

City of West Columbia, SC

Special Council Meeting

June 15, 2015 at 6 p.m.

Members Present:

Joe Owens, Mayor
Casey Jordan Hallman, Mayor Pro-Tem
Boyd Jones
Eric L. Fowler
L. Dale Harley
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
Brian Carter, Assistant City Administrator
Wayne Shuler, Director of Planning and Zoning
Jamie Hook, Sanitation/Street/Parks Superintendent
Donna Smith, Director of Economic Development
Anna Huffman, IT Systems Administrator
Sid Varn, Director of Planning and Engineering
Mardi Valentino, Director of Human Resources
Members of the Public and Press

Dennis Tyndall, Police Chief
Wyatt Coleman, Fire Chief
Rick Hodge, Financial Consultant
Stuart Jones, Building Official
Justin Black, City Treasurer
Kelli Ricard, City Clerk
Scott Morrison, PIO/West Columbia PD

Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Chairperson Unthank called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 June 12, 2015.

Agenda Item II – Determination of Quorum

Chairperson Unthank noted a quorum 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/Communications by the Mayor

Chairperson Unthank recognized Mayor Owens who stated the South Carolina Municipal Insurance Trust (SCMIT) and SC Municipal Insurance and Risk Financing Fund (SCMIRF) contributions for next year would total \$73,642.

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Agenda Item VI – Presentations and Recognitions

- A. Chairperson Unthank recognized Mayor Owens who presented Reverend Scooter Scott of Christ Central Ministries, Nehemiah Project, with a resolution supporting the efforts of Christ Central Ministries, Nehemiah Project, Turner Memorial AME Church, and the Next Step program. The three ministries have come together to help repair homes in the Happytown/Sugartown area of West Columbia. Reverend Scott publicly thanked everyone for their support and participation. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to consider a resolution recognizing Turner AME Church, Christ Central Ministries, Nehemiah project, and Next Step Ministries for volunteering to repair 25-30 homes in West Columbia. Mayor Owens so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to consider a resolution to recognize Dr. Venus Holland for 28 years of service with Lexington School District Two. Dr. Holland was not present to receive the resolution. Council Member Parler so moved and Mayor Owens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item VII – Requests for Appearances/Citizen Comment Period

- A. Chairperson Unthank stated Wade McGuinn of McGuinn homes was not present at the meeting.

Agenda Item VIII – Unfinished Business

- A. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion for second reading consideration of an ordinance enacting and adopting a supplement to the code of ordinances for the city of West Columbia. Mayor Owens so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion for second reading consideration of an ordinance adopting a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and levying a tax to meet such a budget for the fiscal year, with a General Fund Budget of \$12,710,000 and Water/Sewer Fund Budget of \$12,570,000. Council Member Miles so moved and Mayor Owens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion for second reading consideration an ordinance authorizing the issuance of a water and sewer system improvement revenue bond anticipation note in the principal amount of not exceeding nine million dollars (\$9,000,000) by the city of West Columbia, South Carolina in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of water and sewer system improvement revenue bonds of the city of West Columbia, South Carolina and other matters relating thereto. Council Member Miles so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion for second reading consideration of an ordinance to annex 12.70 acres of property (TMS # 004599-09-007) on Harvest Glen Lane. Council Member Parler so moved and Mayor Owens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion for second reading consideration of an ordinance to annex .70 acres of property (TMS # 004597-02-002) on Sunset Boulevard at Chris Drive (PKA 2505, 2507 & 2509 Sunset Boulevard.) Council Member Miles so moved and Council Member Wingard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Agenda Item VIII – Unfinished Business- Continued

- F. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion for second reading consideration of an ordinance amending Title 1, Section 3 entitled “Voting Requirements”. Council Member Miles so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Hallman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item IX – New Business

- A. Chairperson Unthank entertained first reading consideration of an ordinance authorizing and approving a second amendment to the water sale and purchase agreement between city of West Columbia, South Carolina and Lexington County Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission, South Carolina: authorizing the execution and delivery of the aforementioned agreement; and other matters relating thereto. Council Member Miles so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Hallman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to consider the approval of chemical bids for the Saluda River and Lake Murray Water Treatment Plants. Mr. Sid Varn, Director of Planning & Engineering, recommended the approval of all the following low bids:
- Chemtrade Chemicals / \$179 per dry ton of Aluminum Sulfate
 - Mosaic- Fishhawk / 0.19 cents per wet pound of Hydrofluosilicic Acid
 - Greer Industries, Inc. / 0.09469 cents per pound of Lime
 - Brenntag Southeast / 0.535 cents per pound of Sodium Silicofluoride
 - Colonial Chemical / .0689 cents per wet pound of Sodium Hydroxide

Mayor Owens so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to consider appointing Ms. Mardi Valentino, Director of Human Resources, as the city’s ADA Coordinator. Council Member Fowler so moved and Council Member Harley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item X – Adjourn to Executive Session for Discussion of a Legal Matter Regarding Reimbursement of Legal Fees for a Council Member and a Legal Update of TIF Extension with Lexington School District Two

Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss a legal matter regarding reimbursement of legal fees for a Council Member and a legal update of TIF extension with Lexington School District Two. Mayor Owens so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. Council Member Tem Miles recused himself from the discussion of a legal matter regarding reimbursement of legal fees. Council adjourned to executive session at 6:21 p.m.

Agenda Item XI – Reconvene to Regular Session

Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to adjourn executive session and reconvene to regular session. Mayor Pro-Tem Hallman so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council reconvened to regular session at 7:00 p.m. Chairperson Unthank stated no action was taken in executive session.

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Agenda Item IX – New Business – continued

- D. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to consider a resolution to approve reimbursement of legal fees incurred by Council Member Tem C. Miles. Council Member Miles noted his continued recusal. Council Member Jones so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. Chairperson Unthank, Mayor Pro-Tem Hallman and Council Members Harley, Jones, Fowler, Wingard, Parler all voted in favor of the resolution to approve reimbursement of legal fees incurred by Council Member Tem C. Miles. Mayor Owens voted in opposition. After noting Council Member Miles' recusal, the motion passed seven votes to one vote.

Agenda Item XII – Adjournment

Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Member Jones so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Ricard
City Clerk