

MINUTES

County Council Meeting

General Session

Monday, February 17, 2020

Spartanburg County Council met on Monday, February 17, 2020, in the County Council Chambers of the County Administrative Office Building. The following were in attendance: Honorable Manning Lynch, Chairman; Honorables Michael Brown, Jack Mabry, David Britt, Whitney Farr, Bob Walker, and Roger Nutt, Council Members; along with Cole Alverson, County Administrator; Earl Alexander, Deputy County Administrator; Ginny Dupont, County Attorney; and John Harris, 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 Lynch called the meeting to order.
- II. Chairman Lynch reported on the items discussed in Executive Session. Council received legal advice regarding the terms for potential leases for Magistrate Offices. No action was required on this item. Action was required regarding the contractual terms for a lease with The Forrester Center for Behavioral Health. Motion made by Mr. Britt to authorize the County Administrator to execute a lease agreement. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown and carried. The last item discussed was certain provisions of Federal and State law, specifically Second Amendment. Action was required on this item. Motion made by Mr. Britt to direct Cole Alverson, County Administrator, and Ginny Dupont, County Attorney, to work with the seven County Council Members to draft a letter to send to Senator Lindsey Graham, Senator Tim Scott, Congressman William Timmons, along with all of the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation Members showing the concern that our constituents have expressed to County Council and also Council's unabashed support of the Second Amendment to be prepared by February 28, 2020. Motion seconded by Mr. Nutt and carried.
- III. Motion made by Mr. Britt to appoint Lisa Benfield, County Finance Employee, to the Community Development Department Housing Loan Committee. Motion seconded by Mr. Nutt and carried. Motion

made by Mr. Mabry to appoint Douglas Ray Fitch to the Cooley Springs/Fingerville Fire Service Area Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried. Motion made by Mr. Walker to postpone action on the Lakewood Hills Special Tax District Board until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Farr and carried. Chairman Lynch stated that Council had a motion pending that had been seconded to put Bill Hamilton in the District 4 Spartanburg County Planning Commission slot. Mr. Lynch asked if there was any discussion. No comments were made and a vote was taken. Motion carried with no opposition. No vote was recorded for Mr. Farr; however, County Council Rule 7-1 states that if a member does not record a vote in the negative or declare that they are not voting, he shall be recorded as voting in the affirmative. Therefore, Mr. Farr's vote was in the affirmative. Motion made by Mr. Britt to appoint Stewart Winslow, At Large, to the Spartanburg County Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Walker and carried.

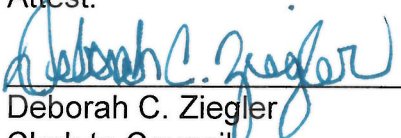
Meeting adjourned.

Spartanburg County Council

By:


A. Manning Lynch, Chairman

Attest:


Deborah C. Ziegler
Clerk to Council