

City of West Columbia, SC

Attachment V.B

Special Council Meeting

April 18, 2011 at 6 p.m.

Members Present:

Bobby E. Horton, Mayor
Jack L. Harmon, Mayor Pro-Tem
Eric L. Fowler
L. Dale Harley
Boyd Jones
Marsha Moore
Tommy Parler
Cathy Shannon
B.J. Unthank

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

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

Brian Carter, Director of Planning & Zoning
Charles Garren, Public Works Director
Stuart Jones, Building Official
Dennis Tyndall, Police Chief
Wyatt Coleman, Fire Chief

Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Mayor Horton 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* were notified of the meeting by e-mail on April 14, 2011.

Agenda Item II – Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro-Tem Harmon gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item III – Presentation on a Proposal for a Civic Center

Mayor Horton recognized Mr. Joel Carter with Jumper Carter Sease, Architects who presented a rendering of a proposed civic center possibly located on property at the corner of 9th Street and B Avenue. Mr. Carter stated the property is owned by the Lexington School District 2 and is the site of the Heyward G. Moore Fine Arts Center, which currently is not being utilized. Mr. Carter offered several different approaches for a civic center that could take advantage of the existing trees and parking area. The proposed building could hold up to 350 people in banquet-style seating with a moveable stage and a warming kitchen for catering rather than a full-service kitchen. If the building were used for a public meeting without seating it could hold up to 600 occupants. Mayor Horton asked what the proposed center would cost. Mr. Carter responded that a 6,300 square foot facility would cost approximately \$700,000 excluding the site work for parking and storm water drainage.

Mayor Horton recognized Council Member Harley who said a meeting is scheduled with Lexington School District 2 officials on April 28, 2011 to discuss the possibility of the school district donating the property to the city. He said the success of the civic center would hinge on whether or not the city could obtain the property from the school district. Council Member Harley explained that the present building is in bad shape and would require extensive work to be used again because the mechanical systems are not functioning at all. Mayor Horton thanked Mr. Carter for presenting concepts for a civic center.

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Agenda Item IV – Announcements by the Mayor

Mayor Horton reminded council members of the following meetings in the month of April; Mayor's Roundtable Meeting at 5:30 p.m. and the Council Work Session at 6 p.m. on April 18, the Planning Commission on April 25 at 6 p.m., and the 2nd Annual West Columbia Clean Up Day on April 30.

Agenda Item V – Old Business

- A. Mayor Horton entertained a motion for second reading consideration of an ordinance to amend Title 9, Chapter 3, Sections 4, 5 and 6, relating to the determination, prohibition, and removal of abandoned motor vehicles. Council Member Harley so moved and Council Member Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Mayor Horton entertained a motion for second reading consideration of an ordinance to revise Title 6, Chapter 1, to establish a section relating to the determination, parking and storage, removal, and redemption of derelict motor vehicles and to establish punishment for violations. Council Member Harley so moved and Council Member Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item VII – New Business

- A. Mayor Horton recognized Sid Varn, Director of Planning and Engineering, who presented an engineering services proposal for improvements to the Laurel Road Water Storage Tank and the construction of a booster pump station at the site. Mr. Varn said that every year the Laurel Road standpipe has water storage issues particularly in August and September when the water heats up. He said stale water in the tank cannot be flushed out because the water would drain on private property. Mr. Varn said the condition of the tank is not known because the upper level of water cannot be drained out. He proposed installing a pump to remove all the water and an altitude control valve to cut off the tank yet still maintain water pressure to the Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant. He said once that is done the tank could be inspected and repainted. Mr. Varn said the proposed cost for engineering and construction is \$302,963.00.

Mayor Horton recognized Council Member Unthank who asked what the improvements included. Mr. Varn responded that the improvements include new valves and controls, constructing a vault and a new pipe to fill the tank from the top and installing an altitude control valve to maintain water pressure from the Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant as well as a three-phase converter to run the pump. Mr. Varn said the improvements would provide better water quality for a large number of customers including a nearby school.

Mayor Horton entertained a motion to approve an engineering services proposal for improvements to the Laurel Road Water Storage Tank and a booster pump station. Council Member Harley so moved and Council Member Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Agenda Item VII – New Business (continued)

- B. Mayor Horton entertained a motion for consideration to appoint Mr. S.C. “Ike” Cogburn to the West Columbia Election Commission. Council Member Harley so moved and Council Member Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Horton said Mr. Cogburn would replace Mr. Robert Wise who asked to be replaced for health reasons.
- C. Mayor Horton recognized Brian Carter, Director of Planning and Zoning, who distributed a map detailing a portion of Hook Avenue between Klapman Road and Morningside Drive. He said property on either side of Hook Avenue was platted in 1956 as the Clayton Kleckley Estates and showed two unopened roads that were never developed. He said the developer currently working with the property would like to have the two roads legally closed and requested the city to direct the city’s attorney to prepare a document showing the city has no objection to the roads not being opened. Mayor Pro-Tem Harmon made a motion and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item VIII – Adjourn to Executive Session for a Contractual Matter

Mayor Horton entertained a motion to adjourn to executive session. Council Member Moore so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Agenda Item IX – Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene to Regular Session

Mayor Horton entertained a motion to adjourn executive session and reconvene to regular session. Council Member Moore so moved and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned executive session and reconvened at 7 p.m. Mayor Horton stated that no action was taken in executive session. Mayor Horton announced that Council needed to take action on two contractual items discussed in executive session.

Mayor Horton entertained a motion to extend Police Chief Dennis Tyndall’s contract for three years to expire April 18, 2014. Council Member Shannon so moved and Council Member Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Horton entertained a motion to approve a bulk rate contract for water service with Columbia Farms. Council Member Harley so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Harmon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item VIII – Adjourn

Mayor Horton entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Member Harley so moved and Council Member Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta M. Valentino, CMC
City Clerk