Walterboro City Council Joint Luncheon Meeting with County Council August 30, 2017

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A Joint Luncheon Meeting of Walterboro City Council and Colleton County Council was held at the Dogwood Hills Golf Course, 1 Dogwood Lane, in Walterboro on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 12:00 Noon. The purpose of the meeting was to hear a presentation on the Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary Discovery Center, and to hold an executive session to discuss a proposed real estate transaction between the City of Walterboro and Colleton County.

Mayor Young and Colleton County Chairman Dr. Joseph Flowers jointly presided at this meeting.

<u>City Council Members present were</u>: Mayor Bill Young, City Council Members Judy Bridge, James Broderick, Jimmy Syfrett, Paul Siegel, Bobby Bonds and Tom Lohr.

<u>Colleton County Council Members present were</u>: Dr. Joseph F. Flowers, Gene Whetsell, and Steve Murdaugh. Phillip Taylor and Evon Robinson were absent.

Others present included: Ruth Mayer, Kevin Griffin, Meagan Utsey, Sean Thornton, Jeff Molinari, Hank Amundson, George Cone and press members. City Clerk Betty Hudson was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Flowers and Mayor Bill Young.

Council Member Syfrett gave the blessing of the food.

Mayor Young made a motion to add an Executive Session item to the agenda to discuss a contractual arrangement between the City and the County related to the dispatch center.

Dr. Flowers asked if this is a motion for the City? Mayor Young responded, yes.

The motion was seconded by City Council Member Lohr and passed unanimously.

Attorney Cone said, and after executive session, do you contemplate doing business? Mayor Young responded, I don't contemplate any, but I don't know what will happen.

Dr. Flowers said, we can do the same motion for County Council. Do I have a motion from County Council to that effect? A motion was made by Council Member Murdaugh, seconded by Council Member Whetsell and passed unanimously.

As lunch was served, City Manager Molinari gave a power point presentation of the City's Discovery Center and explained their plans for the center.

A motion to enter into an executive session was made by Council Member Murdaugh and seconded by Council Member Whetsell. The same motion was made by City Council Member Broderick and seconded by City Council Member Bridge.

Both motions carried unanimously.

Executive Session

- a) Discussion of Proposed Real Estate Transaction between City of Walterboro and Colleton County.
- b) Discuss a contractual arrangement between the City and the County related to the dispatch center.

Both items were discussed in executive session.

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A motion to exit executive session was made by City Council Member Jimmy Syfrett, seconded by City Council Member James Broderick and passed unanimously.

Open Session

The meeting returned to Open Session.

A motion giving First Reading Approval to Ordinance 17-O-07, An Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Walterboro and Colleton County to Provide for the Sale and Transfer of Rights by in Real Property Owned by Colleton County, South Carolina and the City of Walterboro, and Other Matters Relating Thereto, was made by Council Member Murdaugh and seconded by Council Member Whetsell. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by City Council Member Siegel, seconded by City Council Member Broderick and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 1:10 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

APPROVED: October 3, 2017