

# City of West Columbia, SC

Regular Council Meeting

July 7, 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  
Scott Morrison, PIO/West Columbia PD  
Kelli Ricard, City Clerk

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## 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 July 3, 2015.

## Agenda Item II – Determination of Quorum

Chairperson Unthank noted a quorum was present to conduct business.

## Agenda Item III – Invocation

Council Member Harley 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 he had no announcements.

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### Agenda Item VI – Presentations and Recognitions

- A. Chairperson Unthank recognized Mayor Owens who presented a resolution to Mr. Nathan Ulmer, Eagle Scout, for his participation in building and maintaining Little Free Libraries located at Fowler Park and Café Strudel. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to consider the resolution. Mayor Owens so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Hallman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to consider a resolution to recognize Mr. Myron Corley, Deputy Administrator, for 25 years of outstanding service to the city of West Columbia. All of Council presented Mr. Corley with his resolution and thanked him for his service. Mayor Owens so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Agenda Item VII – Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the Public Hearing on the Budget held June 2, 2015, Regular Council Meeting following the Budget Public Hearing held June 2, 2015, and the Special Council Meeting held June 15, 2015. Council Member Miles so moved and Mayor Owens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Agenda Item VIII – Unfinished Business

- A. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion for second 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. Mayor Owens so moved and Council Member Miles seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Agenda Item IX – New Business

- A. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to consider 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. Mayor Owens so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. City Administrator Jenny Cunningham stated the city of West Columbia would receive 2.3 million dollars from the sale of capacity. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone 115 Archive Court (TMS# 004641-08-022) from LM (light manufacturing) to C3 (restricted commercial). Mr. Wayne Shuler, Director of Planning and Zoning informed Council the applicant requested to place a medical building at 115 Archive Court. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on June 22, 2015 and no one spoke in opposition, however, it is in conflict with the comprehensive plan. That conflict should be resolved with the next comprehensive plan update. Council Member Miles so moved and Council Member Wingard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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- C. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation to establish the zoning classification for the 16.38 acres off Leaphart Road (TMS# 004599-09-15) as R2 (medium density residential). Mr. Wayne Shuler, Director of Planning and Zoning informed Council the land was annexed into the city on May 5, 2015. The Planning Commission held its Public Hearing on June 22, 2015 and no one spoke in opposition of the rezoning. Mayor Owens so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to consider accepting the 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for Law Enforcement Programs. Police Chief Dennis Tyndall informed Council the grant is for \$10,243 and is based on the crime statistics in the area. The grant is used for additional equipment and does not require matching funds. The funds will be used for an additional in car camera. Council Member Miles so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Agenda Item X – Adjourn to Executive Session for Discussion of a Contractual Matter

Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss a contractual matter. Mr. Belton Zeigler, Esquire requested Council restate the purpose of the executive session to include the contractual matter as the agreement between the cities of West Columbia and Columbia. Council Member Parler so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. 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. Council Member Miles so moved and Mayor Owens seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council reconvened to regular session at 6:46 p.m. Chairperson Unthank stated no action was taken in executive session.

### Agenda Item IX – New Business – continued

- E. Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to consider a resolution a resolution to authorize the City Administrator to execute an amended and restated agreement by and between the city of Columbia, South Carolina, and the city of West Columbia, South Carolina, for Wastewater Services and Participation in Capital Wastewater Improvements. Council Member Miles so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Agenda Item XII – 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 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Ricard  
City Clerk