

City of West Columbia, SC

Special Council Meeting

November 10, 2014 at 3 p.m.
New Brookland Room

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

L. Dale Harley (previous commitment)

Others Present:

Jenny Cunningham, City Administrator
Myron Corley, Deputy City Administrator
Brian Carter, Assistant City Administrator
Justin Black, City Treasurer
Kelli Brazell, City Clerk
Mardi Valentino, Human Resources Director

Dennis Tyndall, Police Chief
Wyatt Coleman, Fire Chief
Marquis Soloman, Fire Battalion Chief
Anna Huffman, IT Systems Administrator
Rick Hodge, Finance
Members of the Public and Press

Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Council Chairperson B.J. Unthank called the meeting to order at 3p.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 Tuesday, November, 4, 2014. They were notified by email of the Revised Agenda on Friday, November 7, 2014.

Agenda Item II – Determination of Quorum

Chairperson B.J. 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 – New Business

Chairperson Unthank opened the discussion for consideration of a proposal from Ashley Hunter with McKay Public Relations for a public relations contract. Council Member Parler stated that in September of 2008 the City approved to engage in the services of Claire Morris Agency. Council Member Parler stated the City had only used the agency one time. Claire Morris Agency only charges for work performed. Council Member Unthank informed Council he would provide literature after the Council Meeting about the benefits of McKay Public Relations. Mayor Owens stated the City has qualified people on staff to perform public relations. After some discussion, Council agreed to further research the City's need to retain an outside public relations firm.

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Agenda Item VI – Adjourn to Executive Session for a Contractual Matter Concerning City Property

Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss a contractual matter concerning city property. Council Member Parler so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Hallman seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned to executive session at 3:15 p.m.

Agenda Item VII – Reconvene to Regular Session

Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to adjourn executive session and reconvene to regular session. Mayor Owens so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council reconvened to regular session at 4:04 p.m. Chairperson Unthank stated that no action was taken in executive session.

Agenda Item VIII – Adjournment

Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Member Parler so moved and Council Member Wingard seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Brazell
City Clerk