

Aiken City Council MinutesEXECUTIVE SESSION

March 13, 2017

Present: Mayor Osbon, Councilmembers Dewar, Diggs, Ebner, Homoki, and Price.

Absent: Councilmember Merry

Others Present: John Klimm, Stuart Bedenbaugh, Gary Smith, Ryan Bland, Tim O'Briant, John McMichael, Sara Ridout, Michael Smith of the Aiken Standard, and about 8 citizens.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Osbon called the meeting to order at 5:06 P.M. He announced that City Council needs to go into Executive Session and that he was going to recluse himself from discussions on contractual matters regarding the Downtown Development Project that may be discussed and asked that Mayor Pro Tem Ebner conduct the meeting.

Mayor Osbon left the Council Chambers.

Mayor Pro Tem Ebner stated the Aiken City Council will go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss negotiations incident to a proposed contractual arrangement and proposed sale or purchase of property and to receive legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim. Specifically, City Council will discuss negotiations incident to a proposed contractual arrangement with the developers regarding the Downtown Development Project. The meeting will be held at 214 Park Avenue SW in Room 204 on Monday, March 13, 2017.

After the Executive Session Council will hold a Work Session to discuss 1. Tobacco-Free Parks and 2. Comprehensive Plan – Elements 1 and 2.

Councilman Dewar moved, seconded by Councilman Homoki, that Council go into executive session to discuss matters regarding the Downtown Development Project. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council went into executive session at 5:10 P.M.

After discussion Council return to the Council Chambers at 5:48 P.M.

Councilman Dewar moved, seconded by Councilwoman Diggs, that Council come out of executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Ebner stated Council will now hold a work session on two items: 1. Tobacco-Free Parks Initiative and 2. Comprehensive Plan.