



**City Council Meeting
City Council Chambers
145 West Broad Street
Spartanburg, SC 29306
Monday, July 8, 2019**

**(These minutes were approved at
the July 22, 2019 City Council meeting.)**

City Council met this date with the following Councilmembers present: Mayor White, Mayor pro tem Alan Jenkins, Councilmembers Erica Brown, Jerome Rice, Ruth Littlejohn, Sterling Anderson 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 June 24, 2019 City Council Meeting –
Councilmember Rice 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 July 8, 2019 City Council Meeting –
Mayor pro tem Jenkins made a motion to approve the agenda as received.
Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

V. Public Comment

*Citizen Appearance forms are available at the door and should be submitted to the City Clerk
The following people came forward to express their concerns regarding 5G:

1. April Swart;
2. Crystal D. Miller
3. Alysa Lee
4. Edward Overstreet

VI. Ordinance

A. Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Transfer of Vacant Lots on Lawrence Johnson Sr. Lane in the Forest Park Neighborhood Located at Block Map Sheet 7-16-11, Parcel 035.16; Block Map Sheet 7-16-11, Parcel 035.17; Block Map Sheet 7-16-11, Parcel 056.00; Block Map Sheet 7-16-11, Parcel 053.00; and Block Map Sheet 7-16-11, Parcel 052.00 (First Reading)

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Neighborhood Services Director

Mr. Livingston presented the item to Council as follows:

“Staff is requesting approval for the City Manager to execute documents to transfer ownership of vacant lots located on Lawrence Johnson Sr. Lane in the Forest Park Neighborhood located at tax map number: 7-16-11-035.17; 7-16-11-035.16; 7-16-11-056.00; 7-16-11-053.00; and 7-16-11-052.00. The properties will be transferred to the ReGenesis Community Development Corporation (CDC) for the construction of housing for homeownership.

The City will provide closing cost assistance to the affordable buyers at 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) or less as part of the City’s Homeownership Program. The purpose of this development is to convert useable City property into long term tax producing properties and to meet the City’s housing objectives.

ACTION REQUESTED: Staff is requesting approval for the City Manager to transfer vacant lots on Lawrence Johnson Sr Lane in the Forest Park neighborhood located at Block Map Numbers:7-16-11-035.17; 7-16-11-035.16;7-16-11-056.00; 7-16-11-053.00; and 7-16-11-052.00 to the ReGenesis Community Development Corporation (CDC).”

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

B. To Establish the Standards for the Placement of Small Wireless Facilities in Covered Areas in the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina; and for Other Purposes (Second Reading)

Presenter: Robert P. Coler, City Attorney

Mr. Coler presented the ordinance to Council for second reading.

After a lengthy discussion, Council asked Mr. Coler to come back with additional research regarding the technology and what other municipalities were doing.

Councilmember Brown made a motion to table second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried 6 to 1. Mayor pro tem Jenkins voted against the motion.

VII. Resolutions

A. Approving Donation of Property at 417 Ammons Road (Tax Map Parcel Number 7-5-16-071.01) and Vacant Lot at Ammons Road (Tax Map Parcel Number 7-15-16-070.00)

Presenter: Martin Livingston, Neighborhood Services Director

Mr. Livingston presented the item to Council as follows:

“Richard Allen Brown, the owner of property located at 417 Ammons Road and a vacant lot on Ammons Road is interested in donating the two properties located in the Park Hills community to the City of Spartanburg for the benefit of the Spartanburg Downtown Airport. The City will cover the cost of title searches and closing costs.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Resolution accepting the donation of the property from: Richard Allen Brown, the owner of property located at 417 Ammons Road and a vacant lot at Ammons Road – Park Hills community”
Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Rice seconded the resolution, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

VIII. Spartanburg Playful City USA – 3 New Parks Projects Update

Presenters: Kim Moultrie, Parks and Recreation Director

Mitch Kennedy, Assistant City Manager

Ms. Moultrie presented the item to Council as follows:

“The spirit of partnership and collaboration continues to advance quality of life improvements in our City. Three new play space projects are scheduled to be completed by the end of October.

- The Pineview Hills Neighborhood Association submitted a grant request to the Mary Black Foundation for a new playground and park improvements in their community owned park space. The request was granted, and City staff is working closely with the neighborhood to complete this project.
- The City and its community partners have a long standing relationship with the national organization “Kaboom”, having been designated a “Playful City USA” 11 times, and was the first in the State with that designation. City staff was made aware of a “Community Build Playground” grant opportunity and identified the Beaumont Neighborhood as the designated neighborhood. The grant was awarded and staff will coordinate the planning with Kaboom, Beaumont Neighborhood Association, and community partners for a community build in October. This will be the second “Kaboom Community Playground Build” in the City.
- Several months ago the City was contacted by Spartanburg County School District 7, Meeting Street Academy, and Denny’s regarding a potential play space at Denny’s Plaza to support the recreational activities of Meeting Street Academy. The academy lacks adequate place space for students age 5-12, and often can be seen playing in the Broad Street parking lot adjacent to the school. A series of meetings amongst the partners led to a plan to construct a new playground at Denny’s Plaza on the Campus of Denny’s Corporation. The park improvement will be added to the Joint-Use Agreement between the City and School District 7, which gives public access to the space when not in use by Meeting Street Academy, or any other District 7 function. The project is scheduled to be completed in early October.

Staff would like to update City Council on some additional details of each project, and what it means to our neighborhoods, downtown, and community partners.”

Council received the parks update as information.

IX. Boards and Commissions Update

Presenter: Connie McIntyre, City Clerk

Ms. McIntyre presented the slate of names for all of the vacancies on the city boards and commissions. After a lengthy discussion by Council, the following decisions were made:

1. Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to appoint Michael P. Willcox to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
2. Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to reappoint Michael Epps and Jared Wilson to the Planning Commission. Mayor White seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
3. Councilmember Anderson made a motion to appoint Fancis Mukiibi and Claire Ginther to the Public Safety Committee. Mayor pro tem Jenkins seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.
4. Mayor White appointed an interview committee, Councilmembers Brown, Fulmer and Rice, to interview the remaining boardmembers eligible for reappointment as well as new applicants. Mayor White appointed Councilmember Brown as chairman of the committee.
5. The following motions were made regarding the listed board and/or commission:
Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee – *Mayor pro tem Jenkins made a motion to remand the decision on applicants and/or reappointees to the committee. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.*

Board of Architectural Design and Historic Review (HARB) -

Mayor pro tem Jenkins made a motion to remand the decision on applicants and/or reappointees to the committee. Councilmember Fulmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Design Review Board -

Mayor pro tem Jenkins made a motion to remand the decision on applicants and/or reappointees to the committee. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Hospitality Tax Committee –

Mayor pro tem Jenkins made a motion to remand the decision on applicants and/or reappointees to the committee. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Housing Board of Adjustment and Appeals –

Mayor White made a motion to remand the decision on applicants and/or reappointees to the committee. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium Commission –

Councilmember Fulmer made a motion to remand the decision on applicants and/or reappointees to the committee. Councilmember Rice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Mayor White made a motion to reappoint Tammy Whaley to the commission. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals –

Mayor White made a motion to remand the decision on applicants and/or reappointees to the committee. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0.

X. City Council Updates - *Each Councilmember gave updates on their activities since the previous council meeting.*

XI. Executive Session – *Mayor pro tem Jenkins made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:18 p.m.*

A. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a) (5) of the South Carolina Code to Discuss Matters Relating to Real Estate

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

Council reconvened to regular session at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor White stated that discussion was held with no decisions made.

XII. Adjournment - *Mayor pro tem Jenkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Littlejohn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.*



Connie S. McIntyre, City Clerk