

**MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011
8:30 AM**

{Summary minutes of City Council meeting. Audio tapes of the meeting are on file and are included by reference as part of this meeting. An agenda of this meeting has been either mailed or made available to persons, organizations and local news media as per their request. The agenda gives the date, time and place of the meeting as well as the order of business. This disclosure is in compliance with the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, Section 30-4-80 (e).}

A special council meeting was held on March 29, 2011 at 8:30 AM at the City Municipal building with the following present:

COUNCIL: Mayor Harold Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem Keith Henderson, Councilmembers Tommie L. Hill, Sr.; Robert Garner; Ricky T. Harris; Orangelow Ruff and Andy Bailey.

CITY ATTORNEY: Billy Whitney was absent.

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF: Gloria Rogers – Municipal Clerk/Personnel Director; Sam White, - Public Safety Director; Perry Harmon – Public Service Director; Walker Gallman – Finance Director; Joe Nichols – Utility Director, Laura Hembree – Accounting Supervisor and Mike Petrie - Maintenance Shop Director.

NEWS MEDIA: Steve Ramsey – WBCU, Graham Williams – Union County News and Charles Warner – Union Times.

OTHERS: Bob Love and Lawrence Flynn.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order. Invocation was given by Mayor Thompson. The pledge of allegiance was given by all present. The roll was called by Municipal Clerk Gloria Rogers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS LEGAL AND CONTRACTUAL MATTER

MOTION by Councilmember Garner to go out of regular session into executive session to discuss a legal and contractual matter.

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to go out of executive session back into regular session.

SECOND by Councilmember Ruff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Thompson asked for a motion to table Item (B-1), a Resolution Agreement between the City of Union and Project Montenegro.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to table the resolution.

SECOND by Councilmember Garner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Thompson asked for a motion to table Item (B-2), a Resolution regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Union & Union County with Respect to Project Montenegro.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to table the resolution.

SECOND by Councilmember Garner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Thompson asked for a motion to table Item (B-3), 1st reading of an Ordinance to Appropriate Fiscal 2010-2011 Monies from the General Fund's Fund Balance for Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Union & Union County, S.C. with Respect to Project Montenegro.

MOTION by Councilmember Ruff to table the ordinance.

SECOND by Councilmember Harris.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Thompson asked for a motion to bring Item (B-6), a Discussion/Motion – Proposed Market Usage Study – Union Events Center back to the floor for discussion.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to bring Item (B-6) back to floor for discussion.

SECOND by Councilmember Garner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION – AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF UNION AND PROJECT MONTENEGRO

TABLED

2. RESOLUTION – INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF UNION, SOUTH CAROLINA AND UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA WITH RESPECT TO PROJECT MONTENEGRO

TABLED

3. ORDINANCE – 1ST READING – ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FISCAL 2010-2011 MONIES FROM THE GENERAL FUND'S FUND BALANCE FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF UNION AND UNION COUNTY, S.C. WITH RESPECT TO PROJECT MONTENEGRO

TABLED

4. RESOLUTION – SEWER & WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – MONARCH MILL VILLAGE

A resolution was presented to Council regarding sewer and water system improvements in the Monarch Mill Village.

MOTION by Councilmember Henderson to pass resolution.

SECOND by Councilmember Bailey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. RESOLUTION – SEWER & WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – 49 WEST APARTMENTS

A resolution was presented to Council regarding sewer and water system improvements at 49 West Apartments.

MOTION by Councilmember Hill to pass resolution.

SECOND by Councilmember Garner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. DISCUSSION/MOTION – PROPOSED MARKET USAGE STUDY – UNION EVENTS CENTER

Bob Love addressed the City Council in regards to a Market Usage Study on the Union Events Center, with a cost of \$7,900. Mr. Love reviewed a handout that he presented to Council at their February regular meeting. His handout included the Union Events Center, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes and Union Events Center Usage Study Contact Information. Should Council approve the Market Usage Study, a motion is required.

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to approve recommendation.

SECOND by Councilmember Garner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Councilmember Bailey to adjourn.

SECOND by Councilmember Henderson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council meeting adjourned at 9:05 A.M.

Gloria J. Rogers, Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved _____ 2011