

# City of West Columbia, SC

Regular Council Meeting  
October 6, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.

## 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  
Boyd Jones

## Members Absent:

## Others Present:

Jenny Cunningham, City Administrator  
Brian Carter, Deputy City Administrator  
Wyatt Coleman, Fire Chief  
Kelli Ricard, City Clerk/Events Coordinator  
Wayne Shuler, Director of Planning and Zoning  
Jamie Hook, Director of Public Works  
Donna Smith, Director of Economic Development  
Anna Huffman, IT Systems Administrator  
Mark Waller, Director of Planning and Engineering

Dennis Tyndall, Police Chief  
Scott Morrison, PIO/West Columbia PD  
Justin Black, City Treasurer  
Kenneth Ebener, Municipal Judge  
Stuart Jones, Building Official  
Hayes Holland, Sr. Staff Accountant

## Members of the Public and Press

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### Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chairperson Unthank called the meeting to order at 3:30 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 October 2, 2015.

### Agenda Item 2 – Determination of Quorum

Chairperson Unthank noted a quorum was present to conduct business.

### Agenda Item 3 – Invocation

Council Member Fowler gave the invocation.

### Agenda Item 4 – Pledge of Allegiance

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

### Agenda Item 5 – Announcements/Communications by the Mayor

Chairperson Unthank recognized Mayor Owens, who recognized Director of Public Works, Jamie Hook, and Water Department Supervisor for Plant One, Floyd Wright, for their outstanding work during the flood. The department heads and their staff went above and beyond the call of duty for the citizens of West Columbia.

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### Agenda Item 5 – Announcements/Communications by the Mayor - continued

Mayor Owens also recognized Bradley Smith, Firefighter, for rescuing a woman from life threatening floodwaters. While trying to rescue the woman, she floated downstream. Mr. Smith unhooked his line and floated down after her. He found her downstream and held onto her until they could both be rescued. Chairperson Unthank said all departments showed their true colors by doing such great work, and should be commended.

Chairperson Unthank recognized Mrs. Ann Percy a resident of Hammonds Hill Drive. Mrs. Percy wanted to share her experience with the firefighters during the flood. She stated her neighborhood was without power for three days and the Fire Chief Wyatt Coleman, and other firefighters brought water to their homes, and checked to make sure they were doing well. She also wanted to commend her Council Member Casey Hallman for bringing food to their area. She is thankful to live in the city of West Columbia.

### Agenda Item 6 – Presentations and Recognitions

- 6.1 Chairperson Unthank entertained consideration of a resolution to honor and congratulate Mr. Earle Williams, Sr., former Mayor of West Columbia, on the celebration of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mr. Williams was born on September 27, 1915 in West Columbia and lived within a four block radius all of his life, except for his service in the Army. Council extends their best wishes to Mr. Williams on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Council Member Miles so moved and Council Member Wingard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6.2 Chairperson Unthank entertained consideration of a resolution honoring Council Member Eric Fowler for 24 years of service and his outstanding contributions to the city of West Columbia. Council Member Parler so moved and Mayor Owens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Agenda Item 7 – Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the Public Hearing on TIF extension held September 1, 2015, Regular Council Meeting following the Public Hearing held September 1, 2015, Special Council meeting held September 8, 2015, and Special Council meeting held September 21, 2015. Council Member Miles so moved and Mayor Owens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Agenda Item 8 – Unfinished Business

- 8.1 Chairperson Unthank entertained second reading consideration of an ordinance to annex .72 acres of property (TMS # 004628-03-019 and TMS# 004628-03-025) now combined as one parcel known as 225 Hammond Avenue. Council Member Harley so moved and Council Member Miles seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Agenda Item 9 – New Business

- 9.1 Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion for first reading consideration of an ordinance to annex 13.09 acres of property (TMS# 003698-01-005) known 420 Davega Drive. Council Member Miles so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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### Agenda Item 9 – New Business - continued

- 9.2 Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion for first reading consideration of an ordinance amending the West Columbia code to address discharge of fireworks within the city. Mayor Owens so moved and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 9.3 Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion for consideration to Quit-Claim any interest in and approve the closing of a 20-foot alley located adjacent to 201 Leaphart Street. Mr. Brian Carter explained the 20-foot alley is not owned by the city. If Council will sign the quit-claim saying they have no interest in the alley, the owner of 201 Leaphart can move forward with redeveloping the property. Council Member Harley so moved and Council Member Miles seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Agenda Item 10 – Adjourn to Executive Session to Receive Advice and Information from Outside Legal Counsel Concerning Legal Matters Related to Draining Issues in the Natchez Trail Area and Negotiations with the South Carolina Department of Transportation Related to These Issues (Pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70 (a) (2)).

Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to adjourn to executive session to receive advice and information from outside legal counsel concerning legal matters related to draining issues in the Natchez Trail Area and negotiations with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) related to these issues. Council Member Harley so moved and Council Member Miles seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned to executive session at 4:15 p.m.

### Agenda Item 11 – Reconvene to Regular Session

Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to adjourn executive session and reconvene to regular session. Council Member Parler so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Hallman seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council reconvened to regular session at 5:03 p.m. Chairperson Unthank stated no action was taken in executive session.

### Agenda Item 12 – Possible Action Concerning Legal Matters Discussed in Executive Session Related to Draining Issues in the Natchez Trail Area and Negotiations with the South Carolina Department of Transportation Related to These Issues

Chairperson Unthank stated Council would take no further action on the draining issues in the Natchez Trail area at this time.

### 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 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Ricard  
City Clerk