



MINUTES

County Council Meeting

February 20, 2023

Spartanburg County Council met on Monday, February 20, 2023, in the County Council Chambers, 366 N. Church Street, Spartanburg, SC, at 5:15 p.m. The following attended: Honorable Manning Lynch, Chairman; Honorables Monier Abusaft, Jack Mabry, David Britt, Justin McCorkle, and Jessica Coker, Council Members; along with Cole Alverson, County Administrator; Earl Alexander, Deputy County Administrator; Kevin Stiens, Assistant County Administrator; John Harris, County Attorney, and Ryan Gaylord, Deputy County Attorney. Honorable Bob Walker, Council Member, was absent.

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting was provided in advance to the local news media and other interested parties.

Meeting was live streamed via YouTube. Links and instructions for how to access this meeting via computer or mobile device were made available on the County's webpage and provided to the local media.

I.

Chairman Lynch called the meeting to order.

II.

Invocation was rendered by Chaplain Amos Durham.

III.

Honorable Manning Lynch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV.

A. Motion made by Mr. Britt to approve the minutes of January 23, 2023 (Regular Meeting). Motion seconded by Mr. Mabry and carried.

V.

- A. Chairman Lynch declared open a public hearing to consider an Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Spartanburg County, South Carolina and **Cytiva US, LLC** (Project Rock). No one appeared, and the matter was closed.
- B. Chairman Lynch declared open a public hearing to consider an Ordinance to add an Uncodified Ordinance to the Code of the County of Spartanburg to certify the site located at **4089 Clifton Glendale Road**, Spartanburg, South Carolina as an Abandoned Building Site under the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act. No one appeared, and the matter was closed.
- C. Chairman Lynch declared open a public hearing to consider an Ordinance an Application for Special Public Event Exclusion from the Noise Ordinance requested by **Greer Dragway** from 4:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2023, April 8, 2023, and April 22, 2023 for a drag race at 1792 Dragway Road, Greer. No one appeared, and the matter was closed.

VI.

Motion made by Mr. Mabry to authorize the County Administrator to enter into a lease agreement with those terms as discussed in Executive Session. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried. Motion made by Mr. Britt to authorize the County Administrator and County Attorney to proceed with the litigation filed relative to a motor vehicle accident as discussed in Executive Session. Motion seconded by Mr. Mabry and carried. Motion made by Mr. Abusaft to authorize County Administrator and County Attorney to proceed with litigation related to a land-use issue as discussed in Executive Session. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.

VII.

Motion made by Mr. Mabry to appoint David Gerald Anderson and Patricia (Trish) Lee Shields to the Cooley Springs/Fingerville Fire Service Area Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried. Motion made by Mr. Abusaft to appoint Maceo Black, Jr. and Renee Hughes Hawkins to the Una Community Fire Service Area Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.

VIII.

Earl Alexander, Deputy County Administrator, presented an Animal Services Update. Staff has been diligently searching for a site for our new Pet Resource Center. The search still continues. Staff is in negotiation on a piece of property, but nothing has been finalized yet. The Architectural/Engineering (A&E) proposals from four teams have

been received for the Pet Resource Center. Staff has narrowed those four down to two teams, which will be interviewed on February 21, 2023. An active search is ongoing for a Director for our Pet Resource Center. An Animal Cruelty Investigator has been hired. Patti Landis has filled this position. Our policies and procedures are being crafted, and our current Ordinances are being reviewed.

IX. Economic Recruitment and Development Committee

Honorable David Britt, Chairman
Honorable Manning Lynch, Member
Honorable Jack Mabry, Member

- A. Motion made by Mr. Lynch to adopt a Resolution approving, consenting to and ratifying the Transfer and Assignment to, and assumption by, **Pool 6 Industrial SC LLC and Pool 5 Industrial SC LLC** of a certain existing FILOT Agreement to which the County is a party. Motion seconded by Mr. Mabry and carried.

Council Action:

Motion made by Mr. Britt to adopt Resolution. Motion carried.

X. Public Health and Human Services Committee

Honorable Bob Walker, Chairman
Honorable Monier Abusoft, Member
Honorable Justin McCorkle, Member

- A. Ms. JaLisa Jordan, Program Manager, Live Healthy Spartanburg, presented information in reference to the **Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)**. (Presentation included in backup) This is a new health collaborative. They are one of two programs under Spartanburg Regional's Community Health Department. They have been in place since 2021. They are continuously trying to unify our community health collaboratives across the County, so that we can improve on our health outcomes over time. They are now recognized as Live Healthy Spartanburg. Their purpose is to gain a broader understanding of the health status, needs, and issues experienced by residents; establish a blueprint for meeting the identified needs over the next three years; and align efforts around equitable action-oriented solutions with the community.

In Spartanburg County, we have a 17.1-year difference in life expectancy. Live Healthy Spartanburg is focusing on Access to Care; Behavioral Health; Chronic Health Conditions; and Resilient Children and Families. Outcome Objectives include decreasing the number of Spartanburg County residents that delay care due to cost; increasing the number of Spartanburg County residents connected to primary care; and decreasing percentage of non-emergent hospital visits in Spartanburg County. Our suicide rate for white males is 311% higher since the onset of Covid-19. They hope to decrease the number of deaths by suicide. They

promote healthy lifestyles and environments that prevent chronic health conditions. They hope to decrease the rate of obesity; decrease the rate of hypertension; and increase percentage of residents that consume the recommended number of fruits and vegetables. They also want to increase the percentage of Spartanburg County children that are on track/ready for kindergarten; increase high school graduation rate; and continue to decrease rate of teen pregnancy in Spartanburg County. We all play a part in this effort. On April 22, 2023, Community Health Awareness Day (CHAD) will be having a health awareness walk throughout the community. More information can be found at livehealthyspartanburg.org.

XI. Personnel and Finance Committee

Honorable Jessica Coker, Chairman
Honorable Bob Walker, Member
Honorable Jack Mabry, Member

- A. Mr. Stan Halliday, Halliday, Schwartz & Co., presented information on results of the **Annual Financial Audit (Fiscal Year 2022)**. (The presentation and the Auditors' Communication Letters for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2022 are included in backup.) The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 can be found on the Finance Department webpage under www.spartanburgcounty.org. The other documents can be found under the County Council Department page. Spartanburg County received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2021 for the 29th consecutive year. The County ended the year with a positive variance to budget of \$20.5 million and an undesignated fund balance of 20.6%. Management committed to Council to keep the General Fund undesignated (unassigned) fund balance to 20% of revenues. Last year (FY21), the County ended at 20.3%. Management is living up to its commitment again this year (FY22) at 20.6%. The auditor's responsibility is to plan and perform their audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the ACFR is free of material misstatements (fraud or error) and is fairly presented in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The opinion of Halliday, Schwartz & Co. is unmodified (Clean).
- B. Joan Holliday, Planning and Development Director, presented information in reference to a request from the **Planning Department** for the reclassification of position 1301, Planning Technician (grade 10) to Deputy Planning Director (grade 19), the reclassification of position 1292, Planning Technician (grade 10) to Senior Administrative Assistant (grade 10) and reclassification of position 2090, Planner IV / Transportation Modeler (grade 16) to Planner III (grade 15). Based on two recent retirements, the Planning and Development Department is proposing these position changes in order for the department to run more efficiently and effectively. The overall net affect is near zero for the above changes in position due to prior savings from earlier in the year from filling some vacant positions at lower salaries.

The Department's budget has sufficient slippage to cover any additional costs. Motion made by Mr. Mabry to approve reclassification requests. Motion seconded by Ms. Coker and carried.

Council Action:

Motion made by Ms. Coker to approve reclassification requests. Motion carried.

- C. Gregg Hembree, Building Codes Director, presented information in reference to a request from the **Building Codes Department** for the reclassification of position 1284, Administrative Assistant (grade 8) to Senior Administrative Assistant (grade 10) and reclassification of position 1281, Sr. Permit Technician (grade 10) to Permit Clerk (grade 6). These reclassifications will help the department improve training of front staff and improve customer service. The changes will result in a net savings. Motion made by Mr. Mabry to approve reclassification request. Motion seconded by Ms. Coker and carried.

Council Action:

Motion made by Ms. Coker to approve reclassification request. Motion carried.

- D. Received updated financial data and personnel vacancy report.

XII. Livability Committee

Honorable Jack Mabry, Chairman
Honorable Monier Abusaft, Member
Honorable Justin McCorkle, Member

- A. Jon Woodsby, Parks and Recreation Director, presented information in reference to an Uncodified Ordinance to grant a **Utility Easement to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC** to provide electrical service for lighting and other improvements at the property commonly identified as Holston Creek Park. As athletic field lighting is being installed at recreation facilities across the County, the Parks Department continues to come before Council with the need for easements to get power to those amenities. This request is to get power from New Cut Road to our transformer on the Holston Creek Park property in order to install athletic field lighting. Motion made by Mr. McCorkle to render first reading to Ordinance. Motion seconded by Mr. Abusaft and carried.

Council Action:

Motion made by Mr. Mabry to render first reading to Ordinance. Motion carried.

- B. Information received regarding activities of the Parks Department.

XIII. **Public Safety and Judiciary Committee**

Honorable Monier Abusoft, Chairman
Honorable David Britt, Member
Honorable Jessica Coker, Member

- A. Updated information received regarding activities of Building Codes Department.

XIV. **Land Use Committee**

Honorable Justin McCorkle, Chairman
Honorable Bob Walker, Member
Honorable Manning Lynch, Member

- A. Updated Planning Department Reports on Development Activity were received.

XV. **Public Works, Buildings and Grounds Committee**

Honorable Manning Lynch, Chairman
Honorable David Britt, Member
Honorable Jessica Coker, Member

- A. Kevin Farmer, Solid Waste Manager, presented information in reference to a Solid Waste grant application to help maintain **Tire Recycling Management Program**. Funds pay for the contractor fees for the actual recycling of the tires. No matching funds are required. All the funds come from South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC). The total grant is for \$78,910. Motion made by Ms. Coker to approve grant application submittal. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.

Council Action:

Motion made by Mr. Lynch to approve grant application submittal. Motion carried.

- B. Kevin Farmer, Solid Waste Manager, presented information in reference to a Solid Waste grant application to promote the **Waste Oil Recycling Program**. This grant provides for public education to promote the waste oil recycling program and professional development for recycling conferences or trainings. Funding is also being requested for supplies to include a double diaphragm pump and oil spill kits that will aid in handling used motor oil and contaminated oil at all 17 County recycling centers. The total grant is for \$12,472. No matching funds are required. Motion made by Mr. Britt to approve grant application submittal. Motion seconded by Ms. Coker and carried.

Council Action:

Motion made by Mr. Lynch to approve grant application submittal. Motion carried.

- C. **Capital Penny Phase I Update** was presented by Cole Alverson, County Administrator. As it relates to the Courthouse, the progress can be seen. We have upwards of 300 people onsite daily. The columns around the portico are going up. Precast will be going up the front of the building very soon where you currently see the temporary waterproofing boards in there. The permanent roof should be about 75% complete by the end of the month. Our electrical transformer was delivered last week. This will allow us to convert from temporary power to permanent power. The air handling units on the roof can then be fired up, and the elevators can be operational. Conversations are being held around moving and the logistics of moving to the new Courthouse.

As relates to the Police Building for the City of Spartanburg, the masonry work is underway. St John Street is nearing completion. They are effectively working their way around the building, and they are starting window installation. The roofing has been installed. The interior walls are being erected, and they will start sheetrock as early as March. It is progressing very quickly.

A video was shown on some of the highlights at the Courthouse. The video can be found at [Invest Spartanburg | Spartanburg County, SC](#).

- D. Updated information received regarding activities of the Public Works Department.

XVI.

Tim Burrell, 1230 Cleveland Street, Pacolet, appeared in reference to building and growth. Pamela Lyda, 8 Ash Street, Spartanburg, appeared in reference to children's books available at the library.

XVII.

- A. Motion made by Mr. Britt to render third reading to an Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Spartanburg County, South Carolina and **Milo's Tea Company, Inc.** (Project Foursight) and Project Foursight, LLC (Project Foursight Real Property Owner). Motion seconded by Mr. Mabry and carried.
- B. Motion made by Mr. Britt to render second reading to an Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Spartanburg County, South Carolina and **Cytiva US, LLC** (Project Rock). Motion seconded by Mr. Mabry and carried.

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XIX.

- A. The following Budget Amendment Resolutions were provided to County Council. Budget Amendment Number 193 sets up budget for revenue and interest received in the Gambling, State Drug, and Federal Drug Account in January 2023. Budget Amendment Number 593 sets up for use program income received from HOME and CDBG participants in February 2023. Budget Amendment Number 627 recognizes revenue received from insurance companies for totaled Sheriff's Office vehicles. Budget Amendment Number 632 represents WIOA Statewide Activities funds the Upstate Workforce Board received to support staffing, participant and business services and operational costs. Budget Amendment Number 821 sets up C Fund projects approved at the January 19, 2023 CTC meeting. Budget Amendment Number 822 represents funds the Upstate Workforce Board received for an area business to conduct incumbent worker training. Budget Amendment Number 1,019 represents funds the Coroner's Office was awarded in the amount of \$19,941 from the National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI). Budget Amendment Number 23021 authorizes position changes in the Building Codes Department to realign staff. Budget Amendment Number 23022 increases the number of portable buildings for the County. Budget Amendment Number 23023 authorizes position changes in the Planning Department to realign staff.

Motion made by Ms. Coker to approve the Budget Amendment Resolutions provided to Council. Motion seconded by Mr. Mabry and carried.

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Meeting adjourned.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____

A. Manning Lynch, Chairman

Attest:

Deborah C. Ziegler
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Clerk to Council