

# City of West Columbia, SC

## Special Council Meeting

August 19, 2010 at 2 p.m.

### Members Present:

Bobby E. Horton, Mayor  
Jack L. Harmon, Mayor Pro-Tem  
L. Dale Harley  
Boyd Jones  
Cathy Shannon

### Members Absent:

Eric L. Fowler  
Marsha Moore, ill  
Tommy Parler, out of town  
B.J. Unthank, out of town

### Others Present:

Jenny Cunningham, City Administrator  
Myron Corley, Deputy City Administrator  
Mardi Valentino, City Clerk  
Donna Smith, Economic Development Director  
Members of the Public and Press

Rick Hodge, City Treasurer  
Dennis Tyndall, Police Chief  
Brian Carter, Planning and Zoning Director  
Wyatt Coleman, Fire Chief

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### Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Mayor Horton called the meeting to order at 2 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 August 17, 2010.

### Agenda Item II – Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Horton gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Agenda Item III – Announcements by Mayor

Mayor Horton stated he had no announcements.

### Agenda Item IV – New Business

- A. Mayor Horton entertained a motion for a resolution to approve financing for 25 air packs for the Fire Department in the amount of \$105,000.00 at an interest rate of 2.77 percent for a term of three years through Branch Bank & Trust, NA (BB&T). Council Member Harley so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Harmon seconded. Mayor Horton recognized City Treasurer Rick Hodge who stated that he contacted a number of financial institutions regarding financing the air packs. He said that BB&T offered the best rate at 2.77 percent. Mayor Horton called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.
- B. Mayor Horton entertained a motion for consideration to set the final millage at 61.879 mills for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Council Member Harley so moved and Council Member Shannon seconded. Mayor Horton recognized Mr. Hodge who explained that the city worked with Lexington County and the city's bond attorney to determine the final millage based upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI). He said the operating millage is 55.279 and the bond debt millage is 6.60 for a total of 61.879 mills. The motion passed unanimously.

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Agenda Item IV – New Business (continued)

- C. Mayor Horton entertained a motion to approve the Employee Handbook as revised June 1, 2010. Mayor Pro-Tem Harmon so moved and Council Member Harley seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Horton thanked the city staff who worked on the revision to the handbook.
  
- D. Mayor Horton entertained a motion to approve the West Columbia Beautification Plan as presented at the Council Work Session on August 16, 2010. Council Member Shannon so moved and Council Member Harley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item V – Adjourn

Mayor Horton entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Member Harley so moved and Council Member Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta M. Valentino, CMC  
City Clerk