

Regular Council Meeting

August 7, 2012 following the Public Hearing at 6 p.m.

Members Present:

Joe Owens, Mayor
Boyd Jones, Mayor Pro-Tem
Abbott L. Bray, Jr.
Eric L. Fowler
Casey Jordan Hallman
L. Dale Harley
Tommy Parler
B.J. Unthank
Teddy Wingard

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Jenny Cunningham, City Administrator
Myron Corley, Deputy City Administrator
Mardi Valentino, City Clerk/PIO
Donna Smith, Director of Economic Development
Sid Varn, Director of Planning and Engineering
Dennis Tyndall, Police Chief
Mark Jones, Police Captain

Rick Hodge, City Treasurer
Wyatt Coleman, Fire Chief
Brian Carter, Director of Planning and Zoning
Charles Garren, Public Works Director
Stuart Jones, Building Official
Matt Edwards, Police Major
Members of the Public and Press

Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Mayor Owens called the meeting to order at 7:48 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 meeting by e-mail on August 3, 2012.

Agenda Item II – Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Captain Shane Phillips of the West Columbia Police Department and a pastor with Crossroads Baptist Church gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item III – Appearance Before Council

- A. Mayor Owens recognized Mr. Harold Jones and Mr. Bill Hamson with the SC Historical Aviation Foundation. Mr. Jones said the Foundation is trying to bring recognition to 230 Army personnel who died during training missions at air bases located in the Midlands area. Mr. Jones explained that prior to the Doolittle raid over Tokyo, Japan, many military personnel trained on P47, P50 and B-25 aircraft in advanced flying schools located at three area bases. During routine training flights from 1942 to 1945, 230 aviators died in crashes, including four Tuskegee airmen and one woman. 57 crashes occurred at Columbia Army Air Base, 14 crashes were at the Walterboro satellite base and two crashes were at Congaree Base now known as McIntyre Joint Air National Guard Base. The original flagpole site of the Doolittle Raiders training base was located on SC Hwy 302 near the Columbia Metropolitan Airport entrance. The SC Historic Aviation Foundation wants to place granite markers containing names of the deceased aviators on either side of a flagpole to honor the military personnel who died during training flights. Mr. Jones stated that Phillips Monuments has given him a price of \$15,000 to create and install the markers. He asked council to consider a donation to the SC Historical Aviation Foundation to assist with the markers to honor the aviators who until now were never recognized. Mayor Owens stated that Council would consider his request for a donation to the project.

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Agenda Item IV – Announcements by Mayor

- A. Mayor Owens announced the following meetings and events: Thursday, August 16 at 5:30 p.m., the Triangle City Fountain Dedication to Former Council Member Jack L. Harmon followed by a West Columbia Beautification Foundation Fundraiser at Dan-Rich Furniture. The West Columbia Back-to-School Bash at Butler Park on Saturday, August 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. The Council Work Session on Monday, August 20 at 6 p.m. The Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting on Tuesday, August 21 at 6 p.m. and the Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, August 27 at 6 p.m.

Agenda Item V – Approval of Minutes

Mayor Owens entertained a motion to approval the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held July 10, 2012. Council Member Unthank so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item VI – Old Business

- A. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for second reading consideration of an ordinance to establish a special property tax assessment for rehabilitated historic properties. Council Member Unthank so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for second reading consideration of the Planning Commission's recommendation for a map amendment to establish the zoning classification for 2.86 acres of property located at 846 Chris Drive (TMS# 004599-10-006) as LM (light manufacturing). Mayor Pro-Tem Jones so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for second reading consideration of the Planning Commission's recommendation for a map amendment to establish the zoning classification for 1.53 acres of property located at 832 Chris Drive (TMS# 004599-10-042) as LM (light manufacturing). Council Member Fowler so moved and Council Member Unthank seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for second reading consideration of the Planning Commission's recommendation for a map amendment to establish the zoning classification of one acre of property located at 176 McSwain Drive (TMS# 004597-01-002) as C3 (restricted commercial). Council Member Unthank so moved and Council Member Hallman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for first reading consideration of the Planning Commission's recommendation for a map amendment to establish the zoning classification for 3.44 acres of property located at 1809 Augusta Road (TMS# 004630-01-002) as C2 (general commercial). Council Member Bray so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item VII – New Business

- A. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for first reading consideration of an ordinance to annex .55 acres of property located at 2207 Thornton Avenue (TMS# 004627-01-002). Council Member Unthank so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Agenda Item VII – New Business (continued)

- B. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for first reading consideration of the Planning Commission's recommendation for a map amendment to establish the zoning classification for .33 acres of property located at 2215 Thornton Avenue (TMS# 004627-01-004) as R2 (medium density residential). Council Member Parler so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for first reading consideration of the Planning Commission's recommendation for a map amendment to establish the zoning classification for .30 acres of property located at 513 N. Lucas Street (TMS# 004665-03-012) as C2 (general commercial). Mayor Pro-Tem Jones so moved and Council Member Bray seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for consideration of a resolution to authorize the consumption of beer and wine at the Fall Rhythm on the River Concert Series at the West Columbia Amphitheater. Council Member Bray so moved and Council Member Wingard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. Mayor Owens recognized Ms. Donna Smith, Director of Economic Development, who presented bids for the 12th Street Streetlight Project. Ms. Smith said three bids were submitted and the lowest qualified bidder was W.M. Roebuck, Inc with a bid of \$125,556.00. Ms. Smith explained that AOS Specialty Contractors, Inc. submitted the lowest bid of \$97,265.00, but the company does not possess a public utility or electrical sub-classification required for the installation of electrical conduit. Ms. Georgianna Graham with HPG and Company, the consulting engineer for the project, recommended that W.M. Roebuck, Inc., the lowest qualified bidder, be awarded the contract. Mayor Owens recognized Council Member Unthank who made a motion to accept the lowest qualified bid of \$125,556.00 submitted by W.M. Roebuck, Inc. Council Member Fowler seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Smith noted that the bid award would be contingent upon approval by SC Department of Transportation (SCDOT) since funding for the project is being channeled through that agency.
- F. Mayor Owens recognized Ms. Donna Smith, Director of Economic Development, who presented bids for the demolition of 315 N. Line Street. Ms. Smith said two bids were received with the low bid of \$6,500.00 being submitted by JSQ Company, LLC. Ms. Smith said the cost of the demolition will be funded through a CDBG grant. Mayor Owens recognized Council Member Fowler who made a motion to accept the low bid of \$6,500 submitted by JSQ Company, LLC. Council Member Unthank seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- G. Mayor Owens entertained a motion to approve the dedication of the Triangle City Fountain in the memory of former Council Member and Mayor Pro-Tem Jack L. Harmon. Mayor Pro-Tem Jones so moved and Council Member Hallman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Owens recognized Council Member Hallman who stated that she spent a lot of time with the sanitation crews on Friday. She explained that she followed the crews as they went through the neighborhoods in her district and she taped a newsletter to each rollcart after the household garbage was collected. Council Member Hallman praised the sanitation employees for the good job they performed as they went through their route. She said she was very impressed with the workers' excellent attitudes despite the heat and the hard work.

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Agenda Item VIII – Adjourn

Mayor Owens entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Member Parler so moved and Council Member Bray seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta M. Valentino, CMC
City Clerk