

MINUTES

County Council Meeting

Spartanburg County Council

STRATEGIC RETREAT

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Dr. Benjamin Snoddy Board Room

Spartanburg Community College

Spartanburg County Council held a Strategic Retreat on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at Spartanburg Community College located at Business I-85 and New Cut Road, 107 Community College Drive, Spartanburg, in the Dr. Benjamin Snoddy Board Room located on the third floor of the Dan Lee Terhune Student Services Building. The following were in attendance: Honorable Manning Lynch, Chairman; Honorables Monier Abusaft, Jack Mabry, David Britt, Justin McCorkle, Bob Walker, and Jessica Coker, Members; along with Cole Alverson, County Administrator; Earl Alexander, Deputy County Administrator; Kevin Stiens, Assistant County Administrator; John Harris, County Attorney; and Scottie Kay Blackwell, Communications Manager.

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

I.

Chairman Lynch called the meeting to order.

II.

Travis Brown, Public Works Director, presented information regarding acceleration of the improvement of County Roads.

Joan Holliday, Planning Director; and Leigh MacDonald, Current Planning Manager, presented information regarding making strategic use of land to foster both quality of life and economic growth.

A lunch break was taken at 1:00 p.m.

At the start of the afternoon session, Cole Alverson, County Administrator; Earl Alexander, Deputy County Administrator; and Kevin Stiens, Assistant County Administrator, presented information regarding championing a vibrant downtown.

Erich Chatham, Civitas; and Kathy Rivers, Community Development Director, presented information in reference to expanding access to housing that is affordable.

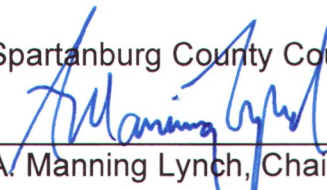
Allen Smith President & CEO; and John Kimbrell, Chief Business Affairs Officer, OneSpartanburg, Inc., presented information regarding striking optimal balance between attracting corporate presence and supporting small business. Information was presented on Small and Minority-Owned Business Development 2022-2026.

Closing discussion was held.

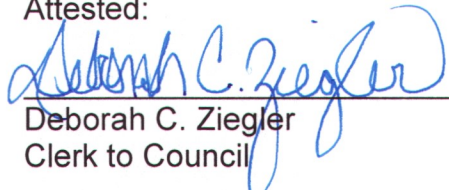
Motion made by Ms. Coker to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. McCorkle and carried.

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By:


A. Manning Lynch, Chairman

Attested:


Deborah C. Ziegler
Clerk to Council