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# City of Walterboro

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## Walterboro City Council Regular Meeting April 14, 2015 City Hall 6:15 P.M.

### A G E N D A

#### I. Call to Order:

1. Invocation.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.

#### II. Public Input on Agenda Items:

#### III. Presentations:

1. Dr. Yvonne Commodore, First Choice Academy Charter School.
2. Mr. Phillip Slayter, Colleton County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

#### IV. Approval of Minutes:

1. Minutes of the March 24, 2015 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting (Minutes attached).

#### V. Resolutions, Proclamations & Awards:

1. Resolution No. 2015-R-03, Designating April 2014 as Fair Housing Month, and Approval of Annual Nondiscrimination Policy (attached).
2. Proclamation No. 2015-02, to Recognize the Colleton County High School Band of Blue Winter Percussion Ensemble (Proclamation attached).
3. Recognition of Certificate Awards Received by City of Walterboro Finance Department and Director Bill Floyd (Copies attached).

#### VI. Old Business:

#### VII. New Business:

1. Consideration of Contributing \$60,000 to Colleton County for the Reopening of Dogwood Hills Golf Course (See attached Memorandum).

**VIII. Committee Reports:**

**IX. City Manager's Report:**

**X. Executive Session:**

1. Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements - Wrecker Rotation.
2. Personnel Matter - Boards and Commissions Appointment.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT.**

First Choice Academy  
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Phone: (803)321-6657  
Email: [drycommodore1@gmail.com](mailto:drycommodore1@gmail.com)  
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April 2<sup>st</sup>, 2015

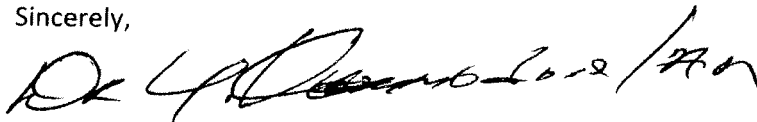
Dear **Walterboro City Council**:

I am writing to express my utmost delight in the possibility of opening a Charter school in Walterboro, SC. Our intention is to utilize innovative technology and proven instructional practices to help close the achievement gaps, increase graduation rate, develop expert learners, with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills to be successful in a global economy.

It would be with great honor that the board grant me the opportunity to present a well detailed presentation about the proposed charter school. I would also like to explore ways in which your organization can partner with us to extend learning beyond the classroom. Please give me a time and date when it would be convenient for me to present to your organization.

A quick response will be highly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Yvonne Commodore", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Yvonne Commodore  
Committee Chair.

Walterboro City Council  
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting  
March 24, 2015

**MINUTES**

A Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

**PRESENT WERE:** Mayor Bill Young, Council Members: Jimmy Syfrett, Paul Siegel, Tom Lohr, Bobby Bonds, James Broderick and Judy Bridge. City Manager Jeff Molinari, City Clerk Betty Hudson and City Attorney George Cone were also present. There were approximately 17 persons present in the audience.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He gave a special welcome to members of the Leadership Colleton Class. Council Member Syfrett gave the invocation and Council Member Bridge led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

**PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

There were no public comments or questions on agenda items.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Mayor then opened a public hearing, duly advertised, to receive public comments and questions on proposed Ordinance # 2015-01, An Ordinance to Amend the Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Walterboro, So As to Clarify and Strengthen Portions of the Ordinance.

City Manager Molinari told Council that the Planning and Codes Director David Dodd would give a brief summary of this ordinance. He also explained that the majority of items in this ordinance revision are cosmetic and clean up some of the verbiage. The most substantive item in the proposed revision deals with the maximum height of structures in the Interstate Interchange Commercial District. It takes the maximum height to 68 feet and a maximum of 5 stories.

Planning Director David Dodd said that pretty much covers it. Most of the changes refers to definitions, mis-numbered sections and page numbers, in addition to that change for the height and number of stories. That is in order to allow larger hotel development in that area.

Mayor Young then asked for any comments or questions from the public. None were given.

The Mayor then asked Mr. Dodd, I guess it is public knowledge as to the kind of hotel that we are going to get out there. People might be interested in knowing that.

Mr. Dodd stated that the City had received an inquiry from Hampton Inn, in order to build a new Hampton Inn, and they would rebrand the old two story. The Mayor said, it would be a Hampton Inn and Suites, is that right? Mr. Dodd answered affirmatively.

No comments were made by the public and the hearing was closed. The regular meeting began.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Upon motion of Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Broderick, the following Minutes were approved unanimously as submitted:

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- 1) Minutes of the February 24, 2015 Regular Meeting
- 2) Minutes of the February 25, 2015 Joint Luncheon Meeting with Colleton County Council.
- 3) Minutes of the March 18, 2015 Special Called Meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Ordinance # 2015-01, An Ordinance to Amend the Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Walterboro, So As to Clarify and Strengthen Portions of the Ordinance - Second Reading and Adoption

A motion was made by Council Member Bonds, seconded by Council Member Siegel, giving Second Reading and Adoption to Ordinance # 2015-01 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Request to Hang a Banner Announcing National Crime Victim's Rights Week on April 1-7, 2015 by Denise Pinckney, Crime Victim/Witness Advocate

A motion was made by Council Member Syfrett, seconded by Council Member Broderick to approve this request as submitted. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

The Mayor announced that the state Attorney General Alan Wilson is scheduled to speak at the Police Department's candlelight vigil for crime victims and survivors on April 6 at City Hall at 6 p.m.

2. Request to Use the City Parking Lot for Small Classic Car Show During the Annual Mystery Stroll on April 10, 2015 from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. by USC Salkehatchie Stew Committee

A motion was made by Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Siegel, to approve the request by the Salkehatchie Stew Committee to use the City Parking Lot for a small Classic Car Show on April 10, as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There were no Committee Reports given.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

There was no City Manager's Report given.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Mayor then entertained a motion to enter into an Executive Session. Council Member Broderick So Moved and Mayor Young seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. The Mayor announced that the meeting will convene into an Executive Session for:

- 1) A discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, and
- 2) A personnel matter.

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At approximately 7:09 p.m., a motion was made by Council Member Siegel to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. Council Member Bridge seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting returned to Open Session, and there being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Siegel, seconded by Council Member Bridge and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 P.M. Notice of this meeting was distributed to all local media and posted on the City's website and the City Hall bulletin board at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully,

Betty J. Hudson  
City Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-R-03**

**FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Walterboro desires that all its citizens be afforded the opportunity to attain a decent, safe, and sound living environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Walterboro rejects discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, and/or familiar status in the sale, rental, or provision of other housing services; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of South Carolina enacted the South Carolina Fair Housing Law in 1989, and

**WHEREAS**, April is recognized nationally as Fair Housing Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina does hereby designate April 2015 as being Fair Housing Month, and recognizes the policy supporting Fair Housing by encouraging all citizens to endorse Fair Housing opportunities for all not only during Fair Housing Month but throughout the year.

**ADOPTED**, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015 by Walterboro City Council and published on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
William T. Young, Jr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Betty J. Hudson  
Municipal Clerk

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY STATUS**

The City of Walterboro does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission, or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities.

Jeffrey P. Molinari, City Manager, 242 Hampton Street, P.O. Box 709, Walterboro, SC 29488 Phone (843) 782-1000 or (Voice) 1-800-735-2905 (TDD), has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8, dated June 2, 1988).



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## **Proclamation No. 2015-02** By the Mayor and City Council Walterboro, South Carolina

**WHEREAS**, the Colleton County High School (CCHS) Band of Blue has a tradition of serving as proud representatives of Walterboro and Colleton County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Colleton County High School Band of Blue "Winter Percussion Ensemble" competed in and won the 2015 SCBDA Percussion Scholastic Novice State Winter Ensemble Championship held on March 21, 2015 at the York High School in York, SC. The band group edged out Hartsville High School to take the winning title in music and visual captions.

**WHEREAS**, this is the second State Championship for the "Winter Percussion Ensemble". This title was last held by Colleton County in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 28, 2015 the "Winter Percussion Ensemble" went on to compete in the 2015 Regional Percussion Scholastic Novice Class CWEA Winter Ensemble Championships held at Winthrop University, Winthrop, South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the "Winter Percussion Ensemble" include: Jasminee Bowers, Seyvon Broughton, Ashila Brown, Jahnechia Cilien, Jessie Crandall, Joshua Craven, Jameel Drayton, Brianna Evans, Demontre Ferguson, Eric Ferguson, Deonna Frasier, Victoria Glover, Jordan Holmes, Christopher Lollar, Maria Manaeva, Jimmy Manigo, Ali McCreary, Yunis Miller, Hunter Moss, Curtis Nesmith, Justin Pinckney, Joshua Pontoon, Ricky Regins, Chelsae Roberts, Saterrence Robinson, Ryan Russell, Tara Shider, Makayla Smalls, Erin Strauss, Jalia Thomas; and

**WHEREAS**, the "Winter Percussion Ensemble" won the 2015 Regional Percussion Scholastic Novice Class CWEA Championship, and was presented with the CWEA Championship trophy and regional banner, with each member receiving a gold medal; and

**WHEREAS**, this is the third Carolina Winter Ensemble Regional Championship for the Colleton County Band of Blue. The Winter Guard won the Class AAA gold medal in 2011 and the Class AA gold medal in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Winter Percussion Ensemble's performance is a tribute to the dedication of the members, parents, directors, support staff, students and fans; and

**WHEREAS**, these performances and competitions contribute greatly to the character and quality of life in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the student members of the Winter Percussion Ensemble have been outstanding ambassadors for our city and county and our city is very proud of the accomplishments of these students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council wish to congratulate the Colleton County High School Band of Blue members and Band Director Tom Finigan, Winter Percussion Ensemble Director Gary Stroupe, and visual staff members, Stacey Miller and William Thomas, for their outstanding work.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, by the Mayor and Council, in Council Assembled, that we join the entire community in recognizing these tremendous achievements by proclaiming, April 15, 2015 as: "**WINTER PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE DAY**," in the City of Walterboro.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that the Mayor and City Council encourage the community to show its support for these talented young citizens and extends it best wishes to the entire staff of the Band of Blue.

**DONE**, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

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William T. Young, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Betty J. Hudson, City Clerk



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**Certificate of  
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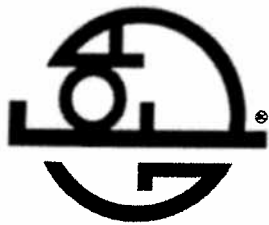
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**City of Walterboro  
South Carolina**

For its Comprehensive Annual  
Financial Report  
for the Fiscal Year Ended

**June 30, 2014**

Executive Director/CEO



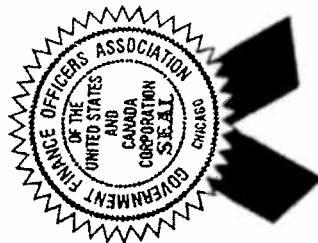
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## AWARD OF FINANCIAL REPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

*to*

**Finance Department**  
City of Walterboro, South Carolina



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Executive Director

Date March 24, 2015



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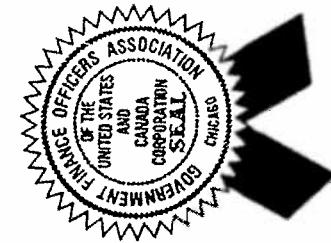
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**William Floyd**

Director of Finance and Administration  
City of Walterboro, South Carolina



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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** City Manager  
**DATE:** April 13, 2015  
**SUBJECT:** Dogwood Hills Country Club

Colleton County is finalizing an installment purchase agreement for Dogwood Hills Country Club with Enterprise Bank. The County has asked the City for assistance in returning the golf course to playing condition. I recommend that the City contribute \$60,000.00 for the purpose of re-grassing the greens and the purchase of chemicals, fertilizers, and irrigation supplies. The \$60,000.00 will be paid to the County in one lump sum contingent upon the County closing on the property and will be paid from the City's Local Accommodations Tax Fund.

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come by City Hall or call me anytime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Molinari', is placed above the printed name of the City Manager.

Jeffrey P. Molinari  
City Manager