

## City of West Columbia, SC

### Special Council Meeting

June 27, 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.  
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  
Sid Varn, Director of Planning and Engineering  
Members of the Public and Press

Rick Hodge, City Treasurer  
Brian Carter, Assistant City Administrator  
Justin Black, Staff Accountant  
Joe Vasquez, Esq., City Attorney

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#### 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 25, 2014.

#### Agenda Item II – Determination of Quorum

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

#### Agenda Item III – Invocation

Council Member Parler 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 reminded council members that there would be a regular council meeting on July 1, 2014.

#### Agenda Item VI – Adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter, a Legal Matter Regarding a Lawsuit and a Contractual Matter to Discuss an Amendment to a Professional Services Contract

Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to adjourn to executive session. Mayor Owens so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned to executive session at 12:05 p.m.

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### Agenda Item VII – Reconvene to Regular Session

Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to adjourn executive session and reconvene to regular session. Council Member Fowler so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council reconvened to regular session at 12:48 p.m. Chairperson Unthank stated that no action was taken in executive session.

### Agenda Item VIII – Unfinished Business

- A. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion for second reading consideration of an ordinance to increase the payments from the South Carolina Electric & Gas Company. Mayor Owens so moved and Council Member Miles seconded. Council Members Harley, Jones, Fowler, Unthank, Parler and Miles voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Owens, Mayor Pro-Tem Hallman and Council Member Wingard voted in opposition. The motion passed six votes to three votes.
- B. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion for consideration of an amendment to the professional services contract between the city of West Columbia and Robert Bolchoz, Esq. Council Member Miles so moved and Council Member Jones seconded. Chairperson Unthank recognized Mayor Owens who stated that he wanted to see what Mr. Bolchoz has so far before approving more money. Chairperson Unthank called for the vote. Council Members Harley, Jones, Fowler, Unthank, Parler and Miles voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Owens, Mayor Pro-Tem Hallman and Council Member Wingard voted in opposition. The motion passed six votes to three votes.

### Agenda Item IX – Adjournment

Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Member Miles so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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