



**WALTERBORO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2024
CITY HALL
6:15 P.M.**

AGENDA

I. Call to Order:

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Public Input on Agenda Items:

III. Public Hearings:

1. **Ordinance # 2024-15**, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (Second and Final Reading).

IV. Presentations:

1. 2023-2024 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report – The Baird Audit Group, LLC – Ms. Bayi Pognon.

V. Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting – November 5, 2024

VI. Old Business:

1. **Ordinance # 2024-15**, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (Second and Final Reading).

VII. New Business:

1. **Ordinance # 2024-16**, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND ESTABLISHING AN FAÇADE GRANT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT AREA OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (Introduction and First Reading).

2. **Ordinance # 2024-17**, 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 DESIGNATED AS TMS # 147-14-00-088 FROM HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (HCD) TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MDR).
3. A PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE DECEMBER 6, 2024, AS ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF WALTERBORO (Attached).
4. Consideration of a parade request from Herman Bright – Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade, January 19, 2025, at 2:30 PM (Parade request attached).
5. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Calendar (Attached).

VIII. City Manager’s Report:

IX. Executive Session:

1. Contractual Matters:
 - a. Walterboro Wildlife Center.
 - b. Downtown Beautification.
 - c. EV Charging Stations.
2. Provision of services to encourage location or expansion of industries or other businesses served by the City of Walterboro.
3. Provision of incentives to encourage downtown redevelopment
4. Receipt of legal advice – security matters.

X. Open Session:

1. Council May Take Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session.

XI. Adjournment

ORDINANCE #2024-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA, AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2021, City Council adopted Resolution 2021-R-16 designating an authorized representative and contact person for the purposes of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2021, the City received the first tranche of funding from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) totaling \$1,350,650.66. On October 14, 2022, the City received the second tranche of funding totaling \$1,350,650.66. Total allocation from the State of South Carolina as appropriated by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was \$2,701,301.32; and

WHEREAS, expenditures of SLFRF funds are required to be approved by City Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN COUNCIL, ASSEMBLED, that the following SLFRF funds, in addition to the approved expenditures included in Ordinance 2022-07 in the amount of **\$811,326.04**, 2023-04 in the amount of **\$106,136.00** and 2024-06 in the amount of **\$327,087.00** are to be obligated as follows:

10. Beaver Lift Station Demolition \$36,830.57
11. Crime Prevention/Security Cameras \$46,500.00
12. Bells Hwy Water line repair \$245,622.09
13. Wellstone Force Main Relocation \$58,000.00
14. Boardwalk Replacement Project Phase II \$999,000.00
15. Mission Serve 2025 and 2026 \$10,000.00
16. Water Tower Park/Washington Street Plaza \$60,799.62

WHEREAS, with these expenditures, there will be no remaining SLFRF funds for future expenditures.

This ordinance shall be effective immediately.

DONE, this 3rd day of December, 2024.

William T. Young, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Adrienne Nettles
City Clerk

First Reading: November 5, 2024
Public Hearing: December 3, 2024
Second Reading: December 3, 2024

Walterboro City Council Regular Meeting

City Hall

November 5, 2024

Minutes

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 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, Greg Pryor, and Ladson Fishburne, City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Ryan McLeod, City Attorney Brown McLeod, and City Clerk Adrienne Nettles, Parks Director Jonathan Burroughs, Utilities Director Wayne Crosby, Finance Director Amy Risher, and Main Street Manager/Tourism Director Patricia Utsey.

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 Pryor led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Public Input on Agenda Items:

There was no public input on agenda items.

Public Hearings:

1. **Ordinance # 2024-10**, 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 DESIGNAED AS TMS # 164-05-00-283 FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SFR) TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MDR) (Second and Final Reading).

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet a proposed rezoning. The property located on Savage Street is currently zoned Single Family Residential. The Planning Commission reviewed it and is recommending a rezoning classification to Medium Density Residential. That is more consistent with the use of the property which is currently a duplex. That is the reason for the recommended change to the zoning map.

2. **Ordinance # 2024-11**, AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO TITLE 5, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 5-3-150, SUBSECTION 3 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, TO ANNEX AN AREA KNOWN AS TMS # 147-15-00-010 INTO THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Second and Final Reading).

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council we have four separate annexations. In between 1st reading and 2nd reading the Planning Commission has reviewed the zoning for all the parcels and has made zoning recommendations. The first ordinance pertains to a parcel located on North Jefferies Blvd. The Planning Commission is recommending a zoning classification of Highway Commercial District, which is consistent with the surrounding properties.

3. **Ordinance # 2024-12**, AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO TITLE 5, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 5-3-150, SUBSECTION 3 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, TO ANNEX AN AREA KNOWN AS TMS # 178-00-00-071 INTO THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Second and Final Reading).

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet an ordinance and annexation petition for a property located out at Exit 53. The Planning Commission is recommending a zoning classification of Interstate Interchange Commercial District (IICD). This is consistent with the surrounding properties.

4. **Ordinance # 2024-13**, AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO TITLE 5, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 5-3-150, SUBSECTION 3 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, TO ANNEX AN AREA KNOWN AS TMS # 178-00-00-072 INTO THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Second and Final Reading).

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet an ordinance, map, and petition which is for another parcel out at Exit 53. The Planning Commission is recommending a zoning classification of Interstate Interchange Commercial District (IICD).

5. **Ordinance # 2024-14**, AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO TITLE 5, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 5-3-150, SUBSECTION 3 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, TO ANNEX AN AREA KNOWN AS TMS #'s 147-00-00-028, 163-03-00-017, 163-03-00-018, and 163-03-00-020 INTO THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Second and Final Reading).

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council this is an annexation ordinance that pertains to four separate parcels. You have in your agenda packet a map with these four parcels. The Planning Commission is recommending a zoning classification of Single Family Residential (SFR) for all four parcels.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilmember Broderick, Seconded by Councilmember Brown, the following minutes were unanimously approved.

1. Regular Meeting – October 1, 2024

Old Business:

1. **Ordinance # 2024-10**, 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 DESIGNATED AS TMS # 164-05-00-283 FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SFR) TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MDR) (Second and Final Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: None

Carries: All ayes

2. **Ordinance # 2024-11**, AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO TITLE 5, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 5-3-150, SUBSECTION 3 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, TO

ANNEX AN AREA KNOWN AS TMS # 147-15-00-010 INTO THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Second and Final Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Bridger; Seconded by Councilmember Brown

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

3. **Ordinance # 2024-12**, AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO TITLE 5, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 5-3-150, SUBSECTION 3 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, TO ANNEX AN AREA KNOWN AS TMS # 178-00-00-071 INTO THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Second and Final Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Siegel; Seconded by Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

4. **Ordinance # 2024-13**, AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO TITLE 5, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 5-3-150, SUBSECTION 3 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, TO ANNEX AN AREA KNOWN AS TMS # 178-00-00-072 INTO THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Second and Final Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Pryor; Seconded by Councilmember Broderick

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

5. **Ordinance # 2024-14**, AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO TITLE 5, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 5-3-150, SUBSECTION 3 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, TO ANNEX AN AREA KNOWN AS TMS #'s 147-00-00-028, 163-03-00-017, 163-03-00-018, and 163-03-00-020 INTO THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Second and Final Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

New Business:

1. **Ordinance #2024-15**, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (Introduction and First Reading).

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet an ordinance that will allocate the remainder of the funds that we received through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. As Council is aware we received a little over \$2.7 million. We are recommending the following allocation of these funds to close out the remainder of the funding. These funds have to be spent by December 31, 2026. The following are the list of funding recommendations:

1. Old Rizer Ford/Pinckney Park Storage Building Air Monitoring \$ 8,446.00
2. Beaver Lift Station Demolition \$ 36,831.00
3. Crime Prevention/Security Cameras \$46,500.00
4. Bells Highway Water line repair \$250,000.00
5. Wellstone Force Main Relocation \$58,000.00
6. Boardwalk Replacement Project Phase II \$999,000.00
7. Mission Serve 2025 and 2026 \$10,000.00
8. Water Tower Park/ Washington Street Plaza \$47,975.28

Councilmember Broderick asked you have in here \$250,000 and the water main is going to be \$219,000. Is that going to be adjusted?

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated we will make an adjustment for second and final reading. There is also another variable here. With the issues we had with the water line on Bells Highway it was a direct result of Hurricane Helene. Amy has been working with FEMA and there is a chance that FEMA may pick up 75% of that repair. We should know that exact number by second reading and that will be reflected in the ordinance.

Councilmember Brown asked what is the air monitoring? We finished that, correct?

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated yes, we have. That was an additional cost on top of the demolition that we had to absorb.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Seconded by Councilmember Broderick

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

2. Resolution # 2024-R-08, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FINANCING TERMS WITH SOUTH STATE BANK, N.A. TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 FREIGHTLINER RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE TRUCK.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet a memo from the Finance Director, Amy Risher and a resolution. At the June Council meeting, City Council approved the purchase of a garbage truck in the amount of \$307,291.59. In October, the Finance Department solicited bids from seven (7) local financial institutions for financing of the garbage truck. We only received one (1) proposal from South State Bank. They have provided a five-year term at a 4.19% interest rate. We recommend approval of the resolution to purchase the equipment.

Councilmember Pryor asked will this update the fleet?

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated that we try to purchase a new garbage truck once every 5 years. The purchase of this truck will put us in good shape.

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Seconded by Councilmember Broderick

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

Councilmember Carl Brown recused himself from the vote due to being on the Loan Board at South State Bank.

3. A Proclamation to declare November 12, 2024, as World Pancreatic Cancer Day.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Seconded by Councilmember Fishburne

Discussion: None

Carries: All ayes

4. Consideration of a request to close streets for the Annual Christmas Parade to be held Sunday, December 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet a letter requesting the closures of the streets for the Annual Christmas Parade. It will be held on Sunday December 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM. We will be using the traditional downtown parade route.

Motion: Councilmember Fishburne; Seconded by Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

5. Election of Councilmember James Broderick as Voting Delegate at the 2024 National League of Cities City Summit.

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Seconded by Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

City Manager's Report

1. Consideration of a request to purchase a new pickup truck for the Utilities Department.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet a memo and supporting documentation from Utilities Director Wayne Crosby, to purchase a new pickup truck. The 2024/2025 Utilities Department budget allocated \$52,000 for the purchase of a new truck. We received two (2) bids, and the third bid was a no bid. Staff is recommending the purchase of a 2025 Ford F-150 Crew Cab from Walterboro Ford, in the amount of \$55,718. This is a little over budget, but the Utilities Department will absorb the \$3,718 shortfall. In addition, earlier this fiscal year we purchased another piece of equipment, and it was under budget. We are in good shape with the purchase of both pieces of equipment. We ask for Council's favorable consideration of this purchase.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Seconded by Councilmember Broderick

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

2. Consideration of a request to approve the Bells Highway Water Main Emergency Repair.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in front of you a memo from our Utilities Director, Wayne Crosby. At the October City Council meeting, we had an item under the City Manager's report for the Emergency Repair on Bells Highway. We had a bid opening earlier that day, and our Utilities Director Wayne Crosby was not happy with the bids that we received. Our

engineer had estimated that the project would cost a little over \$270,000. The bids that we received were in the range of \$321,390 to \$719,000. After discussing it we came up with the idea for Wayne to act as the project manager and coordinate with different subcontractors. As a result, the new cost of the project is \$219,669.23. We are working with FEMA, so hopefully we can get a reimbursement from them to defray some of the cost. This was an essential repair that we had no choice but to make as quickly as possible. One of the structures that is served by this waterline is Bells Elementary School. We ask for Council's favorable consideration.

Motion: Councilmember Pryor; Seconded by Councilmember Broderick

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

3. Consideration of funding recommendations from the Accommodation Tax Advisory Committee.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet a memo from the A-TAX Committee. The A-TAX Committee met on October 31, 2024, and made the following funding recommendations:

-SC Artisans Cetner – Marketing partnership & promos: Approved \$24,000.

-Lowcountry African American Cultural Arts Festival: Approved \$ 5,000.

-Colleton County Rice Festival: Approved \$21,000.

Should these request be approved as submitted, the projected remaining balance for the 2024-2025 fiscal year will be approximately \$265,930. The remaining funds will be up for consideration at the next meeting in February 2025. Therefore. The A-TAX Committee respectfully requests Council's approval of these items.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

4. Consideration of bids for the I-95 Business Loop Landscaping.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet a memo and supporting documentation from our Parks Director Jonathan Burroughs. This is for the maintenance of the I-95 Business Loop and I-95 Interchanges at Exits 53 and 57. The FY 2024/2025 Parks Department budget allocated \$65,000 for the landscaping of these areas. The Parks Department received seven (7) bids. Staff is recommending awarding the contract to Palmetto Landscaping out of Summerville, SC in the amount of \$63,382. This is under budget. We are recommending the third lowest bid. Our Parks Director will give an explanation on the selection.

Parks Director Jonathan Burroughs stated the two lowest bids that we received were not qualified. Galloway Enterprises, which was the lowest bid, is more of a property management company with 50% only being landscaping. Same thing goes for Lowcountry Sod Pros, they are more of a hardscape company. I am requesting that we award the contract to Palmetto Landscaping. This company holds the current contract and has the most experience with landscaping city-owned properties. While they are not the lowest bid, I feel that their quality of work, dedication to service, and readiness to complete the job makes up for the

difference in price. The bid from Palmetto Landscaping still falls within the allotted budget. I ask for Councils favorable consideration.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by Councilmember Fishburne

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

A motion was made to go into Executive Session by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Fishburne. Mayor Young explained that City Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss Provision of incentives to encourage downtown redevelopment and Personnel Matter: Appointment to the Planning Commission.

Executive Session:

1. Provision of incentives to encourage downtown redevelopment.
2. Personnel Matter: Appointment to Planning Commission.

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Councilmember Siegel, seconded by Councilmember Bridge, all in favor motion carries.

A motion to accept the resignation of Glenn Nixon from the Planning Commission and Sharon Courtney from the Keep Walterboro Beautiful Board and to appoint Sharon Courtney to the Planning Commission to fill Glenn Nixon's unexpired term.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Bridge, seconded by Councilmember Pryor, and passed unanimously. Mayor Young adjourned the meeting at 7:07 P.M. Notice of the meeting was distributed with the agenda packets, to all local media, posted on City Hall bulletin board and posted on the City's website at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully,

Adrienne Nettles
City Clerk

ORDINANCE # 2024-16

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND ESTABLISHING AN FAÇADE GRANT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT AREA OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Walterboro, South Carolina (the “*City*”) is a municipal corporation under the laws of the State of South Carolina (the “*State*”).

WHEREAS, the City is duly empowered to enact ordinances, not inconsistent with the laws or Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended, exercising its powers related to the expenditure of public funds for public purposes and those other powers incident to, and necessary for the accomplishment of, the City’s express authorization to levy certain taxes and fees.

WHEREAS, City Council of the City of Walterboro, the governing body of the City (the “*Council*”), has, previously adopted Ordinance No. 2020-14 entitled “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN THE INCENTIVE AREA OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO” dated December 1, 2020 (the “*Incentive Ordinance*”).

WHEREAS, the Incentive Ordinance has resulted in investments being made within the City, and the Council seeks additional ways to encourage redevelopment and improvements in the City’s historic district.

WHEREAS, many commercial areas in the City’s historic area show visible deterioration, and property owners often lack resources for necessary repairs. Enhancing facades would boost visual appeal, attract new businesses, increase foot traffic, and preserve historic architecture, which aligns with the Council’s expressed interest in revitalization in such area.

WHEREAS, the Council seeks to supplement the Incentive Ordinance and create more economic development tools by implementing its Façade Improvement Grant program (the “*FIG Program*” or the “*Façade Improvement Grant Program*”), wherein the City will provide reimbursable grants to help offset the costs of exterior renovation and preservation of commercial buildings in the City’s historic district.

WHEREAS, the Council is mindful of and has considered the requirements of *Nichols v. South Carolina Research Authority*, 290 S.C. 415, 351 S.E.2d 155 (1986) and *WDW Properties v. City of Sumter*, 342 S.C. 6, 535 S.E.2d 631 (2000) (the “*Byrd Test*”), wherein the public purpose of the municipal incentives is determined by the following four-part test: (1) what is the ultimate goal or benefit to the public intended by the project; (2) are public parties or private parties the primary beneficiaries; (3) is the benefit to the public speculative; and (4) what is the probability that public interest shall be served and to what degree.

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that: (i) commercial businesses are vital to the successful operations of the City and benefit the general public welfare of the City by providing services, employment, renewed tax base, or other public benefits; (ii) revitalization, redevelopment, new investment and preservation of historic resources within the City is a significant priority and public purpose; (iii) the purposes to be accomplished by providing façade grants are proper governmental and public purposes; (iv) the criteria to be eligible for a façade grant, including being limited to reimbursements, reduce the speculative nature of the grants; and (v) the inducement of new investment by qualifying entities within the City is of paramount importance and the benefits provided by the façade grants are greater than the costs incurred by the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BEING DULY ASSEMBLED, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO THAT:

Section 1. There is hereby enacted by the City, for the purposes discussed above, the Façade Improvement Grant Program, which shall be implemented and administered in accordance with policies and procedures set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto, the terms of which are expressly incorporated herein. Amendments, modifications and clarifications to the FIG Program or succeeding amendments, modifications or clarifications to the program shall become effective if approved and enacted by the City. Prior to such effective date, the version of the FIG Program enacted by the terms hereof shall remain in full force and effect. However, and notwithstanding the foregoing, funding for the FIG Program shall be applied and appropriated each year by the Council acting through its budget ordinance or other appropriation ordinance. Implementation of FIG Program in future fiscal year years shall be exclusively controlled, and subject to funding, by Council.

Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this the FIG Program or this Ordinance is, for any reason, held or determined to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Nothing in this Ordinance hereby enacted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause of causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its enactment by the Council.

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DONE AND ORDAINED IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, this __ day of January 2025.

CITYOF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____
William T .Young, Jr., Mayor

(SEAL)

Attest:

By: _____
City Clerk, City of Walterboro,
South Carolina

First Reading: _____, 2024
Second Reading: _____, 2024

EXHIBIT A

City of Waltherboro – Façade Improvement Grant Program

ORDINANCE # 2024-17

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 DESIGNATED AS TMS # 147-14-00-088. FROM HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (HCD) TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MDR).

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Walterboro conducted a public hearing on November 19, 2024, to consider a change in zoning classification from Highway Commercial District (HCD) to Medium Density Residential (MDR) for the above mentioned property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said meeting, the Planning Commission has recommended that the zoning classification of the property aforesaid be changed to Medium Density Residential (MDR).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED and ordered by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina, that the Zoning Map of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina is hereby amended by changing the Zoning District classification of the property located on Peachtree Road, designated as tax map number 147-14-00-088, from Highway Commercial District (HCD) to Medium Density Residential (MDR) as shown on the attached map.

DONE, this _____ day of January, 2025.

William T. Young, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Adrienne Nettles
City Clerk

First Reading: _____

Public Hearing: _____

Second Reading: _____



MEMORANDUM

To: Jeffrey P. Molinari
City Manager

From: Jonathan A. Burroughs
Parks Director

Date: November 14th, 2024

Subject: SC Arbor Day 2024

The City of Walterboro has held the distinction of being named a “Tree City USA” through the Arbor Day Foundation since 2020.

The first Arbor Day was celebrated on April 10th, 1872, in the state of Nebraska where an estimated one million trees were planted. Variations of Arbor Day are now celebrated across the entire globe and customarily involve the planting of trees.

Since 2020, the City of Walterboro has traditionally celebrated Arbor Day by planting trees in various public spaces throughout the city. These efforts were made possible with help from the City of Walterboro Parks Department and members of the City of Walterboro’s Tree Protection Committee.

*To support our ongoing involvement with this distinction, I am proposing that we adopt **December 6th, 2024**, as Arbor Day. This date, the 1st Friday of December, falls in line with the date traditionally observed in the State of South Carolina as Arbor Day.*



*** OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION ***

WHEREAS in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees, *and*

WHEREAS this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, *and*

WHEREAS Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, *and*

WHEREAS trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife, *and*

WHEREAS trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, *and*

WHEREAS trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, *and*

WHEREAS trees wherever they are planted are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Young, Mayor of the City of Walterboro, do hereby proclaim December 6, 2024 as ARBOR DAY. In the City of Walterboro, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, *and*

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

DATED THIS 6th day of December, 2024

Mayor _____



CITY OF WALTERBORO
PARADE/PROCESSION PERMIT REQUEST

(PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION REQUESTED)

Application Date: 10-31-24

1. Person submitting application: Herman G. Bright
Address: 538 St. Peters Rd. Walterboro, SC 29488
Telephone: 843-217-5000

2. Name of Organization: Walterboro Shrine Club of Arabian Temple #139
Chairperson/President: Cornelius Shepherd
Address: 111 Tomuco Lane, Summerville, SC 29483
Telephone: 843-530-6798

3. Parade Chairman: Herman G. Bright
Address: 538 St. Peters Rd., Walterboro, SC 29488
Telephone: 843-217-5000

4. Date/Time of Parade: 1-19-2025 Time: 2:30

5. Parade Route requested (Attach Sketch)

6. Number of Vehicles/Floats: 100 Number of Animals: none

7. Portion (width) of street parade will occupy: Full width of street

8. Additional Information (Upon Request): _____

Herman G. Bright
Signature/Parade Chairman

Cornelius C. Shepherd
Signature/Organization Chairperson

_____ Approval

_____ Disapproval

Chief of Police

City Manager

NOTE: >>> Call Police Department (843-782-1032) to confirm Parade/Procession Route three days prior to parade.

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET CALENDAR

ACTIVITY	DATE
BUDGET CALENDAR PRESENTED TO COUNCIL (CITY MANAGER)	DECEMBER 3, 2024
BUDGET MEMORANDUM, CALENDAR AND FORMS DISTRIBUTED TO DEPARTMENT HEADS (<u>FINANCE DEPARTMENT</u>)	JANUARY 2, 2025
FY 2024-2025 YEAR END REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PROJECTIONS PREPARED (<u>FINANCE DEPARTMENT</u>)	JANUARY 27 – 31, 2024
FY 2025-2026 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST DUE	FEBRUARY 3, 2025
FY 2025-2026 DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURE REQUEST CONSOLIDATED AND ENTERED INTO MASTER BUDGET FILE (<u>FINANCE DEPARTMENT</u>)	FEB 3 – 7, 2025
FY 2025-2026 REVENUE PROJECTIONS PREPARED (<u>FINANCE DEPARTMENT</u>)	FEBRUARY 10 – 14, 2025
FY 2025-2026 DRAFT BUDGET REVIEWED (<u>MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT HEADS</u>)	FEB 17 – MAR 7, 2025
FY 2025-2026 REVENUE PROJECTIONS AND DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURE REQUESTS CONSOLIDATED (<u>FINANCE DEPARTMENT</u>)	MARCH 10 – 14, 2025
DEPARTMENT REQUEST REVIEWED FOR ACCURACY AND JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST (<u>MANAGER AND FINANCE DIRECTOR</u>)	MARCH 17 – 21, 2025
FY 2025-2026 DRAFT BUDGET PREPARED (<u>MANAGER AND FINANCE DIRECTOR</u>)	MARCH 24 – 28, 2025
FIRST DRAFT OF BUDGET DISTRIBUTED AND SUMMARIZED TO BUDGET COMMITTEE	APRIL 1, 2025
REVISED BUDGET DRAFT PREPARED BY STAFF	APRIL 2 – 11, 2025
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING	APRIL 22, 2025
BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT AND 1ST READING OF PROPOSED BUDGET	MAY 6, 2025
NOTICE FOR BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING PUBLISHED	MAY 15, 2025
FINAL 2025-2026 BUDGET PREPARED BY STAFF	MAY 7 – 30, 2025
FINAL BUDGET DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL	JUNE 3, 2025
PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING OF THE 2025-2026 BUDGET	JUNE 3, 2025