

# Minutes

City of West Columbia, SC

Public Hearing on West Columbia Comprehensive Plan 2011

October 17, 2011 at 6 p.m.

## Members Present:

Bobby E. Horton, Mayor  
Eric L. Fowler  
L. Dale Harley  
Boyd Jones  
Marsha Moore  
Tommy Parler

## Members Absent:

Cathy Shannon, business emergency  
BJ Unthank

## Others Present:

Jenny Cunningham, City Administrator  
Myron F. Corley, Deputy City Administrator  
Mardi Valentino, City Clerk  
Brian Carter, Planning & Zoning Director  
Donna Smith, Economic Development Director  
Sid Varn, Planning & Engineering Director  
Members of the Public and Press

Dennis Tyndall, Police Chief  
Rick Hodge, City Treasurer  
Charles Garren, Public Works Director  
Wyatt Coleman, Fire Chief  
Stuart Jones, Building Official  
Ken Ebener, Municipal Judge

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## Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Mayor Horton called the hearing to order at 6 p.m. and noted a quorum was present. *The State, Free Times, Lexington County Chronicle, Cayce-West Columbia News, and The Columbia Star* were notified of the public hearing by e-mail on October 14, 2011.

## Agenda Item II – Opening Remarks

Mayor Horton recognized Mr. Brian Carter, Director of Planning and Zoning, who gave a brief overview of the proposed West Columbia Comprehensive Land Development Plan for 2011. Mr. Carter said the proposed plan was reviewed by staff in September 2010 and the Planning Commission began its review in April 2011. The plan, which was developed with the assistance of the Central Midlands Council of Governments, incorporates data from the 2010 census and addresses all elements of a comprehensive plan as required by the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Enabling Act of 1994, as amended. Mr. Carter said the plan includes changes and elements identified during discussions among staff and planning commissioners at public meetings over the past several months. The Planning Commission unanimously passed a resolution at its meeting on September 26, 2011 recommending that the City Council adopt the proposed 2011 Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Carter said the plan was presented to Council, which took first reading at the council meeting held October 4, 2011. He explained the public hearing process is required by state statute before Council can take second and final reading to adopt the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Carter introduced Mr. Wayne Shuler with Central Midlands Council of Governments who explained the elements of the proposed plan and described it as an inventory of existing conditions, a statement of needs and goals and an implementation strategy with time frames.

Mayor Horton asked if there were any comments from Council and received no response.

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Agenda Item III – Public Comment

Mayor Horton asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. Hearing no response, he declared the public comment portion of the hearing closed.

Agenda Item IV – Adjourn

Mayor Horton asked council members if there were any objections to ending the public hearing. Hearing no response, Mayor Horton declared the public hearing to be concluded. The public hearing adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta M. Valentino, CMC  
City Clerk