

City of West Columbia, SC

Public Hearing on the Proposed Annexation of Lot 54 Brookwood Circle

January 7, 2014 at 6 p.m.

Members Present:

Joe Owens, Mayor
Casey Jordan Hallman, Mayor Pro-Tem
Eric L. Fowler
L. Dale Harley
Boyd Jones
Temus C. "Tem" Miles, Jr.
Tommy G. 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
Matt Edwards, Police Major
Sid Varn, Director of Planning and Engineering
Shane Phillips, Police Captain
Charles Garren, Director of Public Works
Rodney Howell, Fire Training Officer
Members of the Public and Press

Anna Huffman, IT Systems Administrator
Wyatt Coleman, Fire Chief
Brian Carter, Director of Planning and Zoning
Stuart Jones, Building Official
Justin Black, Staff Accountant
Rick Hodge, City Treasurer
Ken Ebener, Municipal Judge
Jamie Hook, Sanitation/Streets Superintendent
Rex Adkins, Water/Sewer Superintendent

Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Mayor Owens called the public hearing to order at 6 p.m. and noted a quorum was present. *The State, Free Times, Lexington County Chronicle, Cayce-West Columbia News, The Columbia Star, COLADaily.com* and radio and television stations were notified of the public hearing by e-mail on January 3, 2014. A notice of the public hearing was published in the Sunday, December 22, 2013 edition of *The State* newspaper to meet the 15-day notification requirement.

Agenda Item II – Opening Remarks

Mayor Owens recognized Ms. Donna Smith, director of Economic Development, who explained the annexation by petition of Lot 54 Brookwood Circle normally would not require a public hearing, but the lot is unusual in that it is split between two municipalities. She said a public hearing is required by state law prior to final action by the city because of a boundary adjustment. A portion of Lot 54 that fronts Brookwood Circle lies within the corporate limits of West Columbia, while the larger, rear portion is in the Town of Springdale. The proposed boundary adjustment is to annex the portion that lies within Springdale so that the entire lot consisting of .39 acres would be within the West Columbia city limits. Currently the Springdale portion has a commercial zoning classification while the West Columbia portion is zoned low-density residential. The portion annexed into West Columbia would be zoned residential, which allows the owner to build a house on the lot. Ms. Smith said the Springdale Town Council also needs to approve the boundary change by ordinance and should take final action at its next council meeting.

Ms. Smith noted that to meet the state statute on proper notification a notice of the public hearing was published in the December 22, 2014 edition of *The State* newspaper, all media outlets were notified by e-mail on January 2, 2014 and notices were posted at city hall and on the city's web page.

Ms. Smith listed the services that West Columbia would provide to the property upon annexation. She said the annexation petition, public hearing notification requirements and all documentation for the annexation and boundary adjustment met the legal requirements as set forth by the State of South Carolina and that council was authorized to take final reading of the annexation at the council meeting following the public hearing.

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Agenda Item III – Public Comments

Mayor Owens asked if members of the public had comments or questions about the proposed annexation of Lot 54 Brookwood Circle and received no response.

Agenda Item IV – Adjourn

Mayor Owens declared the public hearing to be closed. The council adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta M. Valentino, CMC
City Clerk