

City of West Columbia, SC

Regular Council Meeting

March 3, 2015

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Boyd Jones (previous engagement)

Others Present:

Jenny Cunningham, City Administrator
Myron Corley, Deputy City Administrator
Wyatt Coleman, Fire Chief
Kelli Brazell, City Clerk
Donna Smith, Director of Economic Development
Justin Black, Treasurer
Rick Hodge, Financial Consultant
Scott Morrison, PIO/West Columbia PD
Jamie Hook, Sanitation/Streets/Parks Superintendent
Members of the Public and Press

Sid Varn, Director of Planning and Engineering
Anna Huffman, IT Systems Administrator
Mardi Valentino, Director of Human Resources
Stuart Jones, Building Official
Marquis Solomon, Fire Battalion Chief

Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Chairperson Unthank called the meeting to order at 5:59 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 3, 2015.

Agenda Item II – Determination of Quorum

Chairperson Unthank noted a quorum was present to conduct business.

Agenda Item III – Invocation

Mayor Pro-Tem Casey Hallman 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/Communications by the Mayor

Chairperson Unthank recognized Mayor Owens. Mayor Owens introduced Cherlyn Kee. Ms. Kee represents Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission – Tri-City Senior Center. Mayor Owens presented Ms. Kee with a proclamation to designate March 2015 as the National March for Meals Month.

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Agenda Item VI – Approval of Minutes for Previous Meetings

Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting held February 3, 2015. Council Member Miles so moved and Mayor Owens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item VII – Unfinished Business

- A. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion for second reading consideration of an ordinance to relinquish a sewer easement for city property located at 136 Sunset Boulevard. Council Member Miles so moved and Mayor Owens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item VIII – New Business

- A. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion for first reading consideration of an ordinance to annex 38.6 acres of property (a portion of TMS# 3698-01-004) off of Henbet Drive. Council Member Miles so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Hallman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion for consideration to grant a construction easement to South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) for Rainbow Drive city sewer pump station property. Sid Varn, Director of Planning and Engineering informed Council the easement is temporary for construction purposes only. Mayor Owens so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion for consideration to approve an agreement for proposed storm water pollution prevention plan for public works/fleet services. Sid Varn, Director of Planning and Engineering, informed Council the storm water prevention plan is mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and administered through South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC.) AMEC Foster Wheeler, an engineering company, has provided this service to the city for the past 3 or 4 years. The fee is \$10,000. Mr. Varn stipulated \$12,000 has been budgeted for this service, and recommended approval for this work by AMEC Foster Wheeler. Mayor Owens so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Chairperson Unthank entertained consideration of a resolution to authorize the sale and consumption of beer and wine at the Riverwalk Park amphitheater during the spring and fall Rhythm on the River concert series. Council Member Miles so moved and Mayor Owens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion for a proclamation to designate March 2015 as the National March for Meals Month. Mayor Owens so moved and Council Member Miles seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to approve a real estate fee agreement proposed by Callison Tighe & Robinson, LLC. Mayor Owens so moved and Council Member Miles seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Agenda Item IX – Adjourn to Executive Session for Discussion of a Utility Contract Matter and a Property Contract Matter

Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to adjourn to executive session. Council Member Miles so moved and Council Member Harley seconded. Council adjourned to executive session at 6:08 p.m.

Agenda Item X – Reconvene to Regular Session

Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to adjourn executive session and reconvene to regular session. Council Member Miles so moved and Council Member Harley seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council reconvened to regular session at 7:06 p.m. Chairperson Unthank stated that no action was taken in executive session.

Agenda Item XI – Adjournment

Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Member Parler so moved and Council Member Miles seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Brazell
City Clerk