

City of West Columbia, SC

Regular Council Meeting

June 7, 2011 following the Public Hearings beginning 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

Members Absent:

BJ Unthank, out of town on business
Cathy Shannon

Others Present:

Jenny Cunningham, City Administrator
Mardi Valentino, City Clerk
Myron Corley, Deputy City Administrator
Donna Smith, Economic Development Director
Brian Carter, Planning and Zoning Director
Sid Varn, Planning & Engineering Director
Members of the Public and Press

Rick Hodge, City Treasurer
Charles Garren, Public Works Director
Stuart Jones, Building Official
Dennis Tyndall, Police Chief
Joe Owens, Utilities Director
Ken Ebener, Municipal Judge
Wyatt Coleman, Fire Chief

Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Mayor Horton called the meeting to order at 6:40 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 meeting by e-mail on June 3, 2011.

Agenda Item II – Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda Item III – Requests for Appearance

- A. Mayor Horton recognized Mr. Robert White, Loss Prevention manager for the K-mart Store of West Columbia. Mr. White distributed information on a Share the Word Block Party featuring Steve Harvey to be held Saturday, June 11, 2011 from noon until 4 p.m. in the parking lot at the K-Mart Store on Charleston Highway at Williams Street. He said he has been working with city departments including fire, police and zoning to acquire the proper permits for the event. He stated that Fire Marshall Danny Roberts and Brian Carter, the Director of Planning and Zoning, have approved the event contingent upon the authorization of city council. Mr. White explained that three off-duty West Columbia police officers will be paid to provide traffic control for the event from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Additionally 20 other loss prevention managers from other store locations in the Midlands would be present to assist with security. K-Mart will provide free refreshments for the crowd and iced water for staff members. Three port-a-johns with two hand washing stations will be set up in the parking lot. A Christian music band will perform on a stage that will face the store to reduce the amount of noise that might be heard at nearby businesses. K-Mart employees will cleanup the area immediately following the event. He requested that Council approve the event. Council agreed to allow K-Mart to hold the block party under the conditions that Mr. White outlined in his presentation.

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Agenda Item IV – Announcements by the Mayor

Mayor Horton announced that the Police Department received a public safety grant in the amount of \$58,000 to fund white collar crime investigations. He said the Mayor's Round Table Meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. prior to the public hearings and special council meeting on July 20, 2011.

Agenda Item V – Minutes

- A. Mayor Horton entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on May 3, 2011. Council Member Parler so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Harmon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Mayor Horton entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the Special Council Meeting held on May 16, 2011. Mayor Pro-Tem Harmon so moved and Council Member Parler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Mayor Horton entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the Council Work Session held on May 16, 2011. Council Member Parler so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Harmon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item VI – Old Business

- A. Mayor Horton entertained a motion for second reading consideration of an ordinance to annex 1.05 acres of property located at 624 A & B Sunset Boulevard (TMS # 004665-05-015). Council Member Parler so moved and Council Member Harley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Mayor Horton entertained a motion for second reading consideration of an ordinance to annex .71 acres of property located at 624 Sunset Boulevard (TMS # 004659-01-003 and 004665-05-001). Council Member Parler so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Harmon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Mayor Horton entertained a motion for second reading consideration of an ordinance to annex 12.72 acres of undeveloped property located on Klapman Road beside Glenforest School (TMS # 004597-04-015). Mayor Pro-Tem Harmon so moved and Council Member Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item VII – New Business

- A. Mayor Horton entertained a motion for first reading consideration of an ordinance adopting a budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2011 and levying a tax to meet such budget for the fiscal year with General Fund \$13,000,000 and Water/Sewer Fund \$12,600,000. Council Member Fowler so moved and Council Member Parler seconded the motion with the comment that he was only doing so to get the item on the table for discussion. Mayor Horton called for a vote by a show of hands. Mayor Horton and Council Members Jones and Fowler voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Harmon and Council Members Harley, Moore and Parler voted in opposition of the motion. The motion failed to pass four votes to three votes.

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Agenda Item VII – New Business (continued)

- B. Mayor Horton entertained a motion for first reading consideration of an ordinance establishing amended water and sewer service rates for the City of West Columbia. Mayor Horton called for a vote by a show of hands. Mayor Horton and Council Members Jones and Fowler voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Harmon and Council Members Harley, Moore and Parler voted in opposition of the motion. The motion failed to pass four votes to three votes.

- C. Mayor Horton entertained a motion for first reading consideration of an ordinance to annex 13 properties in the 1700 block of Sewanee Drive (TMS #s 3717-09-002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007 and 011, also TMS #s 003717-09- 003, 004, 005, 006, 007 and 008). Council Member Parler so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Harmon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item VIII – Adjourn

Mayor Horton entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Member Parler so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Harmon seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta M. Valentino, CMC
City Clerk