

# City of West Columbia, SC

## Special Council Meeting

June 17, 2013

at 6 p.m.

### Members Present:

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

### Members Absent:

None

### Others Present:

Rick Hodge, City Treasurer  
Myron Corley, Deputy City Administrator  
Mardi Valentino, City Clerk/PIO  
Sid Varn, Director of Planning and Engineering  
Dennis Tyndall, Police Chief  
Members of the Public and Press

Charles Garren, Public Works Director  
Wyatt Coleman, Fire Chief  
Brian Carter, Director of Planning and Zoning  
Stuart Jones, Building Official  
Matt Edwards, Police Major

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### Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Mayor Owens called the meeting 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* and radio and television stations were notified of the meeting by e-mail on June 14, 2013.

### Agenda Item II – Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Owens gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Agenda Item III – Announcements by Mayor

Mayor Owens announced the Zoning Board of Appeals will meet at 6 p.m. on June 18, 2013 and the Planning Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on June 24, 2013.

### Agenda Item IV – Old Business

- A. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for second reading consideration of an ordinance adopting a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and levying a tax to meet such budget for the fiscal year with the General Fund \$12,736,000 and the Water/Sewer Fund \$12,278,000. Council Member Unthank so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for second reading consideration of an ordinance to adjust the annual compensation of elected officials and city employees to provide a monthly stipend of \$250.00 in lieu of health insurance coverage for those elected officials and city employees who choose to not participate in the State Health Insurance Plan provided by the city. Mayor Pro-Tem Jones so moved and Council Member Hallman seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Owens said the city would save about \$200 monthly for each employee who chooses not to use the State Health Plan.

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- C. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for a resolution to allow the West Columbia Community Advisory Committee to host a public picnic where beer and wine will be sold for consumption by a licensed bartending service at the Riverwalk Park Amphitheater on July 27, 2013. Mayor Pro-Tem Jones so moved and Council Member Wingard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item V – New Business

- A. Mayor Owens entertained a motion to approve an agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for the purchase of INCODE Police Package software in the amount of \$123,607.00. Council Member Fowler so moved and Council Member Wingard seconded. Mayor Owens recognized City Treasurer Rick Hodge who explained the software package would upgrade computer programs used by Dispatch, Police Records and Court Administration and integrate those departments with the rest of the city departments using the INCODE system. Mr. Hodge noted the cost of the software upgrade is included in the budget for FY 2013-2014 and the conversion should take place in September 2013. Mayor Owens called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.
- B. Mayor Owens recognized Mr. Sid Varn, Director of Planning and Engineering, who stated that the city opened 13 bids for chemicals at 2 p.m. on June 10, 2013. He recommended approval of the low bids as indicated on the bid sheet distributed to council and as follows:

<u>Chemical</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Low Bid</u>
Aluminum Sulfate	General Chemical Corporation	\$ 249.00 per dry ton
Hydrofluosilicic Acid 25%	Key Chemical, Inc.	\$ 0.2336 per wet pound
Lime Bulk	Greer Industries	\$ 0.086 per pound
Sodium Silicoflouride	Brenntag Southeast, Inc.	\$ 0.478 per pound
Sodium Hydroxide 25%	Jones Chemical Company	\$ 0.0794 per wet pound

Mayor Owens entertained a motion to approve the low bids for chemicals for the West Columbia water treatment plants as recommended by Mr. Varn. Council Member Fowler so moved and Council Member Unthank seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item VI – Adjourn

Mayor Owens entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Member Harley so moved and Council Member Hallman seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta M. Valentino, CMC  
City Clerk