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Walterboro City Council
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
March 13, 2012
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. Public Hearing:

1. **Ordinance # 2012-05**, An Ordinance Establishing a Citizen of the Year Committee and Codifying the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

IV. Presentation:

1. Annual Retreat Report - Jeff Lord, City Manager.

V. Approval of the Minutes:

1. Minutes of the February 7, 2012 Special Called Meeting (Minutes attached).

VI. Old Business:

1. **Ordinance # 2012-02**, An Ordinance to Annex Certain Property to the City of Walterboro, Tax Map # 163-01-00-066 (property located at 290 Country Lane, owned by Stephen Lyons and Rebecca Lyons), **Second Reading and Adoption** (Ordinance attached).
2. **Ordinance # 2012-03**, An Ordinance to Annex Certain Property to the City of Walterboro, Portion of Tax Map # 179-00-00-056 (property located between Chucklehill Road, Smith Street and Robertson Boulevard, owned by U.S. Land and Timber, President Barnwell Fishburne), **Second Reading and Adoption** (Ordinance attached).
3. **Ordinance # 2012-05**, An Ordinance Establishing a Citizen of the Year Committee and Codifying the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee, **Second Reading and Adoption** (Ordinance attached).

VII. New Business:

1. **Proclamation No. 2012-01**, A Proclamation Recognizing March as American Red Cross Month. (Proclamation attached). Request by Ms. Nancy Olson, Communications Manager.
2. Consideration Designating Job Creation and Economic Development as the Top Priority of the Walterboro City Council in 2012.
3. Request for Special Permission to House (2) Pygmy Goats at 523 Hampton Street in the City Limits, by M. Scott Steedley (Letter attached).
4. Consideration of Requests by SC Artisans Center for the 2012 Walterboro Antiques, History and Arts Festival, May 18-19, 2011 (Letter attached).

VIII. Committee Reports:

IX. Executive Session:

1. Personnel Matter - Boards and Commissions Appointments.
2. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements.
3. Receipt of Legal Advice.

X. ADJOURNMENT.

To: Ketrena McCall
The Press & Standard

From: Betty Hudson, City Clerk
782-1010

Date: March 1, 2012

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Walterboro City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at 6:15 P.M. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 242 Hampton Street, to receive public comments on the following proposed ordinance:

ORDINANCE # 2012-05, An Ordinance Establishing A Citizen of the Year Committee and Codifying the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available in the City Manager's Office at City Hall, 242 Hampton Street or on the City's website (www.walterborosc.org). Written comments may be mailed to the City Manager, P.O. Box 709, Walterboro, SC 29488 and must be received prior to the public hearing. Please call the City Manager's Office (782-1010) for additional information or for disabled persons needing auxiliary aids. Please give at least 24 hours notice if auxiliary aids are required.

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February 7, 2012

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A Special Called Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 4:00 P.M. with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Bill Young, Council Members: Paul Siegel, Dwayne Buckner, Charles Lucas, Randy Peters, Tom Lohr and Bobby Bonds. City Manager Jeff Lord, City Clerk Betty Hudson, and City Attorney George Cone were also present. There were approximately 11 persons present in the audience.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone then repeated the Lord's Prayer. Council Member Lohr led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

No public comments were received.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business before Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution # 2012-R-03, Community Facility Grant Resolution, A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to Executive Forms Pursuant to Grant Applications in the Amount of \$93,240 (for Ladder Truck \$52,500; Public Works Truck \$2,550; Planning and Codes Truck \$2,550; Parks Department Truck \$3,615; and Sanitation Truck and Pickup Truck \$32,025)

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Lucas, to approve Resolution # 2012-R-03 as submitted.

At this point the Mayor announced that we are pleased to have with us tonight Ms. Nicky Toomes from USDA Rural Development. The Mayor explained that Resolution # 2012-R-03 was the result of a substantial grant from USDA Rural Development. He told Ms. Toomes that the City appreciates all her help with this grant.

Ms. Nicky Toomes of USDA Rural Development then addressed Council. She stated that she works in the Walterboro office. Her office works with the 10 coastal counties. She stated, we are very glad to be able to do these grants with the City of Walterboro. She pointed out that this grant represents a good portion of our grants funds. We worked on this since last year. Ms. Toomes informed Council, that the City was first in line when they received their funds about 3 weeks ago. She stated that Walterboro qualifies for 15% grant funds on any project because of the income level of the city and the population. So, all these six vehicles, the total \$93,240 represents 15% of your total project cost on these 6 vehicles. We are glad to do it and we hope to partner with you on other projects in the future. Ms. Toomes also pointed out that the new ladder truck will be a great help and tremendous asset for the community in firefighting. She said we are glad to be a part of this.

Council Member Buckner then asked Ms. Toomes, what projects meet the qualifications of a Community Facilities Grant. Ms. Toomes responded, typically organizations like a county, city, or a non-profit can apply and can be eligible for things that are normally provided by a public body. It could be a community center, fire protection, police protection, and anything that would normally be provided by a municipality.

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Mayor Young then stated that when he talked with Mr. Hicks today of the USDA Rural Development Office that he was very complimentary of the City Manager, Mr. Lord and the Finance Director, Dennis Averkin, in working with USDA Rural Development in securing this grant.

The motion then passed unanimously with all members voting in favor.

2. Consideration of Bids Received for Improvements to Jackson Street Pump Station

Utilities Director Wayne Crosby reported that the City received nine bids for rehabilitation of the Jackson Street Pump Station as follows:

Tri-county Utilities, Pacolet Mills, SC	\$204,200.00
MJL, Inc., Moncks Corner, SC	\$232,099.00
Wateree Construction, Sumter, SC	\$237,000.00
McClam & Assoc., Little Mountain, SC	\$246,042.00
Anson Construction, Ravenel, SC	\$262,968.00
Green Construction of Summerville, SC	\$276,500.00
James F. Pederson, Hollywood, SC	\$289,852.00
Tideland Utilities, Summerville, SC	\$311,665.00
L-J, Inc., Columbia, SC	\$323,800.00

Mr. Crosby reported that this project was being made possible as the result of a grant through the Commerce Department. He then recommended acceptance of the low bid of \$204,200.00 from Tri-county Utilities.

A motion was made by Council Member Bonds, seconded by Council Member Lucas, to accept the low bid as recommended of \$204,200.00 by Tri-county Utilities for the Jackson Street Pump Station Upgrade. In discussing the motion, Council Member Buckner asked Mr. Crosby to identify the upgrades planned for the pump station. Mr. Crosby explained that everything would be upgraded except the wet well itself. This included new piping, new force mains, pumps, control panels, permanent mounted bypass pump, chainlink fence; everything except the wet well.

The motion then passed unanimously.

3. Consideration of Recommendation to Purchase 2002 Ladder Fire Truck and Equipment for the Sum of \$350,000

Major Ken Dasen of Public Safety Department gave the following information on the proposed ladder truck to be purchased:

- 1) This is a 2002 E-1 Cyclone 75 foot ladder truck. It meets the minimum ISO standards. Major Dasen reported that he researched several different companies' trucks and ladders, all of various ages and styles, and this was the best fit for the City with the newest equipment. Included with this bid is all the required equipment that is needed on this truck. Major Dasen also reported that a Colleton County Fire Rescue maintenance person examined the truck and prepared a short hit list of things to be repaired. It was noted in the contract that they would repair all these issues.
- 2) The cost of the ladder truck is \$350,000 and this is what was budgeted for the truck.

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A motion was made by Council Member Lucas to purchase the ladder fire truck as recommended from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC in the amount of \$350,000. Council Member Bonds seconded the motion.

In discussing the motion, Council Member Buckner then asked how having this truck would help to bring down our ISO rating and what effect it will help on the community's insurance rates. City Manager Lord explained that the graduate point system is a lot like A, B, C's. 90% is a class one, 80% is a class 2 and 70% is a class 3, and so. Right now we are at a class 5, and we have been targeting a class 3. Going towards that requirement is to have a ladder truck which is at least 75 feet in length, and that gives you 5 points towards that. So, it's a full half of a class. Of course once that happens, then that affects people's fire insurance rates on their homes. While providing a greater amount of fire protection, the insurance companies are able to lower the amount that they charge for fire insurance.

Council Member Lucas told Council that he had spoken with his fire insurance company and they told him that this could result in approximately a 10% decrease in policy cost per ISO rating that is dropped. It would be approximately a 10% decrease per step that the rates would come down.

Council Member Buckner then stated that he had thought very hard and long about this fire truck, whether or not this was the right time to purchase this vehicle for \$350,000. He said, I know in times past there were trucks around half a million, and this is a deal at \$350,000, but I just feel like because of the economic times that we are in now and the fact that folks are struggling, we don't have a lot of new businesses and a lot of growth in the city at this time. I just think that spending \$350,000 on a fire truck that may or may not help to bring in economic development, we hope that it does. But I am not quite sure this is the right timing to purchase this vehicle. So, I am going to vote against spending this \$350,000. I just cannot in good faith vote for \$350,000, when we've got businesses closing up and folks really need help, and we can take these dollars and do something different with the money. So, I am going to vote against this fire truck. Also, one last point, I am not sure whether we can sustain the efforts currently of our fire department, without possibly looking at consolidating with the County, that already has the fire truck that we are looking to purchase, better, more up-to-date equipment, etc. We are just not growing the city as economically and in population, to my mind set, to validate purchasing almost a half a million dollar vehicle for the City, so I am going to vote against this purchase.

Council Member Bonds then stated, I think that this is a great purchase. As I understand it, we've just received a \$52,000 grant that's going to be applied to it. So, if anything, now is the time, and I really think this is a safety first item. It also shows a substantial commitment that this City has to its infrastructure, and I just want to thank the hard work that I know people have done to make this come together.

Council Member Lohr felt that one of the major functions of government is protection, and I think that's what we are talking about here. I don't disagree with Mr. Buckner's point for us creating jobs, but there are no specifics to what we could do with \$350,000 and how many jobs would be created. So, I am dealing with the here and now, and I think that now is the time to do what we have just indicated.

Council Member Siegel said, I would just add on to that and say, one life is invaluable. I mean \$350,000 is just a figure if we save one life having this truck. It would be worth it, but beyond that, there is a lot of talk and Mr. Buckner is talking about consolidation with the County's system, and that's an issue we will face, and I don't believe that the purchase of this truck is a liability in that negotiation. Because

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even if there were a consolidation, the County would have to have a truck to cover this area, and this puts us in a much stronger bargaining position if that were to occur. If we were to reduce our ISO rating, it also in the event of a negotiation would increase our position from a value standpoint. I don't think we are backsliding in any manner whatsoever to strengthen our department.

Mayor Young then stated, this is one of the things that we have been working on over a number of years through several different Councils. We've built substations around Walterboro to improve our ISO rating. We completed a number of water looping projects to increase fire flow so that we could provide better protection for our citizens and improve our ISO rating. We went from having separate police and fire departments to having a Public Safety Department so that our people could be cross-trained so that we could provide more personnel for both. We made a substantial investment in that. I will remind everybody that this Council approved a bond, not long ago, for the purpose of buying this fire truck. So, we had already considered that at that time.

The motion to purchase the ladder fire truck as submitted then passed with a vote of 6/1 with Mayor Young, Council Members Siegel, Lucas, Peters, Lohr and Bonds voting in favor and Council Member Buckner voting against the motion.

4. Consideration of Parade Permit Request - Gwendolyn Wiggins, Direct General Insurance Company

Chief Otis Rhodes informed Council that Ms. Wiggins was not present tonight. He stated, she initially submitted her request and I met with her about the route that she wanted to take. Personnel wise and safety wise, we revised the route. So, instead of the old route, we changed it to start at the court house and go to Greater St. James Church on Hampton Street which is less traffic and more safety.

A motion was made by Council Member Lohr to approve the request. Council Member Peters seconded the motion. In discussing the motion, Council Member Lucas said he had a concern that the request is listed from an organization, Direct General Insurance, which would be a private entity. If we start doing parades for private entities, then it will be hard to say no to anybody. As requested, my feeling is no.

Mayor Young then said, as I understand it, this is a walk-a-thon against breast cancer with the proceeds to go to the United Way. But the name on the parade permit says Direct General Insurance.

Council Member Peters pointed out that according to the application, the group will not be using the street, but will be using the sidewalks. So, I don't see where it would be any different than anybody else that was to walk down the street. I mean we are not closing the street. We're just granting permission for them to walk on the sidewalk. Which I believe they would have permission to do so anyway.

Chief Rhodes added, that she just wanted police protection. Part of the problem with the other route she had, we did not have sidewalks in some areas, but we changed the route to Hampton Street instead of Roberston Boulevard to Highway 15. The walk is for breast cancer awareness.

Council Member Lohr said, I guess I am assuming that she is anticipating enough people that it would necessitate some safety personnel being there.

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Council Member Buckner then said, I just want to make sure I am clear. The name of her organization is Direct General Insurance and they are doing this parade for breast cancer awareness. City Manager Lord answered affirmatively.

Council Member Bonds asked if the city had a policy on this type request. Mayor Young said he does not remember ever having a request that was filled out with a business name requesting it.

City Manager said he could remember a request from Sears where they used the sidewalk.

Chief Rhodes offered to contact Ms. Wiggins again, so she can come in and explain. He said, I do know she works for Direct General Insurance.

Council Member Lucas then said, I would have no problem if she would change the name of the organization as being "United Way" or Breast Cancer Awareness Association or whatever it may be called. I am just concerned about a private industry being the organization.

Council Member Siegel then said, if we are going to give police protection, I just want to make sure it's not a private company promoting a product, and then we are providing police service in the guise of a fund-raiser for an organization that is not on the list requesting the event. I just want some sort of verification that there is an arrangement. Mr. Peters agreed with Mr. Siegel. He said, I think if these people were getting the money direct or trying to make a profit out of it, I would be totally against it. But, if we table it, we've got time for her to come back in and tell us.

Council Member Lohr then moved to Table this agenda item. He said we have two more meetings before the event, but I would prefer to get this out the way at the next meeting. Council Member Peters seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

5. Request to Use the Waterfall Plaza for a Sidewalk Sales Event on May 5, 2012 by Walterboro Merchants Association

Following a brief explanation of this event by Ms. Suzy Anderson, present on behalf of the Walterboro Merchants Association, a motion was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Peters, to grant the request as submitted. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports given.

A motion to enter an Executive Session was then made by Council Member Bonds, seconded by Council Member Lucas, and passed with all members voting in favor. The Mayor then announced that the meeting will enter an Executive Session for a discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements.

The meeting returned to Open Session, and there being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Peters and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:15 P.M. Notice of this meeting was distributed to all local media and posted on the City Hall bulletin board at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully,

Betty J. Hudson
City Clerk

ORDINANCE # 2012-02

**AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTY
TO THE CITY OF WALTERBORO.**

WHEREAS, a proper petition has been filed with the City Council of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina by 100 percent of the freeholders owning 100 percent of the assessed value of the contiguous property hereinafter described petitioning for annexation of the property to the City of Walterboro, under the provisions of S. C Code Section 5-3-150(3); and

WHEREAS, it appears to Council that annexation would be in the best interest of the property owners and the City of Walterboro;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

The following described property is hereby annexed into and becomes a part of the City of Walterboro. The property annexed by this Ordinance is described as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land situate, lying and being Northwest of Walterboro, County of Colleton, State of South Carolina, measuring and containing Forty-three hundredths (0.43) of an acre more or less and designated as Tract 3 on a plat prepared by Robert L. Hiers, RLS, dated January 23, 2001, recorded in the Office of the Registrar of Deeds for Colleton County, South Carolina, in Plat Book 33 at Page 408. This lot having such size, shape, dimensions, buttings and boundings as will by reference to said plat more fully and at large appear.

Subject to all easements, restrictions and rights-of-way of record.

This being the same property conveyed to Laura J. Phifer and James R. Phifer by the Deed of Betty Thames Williams dated February 7, 2001, and recorded February 12, 2001, in Book 927, at Page 242, in the Office of the Registrar of Deeds for Colleton County, South Carolina.

TMS: 163-01-00-066.000

The area is shaded on the attached map and is designated by Tax Map # 163-01-00-066.000 by the Colleton County Assessor's Office and includes all adjacent rights-of-way.

The common line with 163-02-00-004 across Country Lane is contiguous to the present City limits. The attached map is made a part of this ordinance.

The property shall be zoned Single Family Residential District pending further action to zone it pursuant to the City Zoning Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage of second reading.

DONE AND RATIFIED, IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, this 13th day of March, 2012.

William T. Young, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Betty J. Hudson
City Clerk

First Reading: February 28, 2012
Second Reading: _____

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF COLLETON)

100 PERCENT PETITION FOR
ANNEXATION

TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO; IN
COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

The undersigned, being 100 percent of the freeholders owning 100 percent of the assessed value
of the property in the contiguous territory described below and shown on the attached plat or map,
hereby petition for annexation of said territory to the City by ordinance effective as soon hereafter
as possible, pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 5-3-150(3).

The territory to be annexed is described as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land situate, lying and being Northwest of Walterboro, County of Colleton, State of South Carolina, measuring and containing Forty-three hundredths (0.43) of an acre more or less and designated as Tract 3 on a plat prepared by Robert L. Hiers, RLS, dated January 23, 2001, recorded in the Office of the Registrar of Deeds for Colleton County, South Carolina, in Plat Book 33 at Page 408. This lot having such size, shape, dimensions, buttings and boundings as will by reference to said plat more fully and at large appear.

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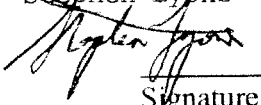
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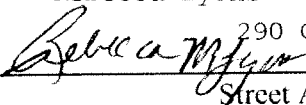
The area is shaded on the attached map and is designated by Tax Map # 163-01-00-066.000 by the Colleton County Assessor's Office and includes all adjacent rights-of-way.

It is requested that the property be zoned SFR - Single Family Residential

Stephen Lyons

Rebecca Lyons





290 Country Lane Walterboro, SC 29488

2/8/12

Signature

Street Address, City

Date

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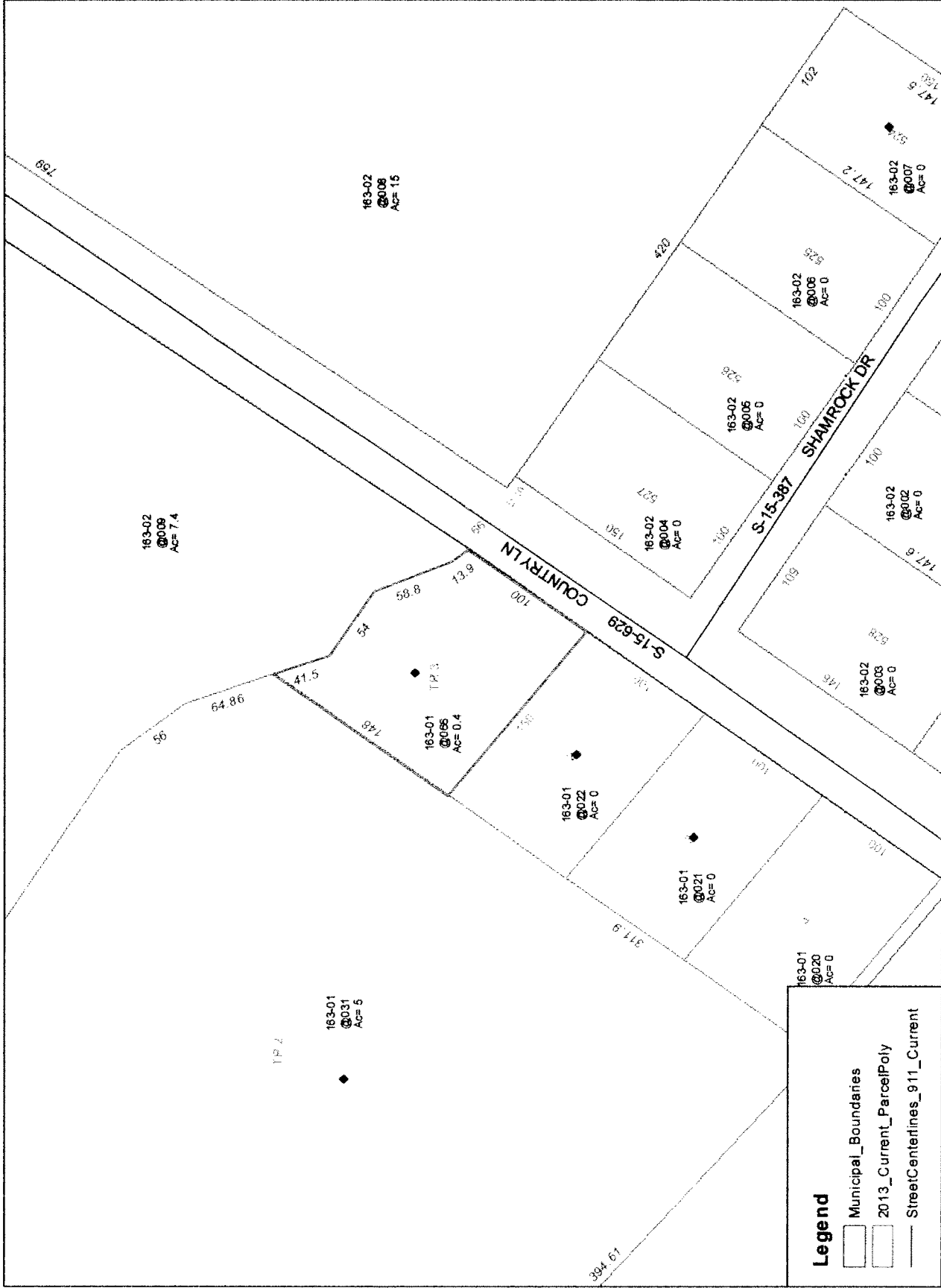
FOR MUNICIPAL USE:

Petition received by Henry D. Guehl, Date 2-8-12

Description and Ownership verified by Henry D. Guehl, Date 2-8-12

Recommendation: Accept

By: Jeffrey V. Lord, Date 2/8/12

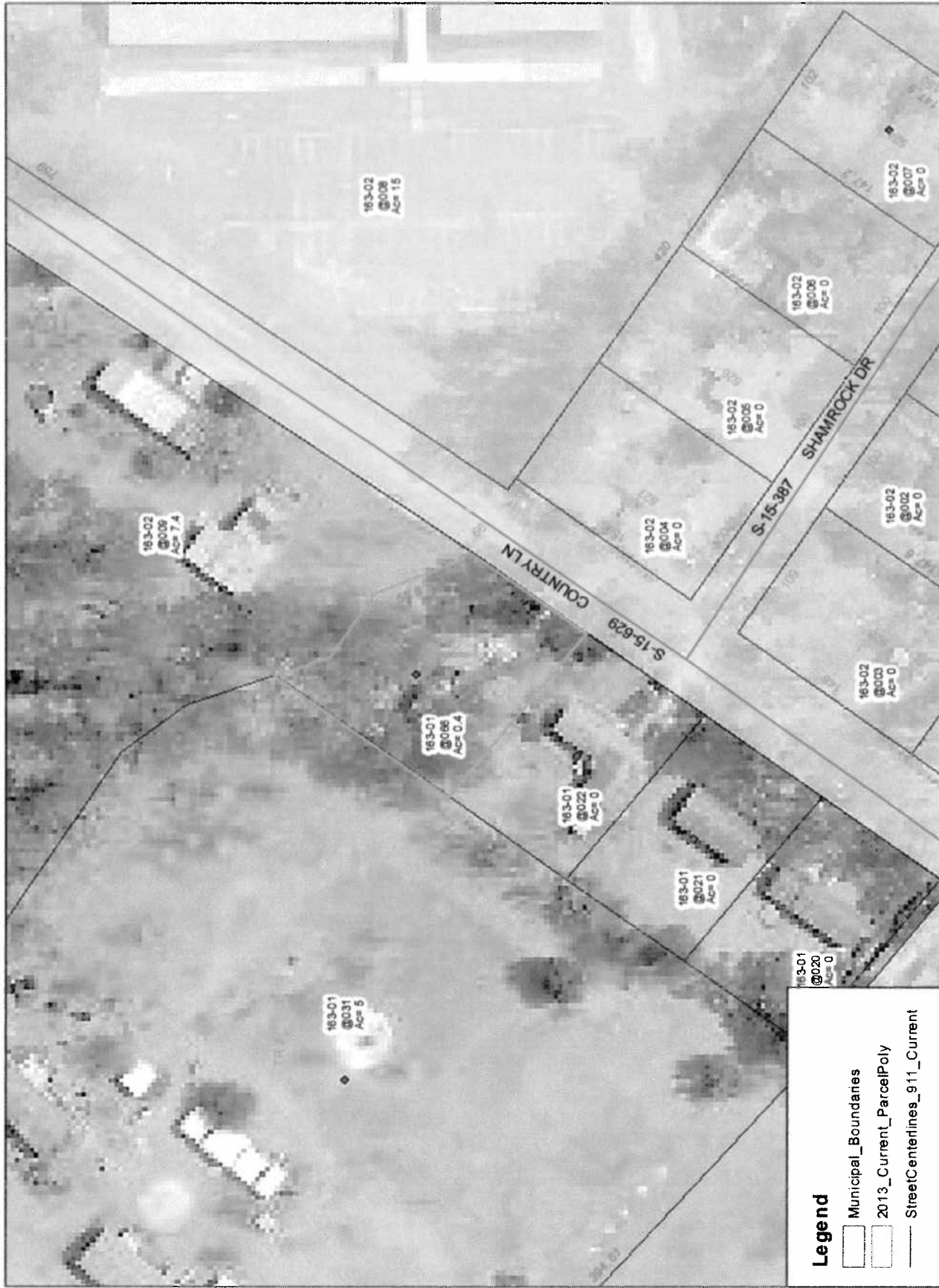


163-01-00-066

Date: Friday, February 17, 2012

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Date: Friday, February 17, 2012

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ORDINANCE # 2012-03

**AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTY
INTO THE CITY OF WALTERBORO.**

WHEREAS, a proper petition has been filed with the City Council of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina by 100 percent of the freeholders owning 100 percent of the assessed value of the contiguous property hereinafter described petitioning for annexation of the property to the City of Walterboro, under the provisions of S. C Code Section 5-3-150(3); and

WHEREAS, it appears to Council that annexation would be in the best interest of the property owners and the City of Walterboro;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

The following described property is hereby annexed into and becomes a part of the City of Walterboro. The property annexed by this Ordinance is described as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in Colleton County, South Carolina, containing Three and One-Tenth (3.1) acres, more or less, labeled "Annexation Area" on the attached sketch and bounded as follows: Northeasterly by the northeasterly boundary of the right of way of Smith Street; Southeasterly by the northwestern most boundary of the right of way of Robertson Boulevard; Southerly by the southern boundary of the right of way of Doyle Street; and Northwesterly and Westerly by a portion of the same tract of U S Land and Timber, Inc. which lies within the city limits of the City of Walterboro, by right of way of Chuckle Hill Road and by lot of U S Land and Timber, Inc., all of which will more fully appear by reference to the sketch attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The tract annexed includes: Coatsworth Drive which bisects the property of U S Land and Timber, Inc.; the right of way of Doyle Street which lies along and within the Southern boundary of the tract annexed; and the right of way of Smith Street which lies along and within the Northeastern boundary of the tract annexed.

Portion of TMS # 179-00-00-056

The tract described herein is contiguous to the present City limits of the City of Walterboro along its common line with the remaining portion of TMS # 179-00-00-056.

The property shall be zoned High Density Residential pending further action to zone it pursuant to the City Zoning Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage of second reading.

DONE AND RATIFIED, IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, this 13th day of March, 2012.

William T. Young, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Betty J. Hudson
City Clerk

First Reading: February 28, 2012
Second Reading: _____

Sketch of Annexed Area Attached

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLLETON

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PETITION FOR ANNEXATION
100% METHOD

TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO:

The Undersigned, being One Hundred percent (100%) of the freeholders owning One Hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of the property in the contiguous territory described below and shown and labeled "Annexation Area" on the attached sketch, hereby petition for annexation of said territory to the City by ordinance effective as soon hereafter as possible, pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 5-3-150(3).

The territory to be annexed is described as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in Colleton County, South Carolina, containing Three and One-Tenth (3.1) acres, more or less, as labeled "Annexation Area" on the attached sketch and, and bounded as follows: Northeasterly by the northeasterly boundary of the right of way of Smith Street; Southeasterly by the northwestern most boundary of the right of way of Robertson Boulevard; Southerly by the southern boundary of the right of way of Doyle Street; and Northwesterly and Westerly by a portion of the same tract of U S Land and Timber, Inc. which lies within the city limits of the City of Walterboro, by right of way of Chuckle Hill Road and by lot of U S Land and Timber, Inc., all of which will more fully appear by reference to the sketch attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The tract annexed includes: Coatsworth Drive which bisects the property of U S Land and Timber, Inc.; the right of way of Doyle Street which lies along and within the Southern boundary of the tract annexed; and the right of way of Smith Street which lies along and within the Northeastern boundary of the tract annexed.

Portion of TMS # 179-00-00-056

It is requested that the property be zoned HDR - High Density Residential

This Petition is dated February 23rd, 2012.

U S Land and Timber, Inc.

By: [Signature]
Its: President
J.B. FISHBURN

Date: 2/23/12

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FOR MUNICIPAL USE:

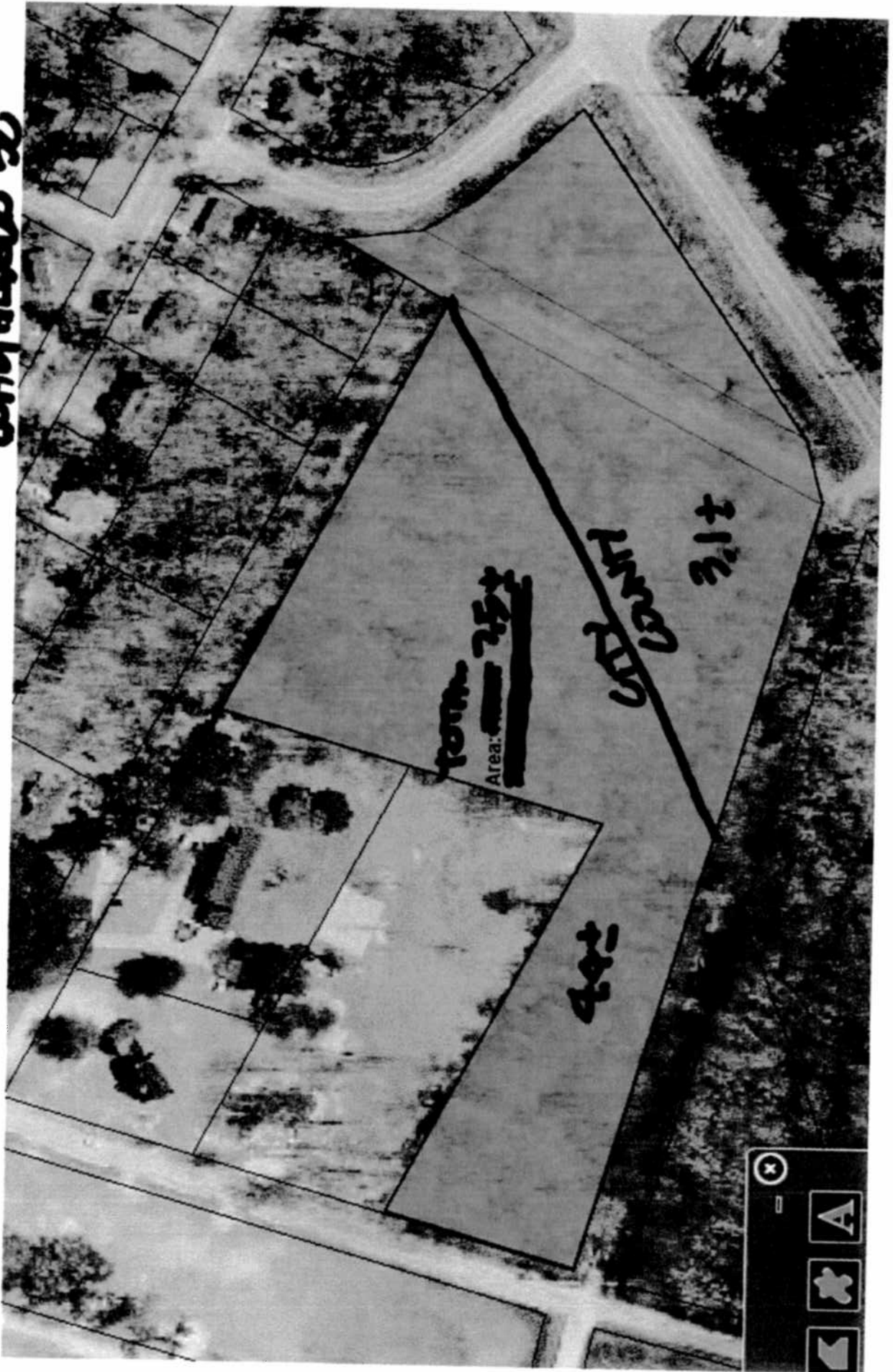
Petition received by [Signature], Date 2/23/12

Description and Ownership verified by [Signature], Date 2/23/12

Recommendation: Accept

By: [Signature], Date 2/23/12

WATERBURY



ORDINANCE # 2012-05

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CITIZEN OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE AND
CODIFYING THE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the City of Walterboro established a Citizen of the Year award in the 2011 to honor those who contribute most to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Walterboro City Council believes that the honor in the award comes best when the recipient is chosen via an open submittal process and by a committee that represents a broad view of City interests; and

WHEREAS, the those that help make Walterboro great may live, work, or have other interest in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that persons recommended by the committee may be best recognized by an official proclamation and a gift of a Red Rocker presented by the Mayor;

WHEREAS, the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee was established under State Law in 2005 but not yet codified;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA, that a Citizen of the Year Committee be created and classified as a standing advisory board to annually choose the Walterboro Citizen of the Year.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Citizen of the year Committee be composed of the chair of each of the eleven existing Boards and Commissions.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Citizen of the Year Committee shall determine the process for submittal of nominees, accompanying documentation and selection processes, and their chair.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the intent is to honor a resident of the city, someone employed in the city, or someone who owns property in the city but these criteria should not exclude any well deserving person from receiving the honor.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee be added to the list of commissions and boards established.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the following changes be made to the Walterboro City Code to codify the above:

Within Chapter 2 Administration under Article VIII. Boards and Commissions, Sec. 2-168. (c)

Strike "Great Swamp Sanctuary Commission; four years terms" following (9) and replace with "Accommodations Tax Advisory Commission; four year terms".

Add "(11) Citizen of the Year Committee"

Add "(12) Great Swamp Sanctuary Commission; four years terms"

Within Chapter 2 Administration under Article VIII. Boards and Commissions add:

"Sec. 2-173 Citizen of the Year Committee.

(a) The Citizen of the Year Committee's duties shall be as follows:

(1) Determined the submittal and selection process, provided that:

(a) The intent is to honor a resident of the city, someone employed in the city, or someone who owns property in the city but these criteria should not exclude any well deserving person from receiving the honor.

(b) Recommendations, accompanied by supporting documentation, should be received from anyone wishing to do so including committee members provided however that no recommendations are to be made by any member of City Council or a by any employee of the City.

(c) The selection process be completed and the chosen person's name submitted so they may be honored before the end of each calendar year.

(2) Annually solicit and review recommendations and base on the review, select the person to be honored as "Citizen of the Year".

(b) Membership

(1) The committee shall be comprised of the chairs from each of the other committees, boards, and commissions that proceed the Citizen of the Year Committee listed in Sec. 2-168. (c).

(2) The chair of the committee shall be elected from its membership.

DONE, this 13th day of March, 2012.

William T. Young, Jr.
Mayor

Attest:

Betty J. Hudson
City Clerk

First Reading: February 28, 2012
Public Hearing: March 13, 2012
Second Reading: _____

PROCLAMATION NO. 2012-01
AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH 2012

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has touched many lives in the Lowcountry as well as across the country and around the world, and

WHEREAS, during American Red Cross Month, we thank those who contribute to the mission of the Red Cross, whether through time, money or blood, and we invite others to support the Red Cross in helping people in need down the street, across the country and around the world, and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is synonymous with helping people, and has been doing so for more than 130 years. Throughout the past year, the American Red Cross launched hundreds of disaster relief operations in the United States to help people affected by fires, floods, hurricanes and tornadoes. The American Red Cross also supported major international disasters, including the Japan earthquake and tsunami response, while continuing its work on the 2010 Haiti earthquake response and recovery, and

WHEREAS, in the Lowcountry, the Red Cross works tirelessly to support us when disaster strikes, when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand. It provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and provides training in CPR, aquatics safety, and first aid, and

WHEREAS, for nearly 100 years, United States presidents have called on the American people to support the Red Cross and its humanitarian mission. Our community depends on the American Red Cross and because it is not a government agency, the Red Cross depends on support from the public to continue its humanitarian work. This is especially important in these challenging economic times – which impact the Red Cross and many people in our community and across the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Young, Mayor of the City of the Walterboro, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the City of Walterboro of the state of South Carolina do hereby proclaim March 2012 as American Red Cross Month. I encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina.

William T. Young, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Betty J. Hudson, City Clerk

February 23, 2012

To: City of Walterboro Council Members

From: M Scott Steedley
523 Hampton Street
Walterboro, SC 29488

Re: 523 Hampton Street-Livestock/Goats
Tax Map #: 163-12-00-149
Inspected on: 02/21/2012

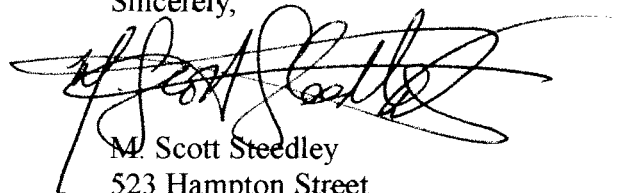
Dear Council Members,

On February 22nd, 2012 I received notification from the City of Walterboro via U.S. Postal Service regarding my (2) two Pygmy goats that are safely locked within a pen in my backyard. These goats are my family pets and are smaller than an average-sized dog. My daughters, who are 7 and 8 years old, have had these goats for the last (4) four years. The pen in which the animals reside is clean and does not create a nuisance or sanitary issues at all. As a matter of fact, several of the neighborhood children, including my own, often visit to feed, observe and play with these animals who are extremely good natured, clean and highly domesticated.

Friday February 23rd, 2012 I spoke with Mr. Jeff Lord, Walterboro City Manager explaining these circumstances and was recommended to write this letter to City Council. With this letter, I am humbly requesting special permission to continue to house these animals at this location as they are like members of our family and do not disturb the surroundings in any way whatsoever.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Scott Steedley', written over a horizontal line.

M. Scott Steedley
523 Hampton Street
Walterboro, SC 29488
(843) 509-1296
centerforsustainability@gmail.com



March 5, 2012

Walterboro City Council
242 Hampton St.
Walterboro, SC 29488

Attn: Jeff Lord, City Manager

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Dear Council,

We are well along in our planning for the 6th Annual Walterboro Antiques, History and Arts Festival, May 18-19, 2012. The cooperation between many Walterboro organizations has been tremendous and we look forward to another successful festival.

As always, there are several items which we need City Council to approve and we ask that you include them on your agenda for the next City Council meeting, March 13, 2012.

They are as follows:

- Close Lucas Street between Washington Street and Hampton Street and also from Washington Street to the driveway of Canady Insurance Agency Saturday May 19 from 7am until 5pm. (This is where the antique Tractors will be set up).
- Reserve two (2) spaces in the City Parking Lot for Port-O-Lets, May 13&14.
- Reserve Waterfall for Antique Appraisers May 18 & 19. (tent and tables)
- Allow for event directional signs to be placed where appropriate in the City May 13 & 14. Signs will be 18"X24".
- Issue a permit for Antique Tractor Parade, Saturday May 19, 2012. Route: Lucas Street down Washington Street onto N. Memorial, turning right onto Hampton Street to Walter Street onto Washington Street and finishing back on Lucas Street.
- Provide police escort for Antique Tractor Parade Saturday May 19, 2012, 11:00am and 2:00pm.

On behalf of the Walterboro Antiques, History and Arts Festival committee, thank you for your continued support and encouragement. If you have any questions regarding the above please do not hesitate to call me.

Thank you again for all of your help,
Gale Doggette

Participating Organizations: CC Arts Council, CC Historical and Preservation Society, Colleton Center, Colleton Museum, Downtown Merchants, SC Artisans Center, Lowcountry Antique Tractor & Engine Association and the Salkehatchie Tractor Club.

