

City of West Columbia, SC

Special Council Meeting

February 18, 2014 at 4 p.m.

Members Present:

Joe Owens, Mayor
Casey Jordan Hallman, Mayor Pro-Tem
Eric L. Fowler
Boyd Jones
Temus C. "Tem" Miles, Jr.
Tommy G. Parler
B.J. Unthank
Teddy Wingard

Members Absent:

L. Dale Harley, ill

Others Present:

Jenny Cunningham, City Administrator
Myron Corley, Deputy City Administrator
Mardi Valentino, City Clerk/PIO

Sid Varn, Director of Planning and Engineering
Brian Carter, Assistant City Administrator
Members of the Public and Press

Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Mayor Owens called the meeting to order at 4 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 February 14, 2014.

Agenda Item II – Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Mayor Owens entertained a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss a contractual matter. Council Member Wingard so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned to executive session at 4:02 p.m.

Agenda Item IV – Reconvene to Regular Session

Mayor Owens entertained a motion to adjourn executive session and reconvene to regular session. Council Member Parler so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council reconvened at 4:25 p.m.

Agenda Item V – New Business

- A. Mayor Owens recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Hallman who made a motion for the city to enter into an exclusive buyer representation agreement with NAI Avant to negotiate the purchase of approximately .17 acres of property located at 101 and 115 State Street and to further authorize the city administrator to execute the contract for the city. Council Member Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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Agenda Item V – New Business

- B. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for consideration of an agreement for professional engineering services to design the relocation of utilities at Leaphart Road and Mineral Springs Road. Council Member Parler so moved and Council Member Wingard seconded.

Mayor Owens recognized Mr. Sid Varn, director of Planning and Engineering, who stated that the SC Department of Transportation (DOT) notified the city that the utilities at Leaphart Road and Mineral Springs Road will need to be relocated due to a road construction project, which means the city needs to engage an engineering firm to provide design services for the utilities relocation. Mr. Varn recommended that the city enter into an agreement for professional engineering services with ICA Engineering, the same firm that handled the engineering design for the Natchez Trail storm water diversion project in fall 2013. Mr. Varn explained the fee will be \$18,500.00 for engineering services, which is about 10 percent of the projected cost for the Leaphart Road/Mineral Springs Road utilities relocation project. Mayor Owens called for a vote, which passed unanimously.

- C. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for consideration of an agreement for professional engineering services to design the relocation of utilities at the Leaphart Road Bridge over the I-26 Interstate. Council Member Unthank so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded.

Mayor Owens recognized Mr. Varn, who stated that the DOT project to replace the Leaphart Road Bridge will require relocating the utilities. He said the cost would be \$22,500 for ICA Engineering to do the engineering design work. Mr. Varn explained in order to increase water pressure and to reduce the cost of relocating the water line at the Leaphart Road Bridge that the water source would need to be changed to the Pony Hill Road tank to draw from the Lake Murray Water Treatment Plant instead of the Riverside Water Treatment Plant on Sunset Boulevard. He said to achieve changing the water source for the Leaphart Bridge water line he has recommended to DOT for the city to install a dead end line at Chris Drive. Mayor Owens called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item VI – Adjourn

Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Member Jones so moved and Council Member Unthank seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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