

MINUTES

County Council Meeting

July 16, 2007

Spartanburg County Council met on Monday, July 16, 2007, in the County Council Chambers, 366 N. Church Street, Spartanburg, SC, at 5:30 p.m. The following attended: Honorable Jeff Horton, Chairman; Honorables Johnnye Code-Stewart, O'Neal Mintz, David Britt, Rock Adams, Dale Culbreth, and Tom Foster, Council Members; along with Glenn Breed, County Administrator; Chris Story, Assistant County Administrator; Tom Gates, Assistant County Administrator; and Edwin Haskell, County Attorney.

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.

I.

Chairman Horton called the meeting to order.

Invocation was rendered by Rev. Tom Sawyer, Gateway Baptist Church. Mr. Don Woodward, Spartanburg Development Association, led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

II.

A. Resolutions proposed by the Air Quality Advisory Committee recognizing local entities for special efforts and achievements in improving county air quality were presented.

- Motion made by Mr. Foster to adopt a Resolution recognizing the Williams Company's Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation for investing in significant technological upgrades to improve local air quality. Motion seconded by Mr. Adams and carried. Representatives from Williams Company's Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation accepted Resolution.
- Motion made by Mr. Britt to adopt a Resolution recognizing BMW Manufacturing Corporation for its methane gas recycling program which reduced greenhouse gas emissions. Motion seconded by Mr. Mintz and carried. Mr. Bobby Hitt expressed his appreciation on behalf of BMW.
- Motion made by Ms. Stewart to adopt a Resolution recognizing QS1 Corporation for constructing the largest U.S. Green Building Council LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environment Design) certified structure in South Carolina. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried. Mr. Bill Cobb expressed his appreciation on behalf of QS1.

- B. Motion made by Mr. Culbreth to adopt a Resolution expressing recognition and appreciation for the pride and honor bestowed upon Spartanburg County by the achievements of the Landrum High School Baseball Team for winning the 2007 Class A State Championship Title. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried. Coach Henson and several team members accepted Resolution.

III.

- A. Chairman Horton declared open a public hearing to consider an Ordinance prohibiting loitering for purposes of soliciting prostitution or engaging in illegal drug activity in Spartanburg County. Sheriff Wright and Sergeant Marc Miller appeared to express their appreciation to Council for their forethought in passing this Ordinance. No one appeared in opposition, and the matter was closed.
- B. Chairman Horton declared open a public hearing to consider an Ordinance to prohibit the sale, manufacture, possession or delivery of certain drug paraphernalia in Spartanburg County. No one appeared, and the matter was closed.
- C. Chairman Horton declared open a public hearing to consider the proposed adoption of an Ordinance authorizing an agreement for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park by and between Spartanburg County, South Carolina, and Union County, South Carolina and authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina. (Easton Marketplace – Lan-Yair Redevelopment) - No one appeared, and the matter was closed.
- D. Chairman Horton declared open a public hearing to consider an Ordinance to provide for a special property tax assessment for rehabilitated historic property in Spartanburg County. No one appeared, and the matter was closed.

IV.

- A. A representative from the National Weather Service recognized Spartanburg County as a Storm Ready Community. Mr. Doug Bryson, Coordinator, Spartanburg County Office of Emergency Management, received two road signs on behalf of Spartanburg County. Mr. Bryson expressed his appreciation on behalf of Spartanburg County. Chairman Horton expressed his appreciation to the National Weather Service, Mr. Bryson, and Mr. Swofford.

V.

Economic Recruitment and Development Committee – (Honorable David Britt, Chairman)
No items scheduled.

Public Health and Human Services Committee (Honorable Johnnye Code Stewart, Chairman)
No items scheduled.

Personnel and Finance Committee (Honorable Dale Culbreth, Chairman)

- A. Updated financial and personnel vacancy reports were received.

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Livability Committee – (Honorable Tom Foster, Chairman)

- A. Motion made by Mr. Foster to adopt proposed Complete Streets Resolution. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.

Public Safety and Judiciary Committee – (Honorable Rock Adams, Chairman)

- A. Information received regarding activities of the Building Codes Department.

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Land Use Committee (Honorable Jeff Horton, Chairman)

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

Public Works, Buildings and Grounds Committee (Honorable O'Neal Mintz, Chairman)

- A. Information received regarding activities of the Public Works Department.

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VI.

- A. Motion made by Mr. Britt to render third reading to an Ordinance prohibiting loitering for purposes of soliciting prostitution or engaging in illegal drug activity in Spartanburg County. Motion seconded by Ms. Stewart and carried.
- B. Motion made by Mr. Britt to render third reading to an Ordinance to prohibit the sale, manufacture, possession or delivery of certain drug paraphernalia in Spartanburg County. Motion seconded by Ms. Stewart and carried.
- C. Motion made by Mr. Mintz to render third reading to an Ordinance amending the Spartanburg County Unified Land Management Ordinance (ULMO), Ordinance No. O-99-015, as amended, to require the removal of signs from within the right-of-way of any highway, county road, or public road, to establish procedure for such removal and to make other editorial corrections. Motion seconded by Mr. Foster and carried.
- D. Motion made by Mr. Britt to render second reading to an Ordinance authorizing the development of a Joint-County Industrial and Business Park in Spartanburg County in conjunction with Union County, a written agreement with Union County to provide for the manner by which expenses and revenues from such park will be allocated, and a written agreement with the City of Spartanburg relating to the allocation and payment of certain fee-in-lieu of tax revenues from said park. (Easton Marketplace – Lan-Yair Redevelopment) Motion seconded by Mr. Foster and carried.
- E. Motion made by Mr. Foster to render second reading to an Ordinance to provide for a special property tax assessment for rehabilitated historic property in Spartanburg County. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.

VII.

No items scheduled.

VIII.

All resolutions, ordinances, agreements, petitions and related documents which were read and approved by Council at this meeting for the financing of certain industrial or similar revenue bonds or notes, are incorporated in these minutes by reference as if fully set forth herein. The reference is to all such documents showing execution by the county on the date of this meeting included in the office of the Clerk of Court for Spartanburg County.

IX.

No items scheduled.

X.

Motion made by Mr. Britt to approve minutes of June 16, 2007 (Regular Meeting). Motion seconded by Ms. Stewart and carried.

XI.

Motion made by Ms. Stewart to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____
Jeffrey A. Horton, Chairman

Attest:

Deborah C. Ziegler
Clerk to Council