

Special Council Meeting

December 23, 2013 at Noon

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Jenny Cunningham, City Administrator
Mardi Valentino, City Clerk/PIO
Rick Hodge, City Treasurer
Matt Edwards, Police Major

Dennis Tyndall, Police Chief
Brian Carter, Director of Planning and Zoning
Shane Phillips, Police Captain
Members of the Public and Press

Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Mayor Owens called the meeting to order at noon 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 December 20, 2013.

Agenda Item II – Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda Item III – New Business

- A. Mayor Owens entertained a motion for consideration of a resolution of intent to participate in the South Carolina Municipal Insurance and Risk Financing Fund (SCMIRF). Council Member Harley so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. Mayor Owens recognized City Administrator Jenny Cunningham who explained that Travelers Insurance, the city's current carrier for property and liability insurance, has increased the annual premium seven to eight percent this year and by 10 percent the previous year. She contacted SCMIRF, a carrier the city used prior to Travelers, and was quoted a premium of \$272,643 with nearly the same deductibles and virtually the same coverage, which is \$120,656.84 less than the quote of \$393,299.84 received from Travelers. Mrs. Cunningham stated that Travelers requires a \$15,000 deductible for each incident of legal defense while SCMIRF has no deductible for legal defense claims. She recommended that council approve the participation agreement with SCMIRF. Mayor Owens called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item V – Adjourn

Mayor Owens entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Member Harley so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta M. Valentino, CMC
City Clerk/Public Information Officer