

Walterboro City Council

City Hall

February 8, 2022

Minutes

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday February 8, 2022, at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

Present: Joined in the meeting were: Mayor Bill Young, Councilmembers: Carl Brown, Judy Bridge, Paul Siegel, James Broderick, and Ladson Fishburne. City Manager Jeff Molinari, City Clerk Adrienne Nettles, Attorney Brown McLeod, Vicki Brown with the Press and Standard, Kimberly Mullinax from Lowcountry Council of Governments, Kathy Maness from Lexington City Council, and Al Lewis with Walterboro Police Department. Councilmember Greg Pryor was not in attendance.

Call To Order:

With the above-mentioned Councilmembers present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order, and invited everyone to join in as he gave the invocation. Councilmember Broderick led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Public Input on Agenda Items:

There was no public input on agenda items.

Public Hearing:

The CDBG Needs Assessment Hearing was presented by Kimberly Mullinax from the Lowcountry Council of Governments. Ms. Mullinax went through each section and gave a detailed explanation of each section. Mayor Young stated that Lowcountry Council of Governments has been very helpful to the city. We appreciate all your efforts.

Mayor Young stated before we move on, I wanted to congratulate councilmember Judy Bridge on becoming a Board member of the Municipal Association of South Carolina at our winter meeting. Also on February 17, 2022, will be our City Manager Jeff Molinari's 8th anniversary with the City of Walterboro. Mayor Young stated that we are glad to have you.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilmember Bridge, seconded by Councilmember Broderick, the following minutes were unanimously approved:

1. Regular Meeting- August 3, 2021
2. Regular Meeting- October 5, 2021
3. Regular Meeting- November 9, 2021
4. Regular Meeting- December 7, 2021

New Business:

1. Nomination of Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Young stated that they would be nominating a Mayor Pro Tem, he stated that the floor is open for nominations. Councilmember Broderick, I make the motion that we nominate Councilmember Paul Siegel as Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded: Councilmember Brown.
Discussion: None.
Carried: All ayes.

2. Council Internal/External Committee Appointments.

Mayor Young appointed Councilmember James Broderick to the Airport Commission and Finance Committee. The Mayor serves on the Airport Commission by statue. Mayor Young stated that he has another appointment to make to the Airport Commission but is not ready at the time and will revisit later. The Budget Committee is Councilmember Judy Bridge - Chairman, Councilmember Carl Brown, and Councilmember Paul Siegel. The Fire Insurance Board of Trustees is Councilmember Carl Brown. And Councilmember Greg Pryor on the Lowcountry Council of Governments Board.

City Appearance Board (Keep Walterboro Beautiful), Councilmember Ladson Fishburne. North Lemacks Street Revitalization Committee, Councilmember Paul Siegel. Mayor Young stated that he was not sure if that was still in effect. Also, the Mayor serves as Chairman of the Tourism Commission. Mayor Young thanked everyone for serving on those committees.

3. Request to close streets for the Annual Walterboro Criterium to be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, from the Criterium Committee.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated, Mr. Mayor and members of City Council we have a request from the Walterboro Criterium to close streets and use the City parking lot for the Criterium to be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. The staff asks council for their favorable consideration.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Seconded: Councilmember Fishburne.
Discussion: None.
Carries: All ayes.

City Manager Report:

1. I-95 Business Loop Project Phase 2- Change order # 1

Mr. Mayor and members of City Council, the City of Walterboro is responsible for all utility for Phase 2 of the I-95 Business Loop project. You have a change order in your agenda to review. We have discussed this change previously. This is for utility relocations along North Jefferies Blvd. The total amount of \$121,854.21 will be paid from net position in the Enterprise Fund. City staff asks for Council's favorable consideration of this request.

Motion: Councilmember Siegel: Seconded; Councilmember Broderick
Discussion: None
Carried: All ayes

2. 2022 Goals and Objectives

Mr. Mayor and members of City Council on January 14, 2022, City Council and staff had their annual retreat that was facilitated by Bill Tomes and Ali Titus. I am going to read through the summary of goals and objectives that City Council has outlined.

Expand Water and Sewer

1. Explore additional sources of funding for Exit 57 new trunk line (ongoing)
2. Complete the permitting process for the WWTP expansion and begin construction by July 1, 2022.
3. Seek funding for sewer expansion in northwest Walterboro (ongoing).

4. Continue and accelerate the replacement and rehabilitation of again water and sewer infrastructure (ongoing).

Improve Overall Appearance of City

1. Complete a redevelopment plan for South Jeffries corridor by June 30, 2022.
2. I-95 Business Loop project phase 2, including Gateway signage and landscaping, completed by June 30, 2022.
3. Formalize and monitor the system for reporting and controlling litter through the City Improvement Committee by June 30, 2022.
 - Contact potential contractor for cleanup.
4. Complete a plan for using American Rescue Act Funds by June 30, 2022.
5. Formalize plan for redevelopment of downtown by December 2022.
 - Develop actionable steps for redevelopment.
 - Create subzones that define use.
 - Plan should include buildings for city to purchase.
6. Formalize the Ireland Creek master plan and seek funding- Master plan by December 31, 2022; funding is ongoing effort.
7. Work with legislative delegation to establish representation on CTC by June 2022.

Flooding And Stormwater Management

1. Create flood prone property inventory throughout the city by December 32, 2022.

Growth Management

1. Do cost-benefit analysis on annexing neighborhoods by June 30, 2022.
2. Work with citizens in donut holes, including a marketing plan, on annexation (ongoing)
 - Generate a list of residents living in donut holes and disseminate to council by June 2022.
3. Implement zoning for growth management by June 30, 2022.

If Council is comfortable with these goals and objectives, we would like to ask Council for their favorable consideration.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; seconded: Councilmember Bridge
Discussion: None
Carried: All ayes

Councilmember Brown stated, he would like to compliment City Manager Jeff and administration for a good, strong retreat.

Mr. Mayor and members of City Council we had several Board and Commission members whose terms expired in January. I am going to go through the list of the different Boards and Commissions and if City Council is comfortable, I ask for the reappointment of these individuals. There are a couple of Board and Commission members we have not heard from. Adrienne will continue to reach out to these members. We will probably have a couple reappointments to bring back to City Council in March. The following board

and commission members have indicated that they would like to continue to serve their respective boards and commissions:

Accommodations Tax Committee

Alta Mae Marvin (3-year term expiring January 1, 2025)

Christie Slocum (3-year term expiring January 1, 2025)

Michelle Strickland (3-year term expiring January 1, 2025)

Historic Preservation Commission

Sherry Cawley (2-year term expiring January 1, 2024)

Municipal Planning Commission

Chris Bickley (3-year term expiring January 1, 2025)

Tree Protection Committee

Calvin Bailey (2-year term expiring January 1, 2024)

Mitzi Carter (2-year term expiring January 1, 2024)

Sue Tilden (2-year term expiring January 1, 2024)

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; seconded: Councilmember Broderick

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Receipt of Legal Advice- Capital Project Sales Tax.

2. Contractual Matter:

a. Potential Purchase of Property-114 North Walter Street/0 Hampton Street

b. I-95 Business Loop Project Phase 2.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Broderick. Mayor Young explained that City Council would be going into Executive Session to receive legal advice on the Capital Project Sales Tax and to discuss contractual matters: Potential Purchase of Property – 114 North Walter Street/0 Hampton Street and the I-95 Business Loop Project Phase 2.

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Councilmember Broderick, seconded by Councilmember Fishburne.

A motion to approve the purchase of the Rizer properties at 114 North Walter Street in the amount of \$375,000 plus closing costs to be paid from ARPA funds.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; seconded by: Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

A motion to approve change orders #4 and #5 from Wildwood Contractors in the amount of \$102,068.50.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; seconded by: Councilmember Brown

Discussion: None

Carries: All ayes

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Broderick, seconded by Councilmember Bridge, and passed unanimously. Mayor Young adjourned the meeting at 7:26 P.M. Notice of this meeting were distributed with the agenda packets, to all local media, posted on City Hall bulletin boards and on the City's website at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully,



Adrienne Nettles
City Clerk