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A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Bill Young, Council Members: Carl Brown, Judy Bridge, Paul Siegel, Bobby Bonds and Greg Pryor. City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Hank Amundson and Attorney Brown McLeod on behalf of the City Attorney George Cone were also present. There were approximately 20 people present in the audience. Council Member James Broderick and City Clerk Betty Hudson were absent.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order and invited everyone to join in the invocation and the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Young gave the invocation. (In his prayer, the Mayor asked for blessings for the family of Riniya Wright and everyone affected by her tragic death (March 27, 2019). He also asked for strength and wisdom for all the teachers and administrators at Forest Hills Elementary as they deal with this death). Council Member Paul Siegel led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

At this point, the Mayor recognized and welcomed Mr. Al Jenkins from Senator Tim Scott's Office, to the meeting. He said, it is good to have you with us tonight.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no comments or questions on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the March 5, 2019 Regular Meeting were accepted as written on the motion of Council Member Brown, seconded by Council Member Bridge with all members voting in favor. Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business before Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance # 2019-02, An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina, to Provide for Changes in the Zoning Districts of the City of Walterboro by Changing the Zoning Classification of One Parcel of Land on Bells Highway designated as TMS # 147-09-00-041 from Highway Commercial District (HCD) to Interstate Interchange Commercial District (IICD), First Reading**

Assistant City Manager Hank Amundson briefed Council on this agenda item. Mr. Amundson noted that there were materials on this rezoning in the agenda packets. He stated that there is a property on Bells Highway which was purchased from Brabham Oil. He stated that this property is located on Dorsey Street and Bells Highway.

He said, EnMarket has purchased four different service stations around the City, and in all of the four properties, they adjusted and came into compliance with their signs, as far as height and square footage. However, in this one case, they have a sign that is too tall. We were working with them on compliance, and they then realized that they are adjacent to a property that is in the interstate interchange commercial district. The majority of their business comes from the interstate, and they comply

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with the 1,000 foot requirement for signs higher than 30 feet. So, they submitted a request for re-zoning which went to the Planning Commission, and it was unanimously recommended to be rezoned to the Interstate Interchange Commercial District.

A motion was made by Council Member Siegel giving First Reading Approval to Ordinance # 2019-02, An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina, to Provide for Changes in the Zoning Districts of the City of Walterboro by Changing the Zoning Classification of One Parcel of Land on Bells Highway Designated as TMS # 147-09-00-041 from Highway Commercial District (HCD) to Interstate Interchange Commercial District (IICD). Council Member Pryor seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

2. A Request to Use the Downtown Plaza and to Close the Street for the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 27, 2019, by Colleton County Veterans Council

Council Member Pryor made a motion to honor the request to use the Downtown Plaza and to close the streets for the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 29, 2019 by the Colleton County Veterans Council. Council Member Siegel seconded the motion. Mr. Bob Tiegs corrected the date as May 27, 2019, not May 29th.

Mr. Bob Tiegs, present on behalf of the Colleton County Veterans Council, told Council that they were well on their way to getting the new veterans memorial put up in the downtown plaza. He said, if you haven't been there yet, you can see that the brick outlay has already been put in. The only thing that we need to do right now is to get the slab engraved with the names that we are going to put up there. Then we are going to have the dedication on Memorial Day for our one Colletonian who has given his life in Afghanistan for his country. So, hope you can all make it, it's going to be a good ceremony.

The motion then passed with all members voting in favor, except Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports given.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Introduction of New Fire Captain, Wilson Murdaugh by Fire Chief Paul Seigler

City Manager Molinari then recognized Fire Chief Paul Seigler to introduce the new Fire Captain, Wilson Murdaugh. Fire Chief Seigler gave a few highlights on Mr. Murdaugh. He said that Mr. Wilson Murdaugh is:

- a. Very goal oriented.
- b. Paid his own way to go through the Fire Academy for eight weeks, so that tells you something about him.
- c. He had a house built from the ground up.
- d. Is a member of the National Guard for 6 years, serving his country.
- e. Was hired by the City of Walterboro Public Safety in 2014, when he graduated from the Police Academy.
- f. He is also a certified Fire Instructor, which means he can teach classes for us in-house, and anywhere in the State of South Carolina, if asked to do so.

Concluding, Fire Chief Seigler said that Mr. Murdaugh is one of the great guys who is interested in the future of the City Fire Department, and we are real proud of him. He then introduced the City's new Fire Captain, Mr. Wilson Murdaugh.

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The Mayor then congratulated Mr. Murdaugh.

2. Consideration of Adoption of Updated City of Walterboro Personnel Administrative Guidelines

City Manager Molinari reported that the City's Personnel Administrative Manual had not been updated since 2012. He stated that the City's insurance carrier (SCMIT/SCMIRF) is requiring that the personnel manual be updated. He reminded Council that a copy of this manual had been distributed with the agenda packet and he would be happy to answer any questions. Mr. Molinari then said that staff recommends adoption of the Revised Personnel Administrative Guidelines. He stated that if Council is comfortable with these changes, then the current guidelines would need to be revoked and the new guidelines adopted.

A motion was made by Council Member Bridge to rescind the current Walterboro Personnel Manual and accept the new one as proposed by the City Manager to take effect immediately. Council Member Brown seconded the motion that passed with all members voting in favor, except Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

3. Consideration of Approval of Task Order from Hybrid Engineering, Inc. for Engineering Services for Mable T. Willis Boulevard Well

City Manager Molinari stated that earlier this year, City Council selected Hybrid Engineering as our engineer for future water and sewer projects. As you are aware, the City was awarded a \$1,000,000 grant from the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority for the construction of a new well on Mable T. Willis Boulevard. He stated that Hybrid Engineering had submitted a proposal for design and engineering services for this well in the amount of \$99,992, and that the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Enterprise Budget allocated \$100,000 for this expenditure. City staff asks for Council's favorable consideration of this request.

A motion was made by Council Member Siegel to approve the task order from Hybrid Engineering for engineering services for the new well on Mable T. Willis Boulevard. Council Member Bridge seconded the motion that passed with all members voting in favor. Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

4. Lowcountry Regional Cleanup - Monday, April 22, 2019

Next, the City Manager announced that he was contacted by the County Administrator a few weeks ago inquiring about the City's interest in participating in the Lowcountry Regional Cleanup on Monday, April 22, 2019, which is also "Earth Day". This will be the first year that Colleton County has participated. Beaufort, Hampton and Jasper Counties are participated the last few years. Mr. Molinari stated that he has already spoke to staff members about it, and we will have about 25-30 volunteers who are interested in serving. In talking with the County, we are looking at having a couple of shifts to do the work - one morning shift, and one afternoon shift, with the County proving a lunch for all the participants at the Museum and Farmer's Market.

Concluding, Mr. Molinari said there is no added pressure, but I know that your colleagues on County Council are all participating, and we would certainly welcome you to join us. This is the first year that Colleton County has participated, and it has been a learning process, but I think it's going to be a positive event and will have a real impact on our community, especially the week of the Rice Festival.

Council Member Pryor asked if there were any particular area the cleanup will concentrate on? Mr. Molinari responded yes, in fact, we are primarily looking at the

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entryways in the City. In fact, Mr. Dana Cheney, who is here this evening, e-mailed me a recommended list of streets to target. So, we will be taking a look at that and coordinating the available personnel that we have.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Mayor then entertained a motion to enter into an Executive Session. Council Member Pryor then MOVED to enter Executive Session, and Council Member Bridge seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

The Mayor announced that the meeting will convene into an Executive Session for consideration of the following items:

1. Contractual Matters:
 - a. Electric Franchise Agreement.
 - b. I-95 Business Loop Project Phase 1B/1E.
2. Receipt of Legal Advice - News Article.
3. Personnel Matter - Appointment to Historic Preservation Commission.

The Mayor announced that Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session when we come back into Open Session. The meeting then entered into an Executive Session.

A motion was made by Council Member Bonds to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. Council Member Pryor seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

The meeting returned to Open Session, and a motion was made by Council Member Bridge to appoint Ms. Molly Watkins to the Historic Preservation Commission to fill the vacancy left by Linda Godley for a term ending January 2021. Council Member Pryor seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried, except Council Member Broderick was absent and did not vote.

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 7:44 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