

Special Council Meeting

December 19, 2011 at 6 p.m.

Members Present:

Joe Owens, Mayor
Boyd Jones, Mayor Pro-Tem
Abbott L. Bray, Jr.
Eric L. Fowler
Casey Jordan Hallman
L. Dale Harley
Tommy Parler
B.J. Unthank
Teddy Wingard

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Jenny Cunningham, City Administrator
Myron Corley, Deputy City Administrator
Brian Carter, Director of Planning and Zoning
Sid Varn, Director of Planning and Engineering
Donna Smith, Director of Economic Development
Nikki Setzler, City Attorney

Mardi Valentino, City Clerk
Wyatt Coleman, Fire Chief
Dennis Tyndall, Police Chief
Ken Ebener, Municipal Judge
Stuart Jones, Building Official
Members of the Public and Press

Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Mayor Owens called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and noted a quorum was present. *The State, Free Times, Lexington County Chronicle, Cayce-West Columbia News, and The Columbia Star* were notified of the meeting by e-mail on December 16, 2011.

Agenda Item II – Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Fowler gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item III – Administer Oaths of Office to Newly Elected Council Member

Senator Nikki Setzler administered the Oath of Office to newly elected council member Casey Jordan Hallman representing Council District 3. Council Member Hallman took her place on the dais and was welcomed by the other council members.

Agenda Item IV – Announcements by Mayor

Mayor Owens announced that city hall will be closed from December 23rd through December 27th in observance of Christmas. City hall also will be closed on Monday, January 2nd in observance of New Year's Day. He said the next council meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

Agenda Item V – Adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss a Contractual Matter

Mayor Owens entertained a motion to adjourn to executive session. Council Member Fowler so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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Agenda Item VI – Reconvene to Regular Session

Mayor Owens entertained a motion to adjourn executive session and reconvene to regular session. Council Member Unthank so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council reconvened at 6:34 p.m. Mayor Owens stated that no action was taken in executive session.

Mayor Owens recognized Council Member Unthank who made a motion to extend the city's agreement with Brookland Development, LLC until June 30, 2012. Council Member Parler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor Owens stated that the West Columbia Beautification by-laws state that the mayor and/or the mayor pro-tem should be members of the board of directors. He recommended to Council that Mayor Pro-Tem Jones be appointed to the Beautification Foundation as one of the city directors. He also said that former mayor Bobby Horton and former council member Marsha Moore both wanted to remain involved with the Beautification Foundation. Council Member Fowler made a motion to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Jones and Marsha Moore and reappoint Council Member Parler and Bobby Horton as foundation directors. Mayor Pro-Tem Jones seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item VII – Adjourn

Mayor Owens asked if there was any further business to discuss and received no response. Mayor Owens entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Member Harley so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta M. Valentino, CMC
City Clerk