

City of West Columbia, SC

Regular Council Meeting

January 5, 2010 at 6 p.m.

Members Present:

Bobby E. Horton, Mayor
Jack L. Harmon, Mayor Pro-Tem
Eric L. Fowler
L. Dale Harley
Boyd J. Jones
Marsha J. Moore
Tommy G. Parler
Cathy Shannon
B.J. Unthank

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Jenny Cunningham, City Administrator
Myron Corley, Deputy City Administrator
Mardi McKinnon, City Clerk
Brian Carter, Planning and Zoning Director
Donna Smith, Economic Development Director
Lawrence Flynn, Bond Attorney

Stuart Jones, Building Official
Wyatt Coleman, Fire Chief
Dennis Tyndall, Police Chief
Jackie Brothers Major
Charles Garren, Public Works Director
Members of the Public and Press

Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Mayor Horton 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 public hearing by e-mail on December 31, 2009.

Agenda Item II – Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda Item III – Requests for Appearance

Mayor Horton stated there were no requests for appearance before Council.

Agenda Item IV – Announcements by Mayor

Mayor Horton announced that City Hall will be closed January 18, 2009 in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday. A Special Council meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on January 19, 2010 prior to the Zoning Board of Appeals at 6 p.m. On January 25, 2010, the Mayor's Round Table will meet at 6 p.m. in the New Brookland Room and the Planning Commission will meet at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

- A. Mayor Horton presented PFC Ronald D. "Ronnie" Suber, Jr. with the Thomas J. Fox Award from the Lexington County Law Enforcement Association for his act of bravery in April 2009 in which he rescued two individuals from a burning house at 533 Center Street.
- B. Mayor Horton presented Engineer I Joseph D. "Doug" Hilyer, Jr. with the 2009 Fireman of the Year Award from the West Columbia Fire Department for his exemplary dedication to providing excellent service to the city for almost 30 years. Mayor Horton noted that each year the members of the West Columbia Fire Department choose the recipient of the award.

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Agenda Item V – Approval of Minutes

- A. Mayor Horton entertained a motion to approve minutes for the regular council meeting held December 1, 2009. Council Member Unthank so moved and Council Member Shannon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item VI – New Business

- A. Mayor Horton entertained a motion for first reading consideration of an ordinance to provide for the sale and issuance of a not exceeding three million dollar (\$3,000,000) refunding general obligation bond, series 2010 of the City of West Columbia, to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds of the bond will be expended and to provide for the payment of the bond. Council Member Moore so moved and Council Member Unthank seconded. Mayor Horton recognized Lawrence Flynn, Esq., a bond attorney with the law firm of Pope Zeigler, LLC. Mr. Flynn explained that the city issued a note in 2004 to purchase property at State Street, Meeting Street, Court Street and Alexander Road for future development. He said the city has been in several negotiations since then to sell the property, but at this time there are no active negotiations to sell the property. He said the best course for the city is to permanently fund the bond by setting up a debt service to retire the city's funding obligation with a 10-year note. Mayor Horton called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.
- B. Mayor Horton entertained a motion for first reading consideration of amendments to the ordinance establishing garbage and refuse collection and disposal. Council Member Harley so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Horton noted that the garbage and refuse ordinance needed to be amended was since the city no longer offered commercial garbage collection service for dumpsters.
- C. Mayor Horton entertained a motion for first reading consideration of an ordinance to annex 0.74 acres of property located at 219 Hammond Avenue (TMS # 004628-03-017). Council Member Fowler so moved and Council Member Harley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item VII – Adjourn

Mayor Horton entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Member Harley so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta Valentino McKinnon, CMC
City Clerk