

# City of West Columbia, SC

Public Hearing on Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

June 1, 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, death in family

Others Present:

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

Rick Hodge, City Treasurer  
Charles Garren, Public Works Director  
Stuart Jones, Building Official  
Dennis Tyndall, Police Chief  
Sid Varn, Planning & Engineering Director  
Wyatt Coleman, Fire Chief

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Agenda Item I – Call to Order

Mayor Horton called the public hearing 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 May 28, 2010.

Agenda Item II – Opening Remarks

Mayor Horton recognized City Administrator Jenny Cunningham who gave a brief overview of the budget plan for FY 2010-2011. Mrs. Cunningham said General Fund expenses totaling \$13,181,700 are balanced to projected revenues of the same amount with a 62.5 mill tax levy which represents a seven mill increase. She said primary sources of General Fund revenues included property taxes, business licenses fees, state rebates, hydrant and fire protection fees, police fines and fees, interest, permits and other miscellaneous revenue, transfer from the Water/Sewer Fund and solid waste collection fees. She said this year's General Fund budget of \$13,181,700 represents a 1.6 percent increase over last fiscal year's budget of \$12,975,000. Mrs. Cunningham said the additional seven mills will be earmarked for the debt retirement of the 2010 ten-year general obligation debt to refinance the Bond Anticipation Note (BAN)) for the city property located at State Street, Meeting Street, Court Street and Alexander Road. She noted that when the general obligation debt is satisfied, the seven mill assessment will cease.

Mrs. Cunningham explained the proposed budget plan does not include funding for cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) or merit pay increases for employees. She suggested that revenues from summer and fall months be evaluated at mid-year (January 2011) to explore the possibility of a COLA at that time.

Agenda Item III – Public Comments on Budget for FY 2010-2011

Mayor Horton asked if any council members had any comments or questions on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 and received no response. Mayor Horton asked if any members of the public had any comments or questions on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 and received no response.

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Agenda Item IV – Adjourn

Mayor Horton entertained a motion to adjourn. Council Member Harley so moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Harmon seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta Valentino McKinnon, CMC  
City Clerk