

City of West Columbia, SC

Special Council Meeting

March 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Bobby E. Horton, Mayor
Jack L. Harmon, Mayor Pro-Tem
Eric L. Fowler
L. Dale Harley
Boyd Jones
Marsha Moore
Tommy Parler

Members Absent:

B.J. Unthank
Cathy Shannon

Others Present:

Jenny Cunningham, City Administrator
Myron Corley, Deputy City Administrator
Mardi Valentino, City Clerk
Donna Smith, Economic Development Director
Sid Varn, Planning & Engineering Director
Charles Garren, Public Works Director

Rick Hodge, City Treasurer
Dennis Tyndall, Police Chief
Brian Carter, Planning and Zoning Director
Wyatt Coleman, Fire Chief
Stuart Jones, Building Official
Members of the Press and Public

Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Mayor Horton called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 March 18, 2011.

Agenda Item II – Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Horton recognized Council Member Harley who gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item III – New Business

- A. Mayor Horton entertained a motion for first reading consideration of an ordinance to provide for the sale of water and sewer services to certain high-volume industrial and commercial entities and to provide for the manner and terms thereof. Council Member Fowler so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Harmon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Mayor Horton entertained a motion for consideration of a resolution authorizing the closing of an unopened portion of Navajo Trail located at the west side of the intersection of Navajo Trail and Mohawk Drive. Council Member Harley so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Mayor Horton recognized Charles Garren, Public Works Director, who presented a proposal to offer rollcart collection services to small businesses and churches that do not have enough garbage to support dumpster service. He explained approximately 280 businesses and churches were identified as qualifying for the program. He said the commercial rollcarts can hold 65 gallons of household waste, which is smaller than residential rollcarts, but can fit through doors where they can be concealed out of sight until the day of pickup.

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Agenda Item III – New Business (continued)

Mr. Garren said the program will begin over the next several months. Businesses and churches that qualify will receive a letter explaining the service and rates and an application for service. When an application is returned, a sanitation supervisor will make a site visit. The application will be sent to the Finance Department to set up the billing of \$20 per month per rollcart, which is billed bi-monthly in advance. He said commercial rollcart collection service will start June 1, 2011 and will coincide with residential collection for that service area. Mr. Garren noted that the new program can be implemented with current staff and equipment. He said commercial rollcart service will allow up to two rollcarts per qualifying business or church. If more than two rollcarts are needed then the business or church would need to use a dumpster service instead. Mr. Garren also said that yard trash will not be permitted in the commercial rollcarts.

Mr. Garren also discussed the disposal of e-scrap, which consists of TVs, computers, monitors, and other electronics. He said recent legislation has made it unlawful to place e-scrap in the waste stream. E-scrap must be recycled, which is forcing manufacturers to initiate e-scrap recycling programs in order to sell the electronics. He said waste collectors will be required to collect all e-scrap separately from household garbage and store it until enough has been collected for a recycler to pick up. Mr. Garren said the West Columbia Clean-up Day on April 30 coincides with a statewide e-scrap collection effort and the city will provide several sites for people to bring their e-scrap for disposal. Mr. Garren also stated that he is applying for a grant through the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to fund the design and printing costs of a brochure that will explain the new e-scrap regulations and where to dispose of e-scrap.

Agenda Item IV – Other Business

Mayor Horton reminded council members that the West Columbia Beautification Foundation will host a fundraiser at the Lexington Medical Center Auditorium on Thursday, March 31, 2011 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in honor of Rhett Bickley, former Lexington County Landscape Administrator, who retired in 2010.

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

Mayor Horton entertained a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss a contractual matter. Council Member Harley so moved and Council Member Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned to executive session at 7:13 p.m.

Agenda Item VI – Reconvene to Regular Session

Mayor Horton entertained a motion to adjourn executive session and reconvene to regular session. Council Member Moore so moved and Council Member Harley seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Horton stated that no action had been taken in executive session.

Agenda Item VII – Adjourn

Mayor Horton entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Member Moore so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta M. Valentino, CMC
City Clerk