

City of West Columbia, SC

Special Council Meeting

July 30, 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
Teddy Wingard

Members Absent:

B.J. Unthank, out of town

Others Present:

Jenny Cunningham, City Administrator
Donna Smith, Director of Economic Development
Anna Huffman, IT Systems Administrator
Dennis Tyndall, Police Chief
Sid Varn, Director of Planning & Engineering
Members of the Public and Press

Myron Corley, Deputy City Administrator
Brian Carter, Assistant City Administrator
Rick Hodge, City Treasurer
Rex Adkins, Superintendent for Water/Sewer
Margaret Pope, City Bond Attorney

Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Mayor Owens 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 July 15, 2014.

Agenda Item II – Determination of Quorum

Mayor Owens determined that a quorum of council members was present to conduct business.

Agenda Item III – Election of a Presiding Officer

In the absence of Chairperson Unthank, Council Member Miles made a motion to elect Mayor Owens to preside during the duration of the meeting only. Council Member Parler seconded. Mayor Owens, Mayor Pro-Tem Hallman and Council Members Fowler, Jones, Miles, Parler and Wingard voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Harley voted in opposition. The motion passed seven votes to one vote.

Agenda Item IV – Invocation

Council Member Parler gave the invocation.

Agenda Item V – Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda Item VI – Announcements by the Mayor

Mayor Owens stated that he had a brief conversation with Mr. Ben Kelly and Mr. Patrick Chambers with NAI Avant to organize the special council meeting.

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Agenda Item VII –Adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss a Contractual Matter Regarding City Property

Mayor Owens entertained a motion to adjourn to executive session and Council Member Jones seconded. Mayor Owens, Mayor Pro-Tem Hallman and Council Members Fowler, Jones, Miles, Parler and Wingard voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Harley voted in opposition. The motion passed seven votes to one vote. Council adjourned to executive session at 12:12 p.m. Council Members remained in the council chambers and the members of the public were asked to leave the room.

Agenda Item VIII – Reconvene to Regular Session

Mayor Owens entertained a motion to adjourn executive session and reconvene to regular session. Council Member Jones so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council reconvened to regular session at 1:47 p.m. Members of the public were invited to return to the council chambers. Mayor Owens stated that no action was taken in executive session.

Mayor Owens entertained a motion to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$5,000.00 to be paid to Pope-Zeigler law firm for professional services to assist in developing real estate plans. Council Member Fowler so moved and Council Member Jones seconded. Mayor Owens, Mayor Pro-Tem Hallman and Council Members Fowler, Harley, Jones, Parler and Wingard voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Miles voted in opposition. The motion passed seven votes to one vote.

Agenda Item IX – Adjournment

Mayor Owens entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Member Fowler so moved and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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