

City of West Columbia, SC

Attachment V.B

Special Council Meeting

September 20, 2010 at 6 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
B.J. Unthank

Members Absent:

Cathy Shannon

Others Present:

Jenny Cunningham, City Administrator
Myron Corley, Deputy City Administrator
Mardi Valentino, City Clerk
Donna Smith, Economic Development Director
Charles Garren, Public Works Director
Sid Varn, Planning & Engineering 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 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 September 16, 2010.

Agenda Item II – Adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss a Legal Matter

Mayor Horton entertained a motion to adjourn to executive session. Council Member Moore so moved and Council Member Unthank seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned to executive session at 6 p.m.

Agenda Item III – Reconvene to Regular Session

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

Agenda Item IV – Other Business

Mayor Horton announced that the City of West Columbia was awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the 19th consecutive year. Mayor Horton commended City Treasurer Rick Hodge for his efforts in achieving the recognition for the City's Certified Annual Financial Report (CAFR) that he produces each year.

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Agenda Item IV – Other Business (continued)

Mayor Horton recognized Building Official Stuart Jones who briefed council members on a proposed update to the City Code of Ordinances. He explained that the property maintenance code needs to be updated to provide minimum standards for property maintenance in order to assess the condition of structures. He said the code would be enforced on a complaint basis. Any citizen, tenant, landlord or city staff member could make a complaint and ask for an inspection of a property. Mr. Jones stated that the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code needs to be adopted by the end of the year.

Mayor Horton recognized Council Member Unthank who said property inspections on a complaint basis is less intrusive than requiring an inspection every time a renter moves out and a property becomes vacant.

Mayor Horton recognized Brian Carter, Planning and Zoning Director, who discussed compliance programs being initiated for code enforcement. He explained that Mike Conley and Rozelle Green are two new code enforcement officers the city hired to resolve code enforcement issues. He said Mr. Conley and Mrs. Green currently are visiting businesses along Sunset Boulevard to introduce themselves to business owners and to check for current business licenses. The officers plan to move to the Meeting Street corridor when they finish on Sunset Boulevard. Another code compliance program being initiated is to identify pods, trucks, and shipping containers used for outside storage in violation of city zoning codes.

Agenda Item V – Adjourn

Mayor Horton entertained a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Harmon so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta M. Valentino, CMC
City Clerk