

City of West Columbia, SC

Regular Council Meeting

January 7, 2014 at 6:07 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 meeting to order at 6:07 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 meeting by e-mail on January 3, 2014.

Agenda Item II – Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Harley gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item III – Requests for Appearance

- A. Mayor Owens recognized Mrs. Ada Jane Setzler, who represented State Senator Nikki Setzler. Mrs. Setzler presented a resolution passed by the SC State Senate commending Council Member Boyd Jones upon his 2013 appointment to the National League of Cities Community and Economic Development Steering Committee and his commitment to serve citizens in the West Columbia area.

Agenda Item IV – Announcements by Mayor

- A. Mayor Owens recognized Fire Chief Wyatt Coleman who presented the Firefighter of the Year Award to Firefighter III Jeffrey Padgett. Chief Coleman commended Mr. Padgett on his progress as a firefighter and his willingness to take on extra duties and assignments at the fire station.

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Agenda Item IV – Announcements by Mayor (continued)

- B. Mayor Owens recognized city employees for their years of service to the city. Five-year service pins were awarded to Mike Cubelli, Brian McDowell, and Thomas Griffin (Police), Jimmy Patrick (Fire), Mike Costanzo, Junior Martin and Sam Williams (Public Works), Wade DeLoach and Tommy Rivers (Water Plant I), Edgar Lindler (Water Distribution) and Tabitha Bundy (Water Billing). 10-year service pins were awarded to Jeff Phillips (Police), Sean O'Brien (Fire), Robbie Martin (Maintenance), and David Chaney (Water Plant 2). 15-year service pins were awarded to Brian Carter and Rick Hodge (Administration), Tracy Sheppard, Seth Zeigler, and Ina Stripes (Police), G.C. Davis (Water Distribution) and Ellen Ravenell (Water Billing). 20-year pins were awarded to Dale Harley (City Council), Chuck Hamrick and Mark Jones (Police), and Kenneth Simon (Water Plant 2). 25-year service pins were awarded to Ronnie Dreher (Public Works), Dwain Mathias (Maintenance) and Ann Lee (Water Plant I). A 30-year pin and certificate was awarded to Ronnie Mears (Public Works). 35-year pins and certificates were awarded to Jenny Cunningham (Administration) and Wayne Wadford (Fire). Mayor Owens praised the employees on their outstanding service and commitment to the citizens of West Columbia.

Agenda Item V – Approval of Minutes

Mayor Owens entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the following meetings: the Public Hearing on the Still Hopes JEDA Bonds held December 3, 2013, the Regular Council Meeting held December 3, 2013 and the Special Council Meeting held December 23, 2013. Council Member Unthank so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Hallman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item VI – Old Business

- A. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for second reading consideration of an ordinance to annex .39 acres of unimproved property located at Lot 54 Brookwood Circle (TMS# 005717-01-014). Council Member Unthank so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item VIII – New Business

- A. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for first reading consideration of the Planning Commission's recommendation to change the zoning classification for 420-422 N. Lucas Street and 416-418 N. Lucas Street (TMS#s 004659-02-017 and 015 respectively) from C-2 (general commercial) to R-2 (medium-density residential). Council Member Unthank so moved and Council Member Miles seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for consideration to accept a subdivision agreement and letter of credit in the amount of \$174,054.23 from Brookcrest Subdivision Development, LLC for Brookland Mill Phase Two Cluster Housing Development located on Hook Avenue (TMS# 004666-06-001) subsequent to bonded plat approval by the Planning Commission. Council Member Parler so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Hallman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for consideration to approve the 2014 Jury List for the West Columbia Municipal Court. Council Member Unthank so moved and Council Member Wingard seconded. Mayor Owens recognized Municipal Judge Ken Ebener who said the 10,186 names for the jury pool were from the voter registration list obtained from the State Election Commission. He explained the list is reviewed to purge the names of people who do not live in the city. Mayor Owens called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

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Agenda Item VII – New Business (continued)

D. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for consideration of a resolution to recognize and honor the city of West Columbia Purple Heart Recipients and to proclaim the city of West Columbia a Purple Heart Community. Council Member Parler so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Owens recognized Commander James Miller of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, SC Department. Commander Miller said the South Carolina Military Order of the Purple Heart has over 960 members in 13 chapters, including 260 members who live in the Columbia area. He thanked city council for recognizing the service personnel who were wounded or died while defending the nation in combat.

Agenda Item VIII – Adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter and a Contractual Matter

Mayor Owens entertained a motion to adjourn to executive session. Council Member Unthank so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. Council adjourned to executive session at 6:35 p.m.

Agenda Item IX – Reconvene to Regular Session

Mayor Owens entertained a motion to adjourn executive session and reconvene to regular session. Council Member Unthank so moved and Council Member Harley seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council reconvened to regular session at 7:17 p.m. Mayor Owens stated that no action was taken in executive session.

Agenda Item X – Adjourn

Mayor Owens entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Member Parler so moved and Council Member Unthank seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta M. Valentino, CMC
City Clerk/Public Information Officer