attached resolution and we look forward to any questions you may have.”

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

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

IX. Executive Sessions

Mayor pro tem Jenkins made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the reasons stated. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:22 p.m.

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

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

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

Council reconvened to regular session at 7:20 p.m. Mayor White stated that discussion was held with no decisions made.

X. Adjournment – Councilmember Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.


Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk