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A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 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. Approximately 18 persons were present in the audience.

There being a quorum present, the Mayor called the meeting to order and invited everyone to join in for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Council Member Syfrett gave the invocation, and Council Member Broderick led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Before starting the meeting, the Mayor said he wanted to remind everyone to be aware of Hurricane Irma and stay informed as to how that hurricane tracks. We certainly don't wish it on anybody else, but we don't wish it on us either. So, please stay informed.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

The Mayor then asked if there were any comments or questions on agenda items?

Ms. Marguerite Chrissy Johnson, a resident on Paul Street, then addressed Council concerning agenda item No. 6 under New Business, Consideration of Request from Jeb Smoak to Maintain Peacocks at 135 Paul Street.

Ms. Johnson stated that she resides at 131 Paul Street and she has two comments on agenda item No. 6 about the peacocks. She said, I moved there almost 2½ years ago and Jeb and I have been working together. Initially when it happened he would buff my car out or my daughter's car out and he has painted my car once. But the peacocks still came back. It's something about my black car and my daughter's blue car that they see their reflection in the car, so they are fighting and my car is all scratched up. Ms. Johnson stated that out of pocket, she has spent \$4,873 and her insurance company fixed her car which was \$2,320, but they have refused to fix anything else related to the peacocks. So, I closed in my garage to keep the peacocks away from my car. But it's kind of hard when you go to church on Sunday morning, and you are running in and you want to change, you can't put the car in the garage and then run back out because by the time I park my car at my back door, they are at my car again.

In conclusion, Ms. Johnson said, due to the feces on my porch, it is not only unhealthy, but I have spent \$960 each year, having my porch cleaned from the peacock feces. I am hoping that the city or the town or somebody needs to do something about these peacocks. I have been neighborly, I haven't complained as much, but this is a lot of money and I am a single mother. I just can't afford this kind of money once a year, and I am sure if a lot of you were living where I am living, that you couldn't afford that kind of money.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Mayor then opened a public hearing, duly advertised, to receive public comments on the following proposed ordinances:

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1. **Ordinance # 2017-06, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance # 2017-04, So As to Set the Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor in the 2017-2018 Budget**

City Manager Molinari stated that the ordinance before you is to set the Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor. The reason why we didn't do this during the budget process is we typically get the numbers from the Assessor's Office in mid-July, but we need to adopt the Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor, so we can get it to the County, so it will be reflected on the tax bills. It's a simple formula, where you take your anticipated collections and divide it by the total appraised value of properties in the City, and this is how you come up with the Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor.

The Mayor then opened the floor to hear any questions or comments on the proposed ordinance. No comments or questions were raised.

2. **Ordinance # 2017-07, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance # 2017-04, So As to Roll Back the City of Walterboro Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 General Fund Budget**

Mr. Molinari told Council as you are aware the County reassesses real property every 5 years and we are in a reassessment year. Pursuant to state law, when we undergo reassessment, the City cannot realize a windfall from those reassessments, so as a result, we have to roll back the millage rate. This is a simple formula where you take the prior year's property taxes levied, and divide it by the total assessed value. When you do that you come up with a millage rate of 86.4.

The Mayor then asked if there were any comments or questions from the public on this ordinance. No comments or questions were raised and the public hearing was closed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance # 2017-06, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance # 2017-04, So As to Set the Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor in the 2017-2018 Budget, Second Reading and Adoption**

The Mayor stated that this ordinance is for Second Reading and Adoption of the ordinance that we just had on the public hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Broderick to give Second Reading and Adoption to Ordinance # 2017-06, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance # 2017-04, So as to Set the Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor in the 2017-2018 Budget. Council Member Syfrett seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

2. **Ordinance # 2017-07, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance # 2017-04, So As to Roll Back the City of Walterboro Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 General Fund Budget, Second Reading and Adoption**

The Mayor said, this is also the ordinance we had in the public hearing just a few minutes ago.

A motion was made by Council Member Siegel to give Second Reading and Adoption to Ordinance # 2017-07, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance # 2017-04, So as to Roll Back the City of Walterboro Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 General Fund Budget. Council Member Bridge seconded the motion.

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In discussing the motion, Council Member Bonds asked the City Manager, are we going back from 88 mills to 86.4 mills? So, is that going to have an affect on our budget, because what was our budget based on?

City Manager Molinari responded that the budget was based on what we were projecting our property tax revenues to be based on previous history. With a roll back, essentially what we are doing is we are rolling it back, so the City does not realize an increase in revenue as a result of reassessment. So, in answer to your question, the roll back in millage will not have any adverse impact on our revenue stream. It will simply roll it back to where we will collect what we are anticipating with the 88 mills millage rate.

Council Member Bonds then asked, why are we not allowed to collect a windfall? City Manager Molinari responded, there was some legislation that was passed a few years ago, which was more designed toward more high growth areas which were experiencing significant increases in property values. Mr. Bonds then asked, is that the legislation that basically caps the amount that you can increase as a maximum each year. Mr. Molinari responded affirmatively. Mr. Bonds then asked, so do we recapture this? Are we at the maximum where we need to be and then do we recapture that next year? Do you understand what I am asking?

Mr. Molinari responded, I understand what you are saying. What this essentially does is it's an equalizer. So, it prevents the City from realizing a windfall from the increases in property values. So, the concept behind it is to keep it level. So, in other words, it's revenue neutral, we are not going to see an increase, nor are we going to see a decrease.

Mayor Young then added, if we didn't decrease it, then we would have a windfall, and we are not allowed to have a windfall.

Council Member Bonds then said, so we are decreasing it to comply to the statue that limits the amount that it can be increased each year.

Mr. Molinari responded, that's right and if you would just look at it, we have as a result of reassessment, more assessed value on the books. We have more assessed value than we had five years. So, we are simply rolling back the millage.

The motion then passed with all members voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance # 2017-08**, An Ordinance to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Walterboro and Colleton County to Provide for the Sale and Transfer Rights of Real Property Owned by Colleton County, South Carolina and the City of Walterboro, **First Reading**.

City Manager Molinari stated that the City has been in a discussion with Colleton County the last couple of months about purchasing the parking lot that the County owns which is adjacent to the City's Discovery Center on South Jefferies Boulevard. The City and the County negotiated a purchase price of \$100,000. This will allow us to be able to use that parking lot as the primary parking for the Discovery Center. It will still continue to be a public parking lot, but what it will enable us to do is eliminate a lot of the onsite parking at 100 S. Jefferies Boulevard. So, we will have a much cleaner site, and we will be able to do some things from a design standpoint. During these conversations, it was also discussed that the City and the County currently own some railroad right-of-way that was conveyed from CSX in 1991. It is jointly owned by the City and the County and it parallels Green Pond Highway. As part of this

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ordinance, the City will convey all of the railroad right-of-way that is inside the County to the County, and the County will convey all of the railroad right-of-way which is inside the City to the City.

A motion was made by Council Member Broderick, seconded by Council Member Syfrett, giving First Reading Approval to Ordinance # 2017-08, An Ordinance to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Walterboro and Colleton County to Provide for the Sale and Transfer Rights of Real Property Owned by Colleton County, South Carolina, and the City of Walterboro. The motion passed unanimously.

At this point, City Attorney Cone stated that the Intergovernmental Agreement may need to be revised somewhat, so that the County can join with the City to reserve certain easements, and they need to convey you their interests in those easements in the incorporated areas. In other words, what you would be reserving is an easement in a half interest. Mayor Young then said, just between now and then you can get that information to Council and we'll go forward. Mr. Cone stated that he should be able to get that information in the next couple of days or next week.

2. Ordinance # 2017-09, An Ordinance to Convey Property to SCDOT for the I-95 Business Loop Project, Phase 1B, **First Reading.**

City Manager Molinari then said, as I have already mentioned the Discovery Center Site at 100 S. Jefferies Boulevard is part of phase 1B of the I-95 Business Loop Project. We are going to be improving the intersection of Hampton Street and Jefferies Boulevard. As part of that, we are going to be installing decorative mast arms. We are going to have one mast arm base which is going to be on City property, and we will need to give SCDOT the permission. It is roughly about 20 square feet for the placement of that mast arm. We just need to give permission to convey that to SCDOT so they can install the mast arm base in that area. He also said, there is a map in your agenda packets highlighting the location of that base.

A motion was then made by Council Member Bridge to convey the property to SCDOT for the property within the I-95 Business Loop Project for the placement of the mast arm. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion. In discussing the motion, the Mayor asked the City Manager if the architects for the Discovery Center were aware of this and the location for the mast arm? Mr. Molinari responded, that's correct, and what we have asked them to look at is the possibility of just shifting that base a little bit further to the south, just to avoid any potential interference with the sidewalk that's going to come out in front of the Discovery Center.

Council Member Broderick then asked, how close to the building is that? Is that between the driveway opening? Mr. Molinari said, that's one of the things that our engineers have asked of the architects is to provide a detailed plan, so we can figure out exactly how close that base is going to be to the building.

No further discussion was held, and the motion passed with all members voting in favor.

3. Consideration of Contract with Cardno, Inc. to Administer EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant

City Manager Molinari reminded Council that in October 2015, the City issued a RFQ for qualified firms to provide environmental and engineering consultant services in support of the City's Brownfields Program. The City received proposals from four different firms:

Cardno, Inc. (Columbia, SC)
GEL Engineering (Charleston, SC)

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Mid-Atlantic Associates, Inc. (Raleigh, NC)
Terracon (Columbia, SC)

Mr. Molinari stated that Cardno, Inc. of Columbia, SC was selected to prepare the Brownfields Assessment Grant Application at no cost to the City. The City applied twice and in the first time around, we came a few points short of being funded. Then, we found out a few months ago that we were funded in the most current round.

I recommend selecting Cardno to administer the grant. Staff has had a good working relationship with them. They have been very thorough and have demonstrated their competency through the successful grant application. The City was awarded a \$300,000 Brownfields Assessment Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The total contract with Cardno is in the amount of \$292,000. The entire contract amount will be paid out of the grant with no expense to the City. The remaining \$8,000 will go to the City to use for travel and supplies related to the administration of the grant.

Mr. Molinari stated that at a previous Council Meeting, there was a question raised about how the City would draw down the funds. We will draw the funds down electronically. We would put a request in and it typically takes 24 hours for the funds to be transferred over, so as we receive invoices from Cardno, it is a very simple process to provide payment. The grant cycle will begin on October 1 of this year and run through September 30, 2020. We will have a kick off meeting with EPA staff here in Walterboro on the second week of October.

A motion was then made by Council Member Siegel to approve Cardno, Inc. to administer the City's EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant. Council Member Bonds seconded the motion.

In discussing the motion Council Member Siegel asked the City Manager, where are we going with the Brownfields Project? What is the ultimate goal of this project? Mr. Molinari responded that the primary objective is that we have a number of vacant, underutilized properties inside the City that are underutilized for a reason. A lot of that has to do with contamination. It could be a site that was previously a gas station or had some other type of issue that's preventing it from being redeveloped, and is negatively affecting its marketability. As you will see in the proposal from Cardno, \$236,000 of the grant will be allocated towards Phase 1 and Phase 2 environmental assessments. As part of the grant process, we identified a Brownfields Task Force, which will be made up of stakeholders in the community who will actually make recommendations on which properties to target for assessments, and then the next step, once the assessments are done, is to be able to take that information and take it to the next level and be able to apply for additional funding sources that will actually help with the cleanup of contaminated sites. There are a number of different programs out there that will allow us to do this, but this is the first step. Mr. Siegel then asked if this had anything to do with the Promise Zone?

Mr. Molinari responded, yes and no. When Cardno put together the application to EPA, we were sure to get a letter of support from the Southern Carolina Alliance and we were sure to mention the Promise Zone. Each federal grant program is a little different as far as whether or not you can receive extra points for being in the Promise Zone. I don't recall if we got any extra points per se for being in the Promise Zone, but we certainly incorporated that into the application and emphasized that wherever it was applicable.

Mayor Young then said, and you will remember we were awarded this on our second application. Our first application was a couple of years ago, and I think Allendale got it in this area, and then we reapplied and we were lucky enough to get

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it this time. Mr. Molinari added, we are one of only three applicants in the state to be funded. Mayor Young noted that the three recipients were Walterboro, Anderson and Honea Patch, SC.

Council Member Bridge then asked if most of the money from the Brownfields Grant would be used to assess what needs to be cleaned up. She asked if any of the money would be used to actually do the cleanup? Mr. Molinari responded no. He explained that the cleanup money is a different source of funds and there are a couple of different opportunities there. There are grants that you can get directly from EPA to assist with cleanup. Also, it is coordinated through the Catawba Council of Governments where they have a revolving loan fund, which is a low interest loan combined with a grant component, which is used throughout the state. So, this is just a first step, but it is a necessary first step that you have to take before you can move to the cleanup phase.

Mayor Young noted that this includes things like phase 1 and phase 2 environmentals and you will remember that the City has paid for some phase 1 and phase 2 on some properties that we were looking to develop in the past. So this is a saving to any property owner who would have to conduct those assessments themselves if it were not for the grant making that possible.

The motion then passed with all members voting in favor.

4. Consideration of Renovations to 300 Hampton Street

City Manager Molinari gave a power point presentation on the renovations to be made at 300 Hampton Street. He noted that a couple of years ago, the City purchased the old First Federal Bank building at 300 Hampton Street with the plan to remodel it to house a number of City operations - Finance Department, Municipal Court, Planning Department, Building Inspections, Business License, and Water Billing, so we can have everything under one roof. We are looking at some proposed renovations to the exterior. The doors are currently in very bad shape. We are looking at putting in new doors, replacing the columns to be a little more in scale with the front of the building. We are putting in new decorative light fixtures, as well as bike racks. For the interior, we are looking at a combination of some decorative vinyl flooring for the main area and then carpeting where all the offices will be located.

Mr. Molinari then pointed out the various office locations for the different departments, including restroom locations in the building. He said, we have been working with a designer for the last several months, fine tuning everything that we want to do. Because we are a governmental entity and this is a public space, we can act as our own general contractor which will save some money. We have broken the project down to all of its core components, and City staff will be overseeing the improvements, primarily Assistant City Manager Hank Amundson and Finance Director Amy Risher.

The City Manager identified the funds to cover the renovations for 300 Hampton Street as follows:

- 1) The FY 2017-2018 General Fund Budget allocated \$25,000 for the renovations.
 - 2) Staff respectfully requests using \$50,000 from the General Fund Balance and \$25,000 in reserve in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund.
- (The total projected cost of the renovations is \$100,000).

A motion was made by Council Member Syfrett to approve the renovations for 300 Hampton Street. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion that passed with all members voting in favor.

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5. Consideration of Mutual Aid Agreement Between the City of Walterboro and the City of Charleston, SC for Mutual Aid Support for Law Enforcement

City Manager Molinari told Council that the Chief of Police Wade Marvin had been in communication with the new Police Chief for the City of Charleston. He then recognized Chief Marvin to give a brief presentation of the proposed mutual aid agreement.

Police Chief Wade Marvin then addressed Council. He stated that he and Deputy Chief Kevin Martin recently attended a Chiefs Conference in Charleston, SC. One of the topics dealt with was managing mass demonstrations and other large scale events. One of the things that they highly recommended was partnering with an assistance and support agreement with a larger department with more resources. I like a mutual aid agreement. The availability of equipment, personnel and experience is priceless in a large scale event. We do have SLED that assists us in an event like this, but having the resources of Charleston, a city that has dealt with this successfully and their knowledge and understanding, we feel is very important. They actually reached out to us some time ago, and we had to get some things in order, but we feel this agreement will be beneficial to the City in many ways. We would like your favorable consideration.

A motion was the made by Council Member Bridge to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Charleston, SC as submitted. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion.

In discussing the motion, Council Member Bonds asked if this agreement means we can call them if they want to help, they can help. Chief Marvin explained that it goes both ways. If they want to offer their help, obviously they would call. But more so, if we had anything going on. Mr. Bonds added, and it's at their option if they want to be in a position to help us. Mr. Marvin responded, that's correct. Mr. Bonds then asked Chief Marvin if the City has a mutual aid agreement with the Sheriff's Department? Mr. Marvin responded, yes, we do.

Council Member Bonds then said, you know you use to be able to go down the interstate and you would see Charleston County people sitting 50 miles from Charleston County. So, we are not envisioning having City of Charleston police officers here or anything like that. Chief Marvin said, only if we had a riot or if we had a hurricane hit us. It will be at a request only. I think they said if we would like, then we could send a few officers to help with their bridge run. But we are not doing any kind of narcotics or anything like a special where they would have 10 officers to help us with speeding - nothing like that.

Mr. Bonds then said, that's what I was getting at, so it's not about our having people staked out at a certain place for criminal or multi-jurisdictional task force that come in a raid? You understand, that's my concern. I wanted to make sure there is none of that in the planning. What we are really talking about is rioting or crowd control or natural disaster or special events - things of this nature that they may have or that we may have. Chief Marvin responded correct.

Mr. Bonds added, but no planning on any type of jurisdictional task force where we have people raiding here and there. Chief Marvin, if we were going to do anything like a swat team or something like that officially, we have an agreement with the County Sheriff's Office and then SLED. That would be ours. Let's say we were trying to find narcotics out of a residence, and they knew everybody around here, we could call Charleston City if we wanted, and they would send one person down to do an undercover buy - that would cover us. Mr. Bonds said, but that's not what I am talking

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about. Chief Marvin said, I know what you are talking about and that's not in any plans at all.

The motion to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Walterboro and the City of Charleston then passed with all members voting in favor.

6. Consideration of Request from Mr. Jeb Smoak to Maintain Peacocks at 135 Paul Street

Mr. Jeb Smoak of 135 Paul Street then addressed Council with a request to keep maintaining peacocks at his residence. He said, over the past several years, at least since 2008, I came down to help take care of my grandparents. I have had birds at our residence. Back during Hurricane Matthew, some of the birds escaped during the storm and I have not been able to catch them since. They have now gone forth into the many acres surrounding Paul Street in the back half of the property, and they have multiplied. I have tried on several occasions to catch them. I have spoke with Mr. Scott Rizer and Mr. Larry Mitchell, who run the Rizer dealership. They have said their workers feed the birds. There are also people at Dr. Yarborough's office who say that everyone looks forward to seeing the birds and they also feed them as well.

Some cities and towns in Florida and California have endorsed these birds and they have found that it has increased property values. It has just increased the overall leisure and joy in the City limits.

The birds on my property I can contain, but those scattered birds I cannot. I understand that Walterboro is a bird sanctuary and I have looked into it. In cities like Aragon in California, as well as Miami Dade - they have bird sanctuaries in their city limits as well. Because of that, the birds are protected under that situation.

Mr. Rizer has said that he would sign whatever paperwork that we could get together and write up how he has many cars on his lot and he has never had any interaction with the birds and the cars, so I am not sure exactly what could have caused Ms. Chrissy John's situation. On the matter with feces on the porch, we have a guest house right next to ours, as well as Dr. Yarborough's large deck, where he says his patients go to see the birds eating and feeding, and all these people can come forward and say they have not had any of these incidents.

So, I would like to say that I feel the birds really bring a lot of people around town joy. These birds have been able to take advantage of the wild resources here in town to multiply. I, as well as Mr. Reginald and all of his task force members have not been able to capture them. I feel like the birds increase the morale and increase the mystery of our town. Other towns are trying to protect these animals. They found that it really increases property values and it has increased tourism.

I would like to address two things tonight. First, it would be that the birds have gone forth and have bred outside of my control and are being enforced by several people in our community. Dr. Yarborough said that they were growing his business. Mr. Rizer said that the ladies who work for him are excited and thrilled to go out and see the birds and feed them and watch them. I don't know if you have ever seen the colors of these birds, but they are absolutely mesmerizing. They are harmless and the vast majority of the people that they interact with would endorse them. The birds are far more of a joy than they are a nuisance.

Another thing I would like to address. I guess Mr. Reginald and Ms. Chrissy must be personal friends, which would kind of indicate why I have been ticketed so frequently and persecuted so much. We also have some other birds in our yard, we have some geese. I have had these geese since about 2008. I live up on top of the

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hill with my 80 year old grandmother and up unto this point, we haven't had any type of security system, because our geese, who are confined and have never been outside of our yard, they protect us. They alert us to any type of situation.

I feel that this could be a great chance for us to step in a new direction and endorse the fact that we are a bird sanctuary and endorse the fact that these birds have mated here. Beyond that I would like to protect the birds that I have had in our yard for some time that really do us a service and help us sleep safe at night. I would like Council to please make a special exception for at least my geese, which do serve a purpose and I have had them for quite some time.

The Mayor then asked if there was a motion from Council to approve Mr. Jeb Smoak's request. No motion was made and the request died for lack of a motion.

7. Request to Close Streets and Use of City Parking Lot on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. for Fall Festival Activities by Walterboro-Colleton Chamber of Commerce

City Manager Molinari pointed out that a letter had been received from Mr. Jeremy Ware, President of the Walterboro-Colleton Chamber of Commerce. They will have an inaugural fall festival on October 28 beginning at 8:00 a.m. and running through 3:00 p.m. I have already reviewed all the activities with the Police Chief and we can provide coverage for all of them. They are requesting a street closure of Hampton from Jefferies to Memorial, as well as the use of the City Parking Lot. They are also planning to have a 5K Run/Walk.

A motion was made by Council Member Syfrett to approve the request to close the streets October 28 from 8:00 to 3:00 p.m. for the Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion. Council Member Siegel asked what day of the week is that? Mr. Molinari responded, this is a Saturday. The motion than passed with all members voting in favor.

8. Consideration of Canceling/Rescheduling the November 7, 2017 City Council Meeting. (Election Day)

City Manager Molinari reminded Council that Election Day falls on the City Council Meeting date of November 7, 2017. Staff recommends canceling that meeting and rescheduling it for the following Tuesday, November 14.

A motion was made by Council Member Bridge to reschedule the November 7, 2017 meeting to November 14, 2017. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

City Manager Molinari then introduced Michelle Strickland, the City's Tourism Director. He stated that she has recently updated the City's website. He then asked her to give a brief presentation to City Council to show the new features.

Ms. Strickland stated that she was really excited to talk about our new website. She said, first we had to form a web team comprised of key staff members in many departments to come up with a new website content, and we used the previous website as a guide. We got to work right away to determine what we could use and what we wanted to get rid of in the old site, and how to reorganize the flow of the site.

Ms. Strickland then gave an actual onsite view and presentation of the new website using the overhead screen.

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Concluding the presentation, Mayor Young stated that the new website looks good.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

No City Manager's Report was given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter an Executive Session was then made by Council Member Bonds, seconded by Council Member Broderick and passed unanimously. The Mayor then announced that the meeting would enter into an Executive Session for:

1. Contractual Matter - Dispatch Services, and
2. Personnel Matter - Appointment of City Prosecutor.

The meeting convened into an Executive Session.

A motion was made by Council Member Lohr to come out of Executive Session and return to Open Session. Council Member Broderick second the motion. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting returned to Open Session and a motion was made by Council Member Syfrett to appoint Maryann Blake as City Prosecutor. Council Member Lohr seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5/0 with Mayor Young, Council Members Syfrett, Lohr, Broderick and Bridge voting in favor. Council Members Siegel and Bonds recused themselves from voting since they will practice law before municipal court from time to time.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Bonds, seconded by Council Member Siegel. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:03 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

APPROVED: January 2, 2018