

City of West Columbia, SC

Special Council Meeting

June 20, 2014 at Noon

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Tommy G. Parler, out of town

Others Present:

Jenny Cunningham, City Administrator
Mardi Valentino, City Clerk/PIO
Members of the Public and Press

Rick Hodge, City Treasurer
Justin Black, Staff Accountant

Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Council Chairperson BJ Unthank called the meeting to order at 12 p.m. *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 June 17, 2014.

Agenda Item II – Determination of Quorum

Council Chairperson BJ Unthank determined that a quorum of council members were present to conduct business.

Agenda Item III – Invocation

Council Member Fowler gave the invocation

Agenda Item IV – Pledge of Allegiance

All attendees at the meeting recited the Pledge of Allegiance before the flag of the United States of America.

Agenda Item V. – Announcements by the Mayor

Chairperson Unthank recognized Mayor Owens who stated that he had no announcements. He said that he would vote no on the upcoming vote to increase the SCE&G franchise fee by two percent. He said water revenues are up and there is no reason to increase the franchise fee.

Agenda Item VI – New Business

- A. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to for first reading consideration of an ordinance to increase the payments from the South Carolina Electric & Gas Company to the city of West Columbia. Council Member Harley so moved and Council Member Miles seconded.

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Agenda Item VI – New Business (continued)

Council Members Harley, Jones, Fowler, Unthank and Miles voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Owens, Mayor Pro-Tem Hallman and Council Member Wingard voted in opposition. The motion passed five votes to three votes.

Agenda Item VII – Adjournment

Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Member Harley so moved and Mayor Owens seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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