

City of West Columbia, SC

Special Council Meeting
October 12, 2015 at 4 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
Brian Carter, Deputy City Administrator
Kelli Ricard, City Clerk/Events Coordinator
Mark Waller, Director of Planning and Engineering
Members of the Public and Press

Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Chairperson Unthank called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 October 9, 2015.

Agenda Item 2 – Determination of Quorum

Chairperson Unthank noted a quorum was present to conduct business.

Agenda Item 3 – Invocation

Chairperson Unthank 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 - 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 SCDOT related to these issues. Mayor Owens so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. Council adjourned to executive session at 4:04 p.m.

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Agenda Item 6 – 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 5:01 p.m. Chairperson Unthank stated no action was taken in executive session.

Agenda Item 7 – New Business

- 7.1 Chairperson Unthank entertained possible action concerning legal matters discussed in executive session related to draining issues in the Natchez Trail area and negotiations with the SCDOT. Council Member Miles made a motion to authorize the City Administrator to manage negotiations with the SCDOT regarding drainage issues in the Natchez Trail area and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Miles made a motion to authorize city staff to consult with an attorney of their choosing to manage negotiations related to the draining issues in the Natchez Trail area and with SCDOT and Mayor Owens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment

Chairperson Unthank entertained a motion to adjourn. Mayor Owens so moved and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Ricard
City Clerk