



**WALTERBORO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 4, 2025
CITY HALL
6:15 P.M.**

AGENDA

I. Call to Order:

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Public Input on Agenda Items:

III. Presentations:

1. Barrett Ulm – Neighborhood Concerns.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting – January 7, 2025
2. Special Called Meeting – January 27, 2025

V. New Business:

1. **Ordinance # 2025-02**, 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 # 147-00-00-100 INTO THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Introduction and First Reading).
2. **Ordinance # 2025-03**, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE III, SECTION 14-52 (b) (5), NUISANCES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Introduction and First Reading).
3. Consideration of a request from Coastal Empire CMHC to tie green ribbons on East Washington Street and for the use of the City Waterfall for Mental Health Awareness Month Kick-off, May 1, 2025, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Letter Attached).
4. Consideration of a request from the Colleton County Veterans Council for the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony to be held on Monday, May 26, 2025, at 9:00 AM at the Waterfall Plaza. (Letter Attached).

5. Consideration of a request from the Colleton County Rice Festival Committee for activities related to the 2025 Colleton County Rice Festival scheduled for April 21-27, 2025 (Letter Attached).
6. Consideration of a request from B.I.R.T.H. to hold a 5k walk in downtown Walterboro on Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 8:00-11:00 AM (Route Attached).

VI. City Manager's Report:

1. Consideration of funding recommendations from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee (Memo Attached).
2. Board and Commission Reappointments (Memo Attached).
3. 2025 CDBG Prioritization (Memo Attached).

VII. Executive Session:

1. The provision of water and sewer service encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses served by the public body.
2. Personnel Matter: Appointment to the Building Board.

VIII. Open Session:

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

IX. Adjournment

Walterboro City Council

Regular Meeting

City Hall

January 7, 2025

Minutes

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

Present: Joined in the meeting were: Mayor Bill Young. Councilmembers, Judy Bridge, Paul Siegel, James Broderick, Greg Pryor, and Ladson Fishburne. City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Ryan McLeod, City Clerk Adrienne Nettles, Tourism Director Patricia Utsey, Chief Wade Marvin, City Attorney Brown McLeod, members of the Walterboro Police Department, and members of the community. Councilmember Carl Brown 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 Paul Siegel 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 # 2024-16**, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND ESTABLISHING A FAÇADE GRANT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT AREA OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (Second and Final Reading).

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council this ordinance would establish a Façade Improvement Grant Program for the city beginning in the Historic District. We would allocate \$10,000 from the City's Economic Development Corporation. In the beginning we would keep it very simple, the money would be used for signage, awnings, and canopies. The application would be capped up to \$1,500 and the grants would provide up to 50% reimbursement of the cost. Depending on what type of response we get, this funding for the program will be extended into the next fiscal year. We ask for Council's favorable consideration.

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 CLASSIFICATION OF ONE PARCEL OF LAND DESIGNATED AS TMS # 147-14-00-088 FROM HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (HCD) TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MDR) (Second and final reading).

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council we have a piece of property that fronts Peachtree Road that is currently zoned Highway Commercial District. The Planning Commission has reviewed this and made a recommendation to change the zoning to Medium Density Residential, which is more consistent with the future possible use of the property.

Presentations:

1. Blakely Williams and Westy Westmoreland, Dominion Energy – EV Charging Stations.
2. Dana Cheney, Keep Walterboro Beautiful – Christmas Contest Winners.
3. John “Barrett” Ulm – Neighborhood Concerns.
4. Juanita Harvey – Neighborhood Concerns.
5. Carol Black – Code Enforcement.

1. Blakely Williams and Westy Westmoreland, Dominion Energy - EV Charging Stations.

Mr. Westmoreland stated we are here today to talk about a new program that we are offering with EV Charging Stations. There are three different levels of charging. We do the level 2 charging. With the level 2 charging you get a 45-mile range per charge. With this new program that we are offering, we are trying to take the hassle out of you when it comes to charging. What we do is connect to a grid, we build the meter panels, and we put the charges on the network as paid per use. With this program we also take care of the operations and maintenance. The revenue is generated through the charging stations and that goes back to the city. The city would set the pricing for each charging station. I think the city would definitely benefit from the charging stations and it would bring more people into the downtown area.

2. Dana Cheney, Keep Walterboro Beautiful – Christmas Contest Winners

Mr. Cheney stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council we are here tonight to announce the winners of the Christmas Decorating Contest. My Chairman Crystal Herrington is going to read the names of the winners.

Mrs. Herrington stated the following are the winners of the contest:

- 1st place goes to 127 Chestnut Road.
- 2nd place goes to 129 Robert E. Lee Drive.
- 3rd place goes to 700 Hampton Street.

Mrs. Herrington stated we had a lot of participants this year and we had a lot of donations from our local businesses. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated.

3. John “Barrett” Ulm - Neighborhood Concerns

Mr. Ulm stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council thank you for allowing me to address you all tonight about the concerns I have. Gun violence is my biggest concern and all the shootings that are taking place in our town. It seems that more and more shootings are taking place, and nothing is being done about it. We, the citizens of this community would like something done about this. We do not feel safe. We are more than happy to help in any way possible to combat these issues. We just want to be heard and something to be done.

4. Juanita Harvey – Neighborhood Concerns

Ms. Harvey stated good afternoon I am not going to be speaking tonight. Ms. Helen Rigley and Ms. Carolyn Robinson will be speaking on our behalf. We would like to help you guys make our community safer.

Ms. Rigley stated because things are getting worse with the gun violence, and we are not being heard. We are very concerned about the growing violence in the neighborhoods. All I want is to feel heard and no one seems to want to listen to us. The lack of response has left us feeling abandoned and that our safety is not important. As city leaders we need you all to reclaim our neighborhoods and invest in our city to make it safe for everyone. We are not going to stop until the violence is under control.

Ms. Carolyn Robinson stated I am here to also speak about the gun violence that is taking place in our community. The gun violence is getting worse, and nothing is being done about it. I, along with my neighbors, do not feel safe anymore. This is an ongoing issue, and we need something done about it. All we are asking for is help with this serious issue that is taking place in our town.

Mayor Young stated we share your concerns, and we see what is going on. I called a meeting to discuss the many things you all spoke about tonight on December 4th. I met with Chief Wade Marvin, our City Manager Jeff Molinari, our Sheriff Buddy Hill, our Solicitor, Duffy Stone, Gene Johnson with the Sheriff Department and Kevin Martin with the Waltherboro Police Department. We talked about looking at the things we can control. There are so many things that are going on with these crimes. I wanted to get everyone together to see if there are more ordinances that we can pass and different ways that we can address things. The safety of the community is a priority of City Council. We are hoping that a bill gets introduced into the House this term that deals with gang violence. I can assure you that City Council is going to work harder to handle these issues.

4. Carol Black – Code Enforcement

Ms. Black stated I am here tonight to talk about code enforcement, as I have concerns about code enforcement in this town. There are ordinances that are very vague as to what can be done. To put a fence up you have to get a fence permit. That needs to be published because people do not know that. I had two contractors who had to deal with the Code Enforcement officer who is a Policeman. The Code Enforcement office will make you stop working if you do not have a permit. The fence permit is only \$5, no one is trying to cheat the city out of money. It is very off putting if this is your first experience with Waltherboro, and the Code Enforcement officer comes up to you and tells you to stop working. Also, in 2016 there were 35 photos of different fences that you could choose from that were most like the fence you would want to put up. As of 2022 there are only 13 fences to choose from. What I am doing looks like nothing I am trying to build. Thankfully Ryan McLeod helped me figure out what I could do that will not constitute a fence, so I do not have to have a permit or go through the Historical Preservation Commission if you live in the Historic District. Please try to do something to make this clear to people. A fence is nowhere defined in the city code or anywhere. I went through the City Commissions, and I focused on the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Planning Commission, the Tree Protection Committee, and the Historic Preservation Committee. Mr. Ulm is on the Tree Protection Committee. I grew up in the Historic District and I am not sure if people know that if you purchase a house in the Historic District, they must get permission from the Historic Preservation Commission to change the exterior of the house. All I am asking is that this information be published so everyone knows the rules.

Approval of Minutes:

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

1. Regular Meeting – December 7, 2024.

Old Business:

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

Motion: Councilmember Pryor; Seconded by Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

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 CLASSIFICATION OF ONE PARCEL OF LAND DESIGNATED AS TMS # 147-14-00-088 FROM HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (HCD) TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MDR) (Second and final reading).

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Seconded by Councilmember Broderick

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

New Business:

1. **Ordinance # 2025-01**, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATION FOR HISTORIC REHABILITATION; AND TO OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (Introduction and First Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

2. Consideration of a request from Clarence Wiggins to close North Walter Street from East Washington Street to Hampton Street from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 18, 2025, for the Annual NAACP Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at the Colleton County Courthouse.

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Seconded by Councilmember Fishburne

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

City Manager's Report:

1. Recognition of Walterboro Police Department and Walterboro Fire Department – Lance Corporal Robert Cook, Lance Corporal Jesse Moon, Lance Corporal Jamie Bloodworth, Patrolman William Stanley, Fire Captain Jeffrey Shuman and Driver/operator Gerald Fraser for the Ireland Creek Vehicle Submersion Rescue on December 16, 2024.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council we would like to recognize Lance Corporal Robert Cook, Lance Corporal Jesse Moon, Lance Corporal Jamie Bloodworth, Patrolman Stanley Williams, Fire Captain Jeffrey Shuman and Driver/Operator Gerald Fraser for the Ireland Creek vehicle Submersion Rescue. As City Council is aware on December 16, 2024, we had a vehicle that was submerged in Ireland Creek. Both departments acted courageously to rescue the gentleman in the vehicle. We would like to recognize them for their efforts.

Chief Wade Marvin stated that it is hard to express how much the Police and Fire Department do for us day to day, and this is a chance to thank them. Their day-to-day heroism is not thanked enough. Thank you all for what you all did that day.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session by Councilmember Pryor, seconded by Councilmember Broderick. Mayor Young explained that City Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss Contractual Matters: City Vehicles, Walterboro Wildlife Center, and Walterboro Welcome Center. As well as Personnel Matter: Appointment to Keep Walterboro Beautiful Board and Building Board.

Executive Session:

1. Contractual Matters:
 - a. City Vehicles
 - b. Walterboro Wildlife Center
 - c. Walterboro Welcome Center

2. Personnel Matter – Appointment to Keep Walterboro Beautiful Board and Building Board.

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

Open Session:

A motion to appoint Michelle Strader to the Keep Walterboro Beautiful Board to fill an unexpired 4-year term end January 1, 2027 and to appoint Daniel Rubenstein to the Building Board for a 4-year term ending

January 1, 2029, was made by Councilmember Broderick, seconded by Councilmember Pryor, all in favor motion carries.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Bridge, seconded by Councilmember Broderick, and passed unanimously. Mayor Young adjourned the meeting at 8:04 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 the meeting.

Respectfully,

Adrienne Nettles
City Clerk

Walterboro City Council

City Hall

Special Called Meeting

January 27, 2025

Minutes

A Special Called Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Monday, January 27, 2025, at 5:00 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

A motion to go into executive session was made by Councilmember Broderick, seconded by Councilmember Bridge. All in favor, motion carries. Mayor Young explained that City Council will be going into executive session to discuss Receipt of Legal Advice: Development of Security Personnel/Devices and Personnel Matter: Walterboro Strategic Plan for Economic Development – Project Advisory Committee (PAC)

Executive Session:

1. Receipt of Legal Advice: Development of Security Personnel/Devices.
2. Personnel Matter: Walterboro Strategic Plan for Economic Development – Project Advisory Committee (PAC).

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

Open Session:

A motion to approve a 12-Point Plan to address gun violence in the community was made by Councilmember Broderick, seconded by Councilmember Pryor, all in favor, motion carries.

A motion to appoint Mayor Bill Young, Jeff Molinari, Wayne Crosby, Patricia Utsey, Joshua Rowland, Sharon Witkin, Charlie Martin, Amelia White, and Maryann Blake to the Project Advisory Committee for the Walterboro Strategic Plan for Economic Development was made by Councilmember Bridge, seconded by Councilmember Brown, all in favor, motion carries.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Bridge, and passed unanimously. Mayor Young adjourned the meeting at 6:38 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 # 2025-02

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 KNOW AS TMS # 147-00-00-100 INTO THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

WHEREAS, a proper petition has been filed with the City of Walterboro Council by 100% of the freeholders owning 100% of the assessed value of the contiguous property hereinafter described petitioning for annexation of the property to the City of Walterboro under the provisions of SC Code Section 5-3-150(3); and

WHEREAS, it appears to Council that annexation would be in the best interest of the property owners and the City of Walterboro; and

The territory to be annexed is described as follows:

All that lot, piece, or parcel of land and the improvements on it, situated, lying, and being north of the town of Walterboro in Colleton County on the north side of S.C. Highway 64 Bypass (also known as Robertson Boulevard) east of its intersection with U.S. Highway 15 shown on "0.92 AC." on the May 4, 1988, plat by Thomas Gordon McLeod, R.L.S., entitled in part "Plat Prepared for Randy Peters...0.92 acre severed from Tax Map/Parcel#147-00-00-016...", "which is recorded in Plat Book 27 at Page 589 in the office of the R.M.C. of Colleton County. The property has the location, dimensions, and butts and bounds shown on the plat.

This being the same property conveyed to Randolph W. Peters by deed of John M. Tupper dated July 20, 2004, recorded July 20, 2004, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Colleton County in Deed Book 1067 at Page 223.

The property is designated as TMS# 147-00-00-100, 873 Robertson Blvd., Walterboro, SC 29488.

A map showing the property is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

It is requested that the property be zoned Highway Commercial District (HCD) upon review and recommendation by the Municipal Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina, this _____ day of _____, 2025 that the property herein described is hereby annexed to and becomes a part of the City of Walterboro effective _____, 2025.

William T. Young, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Adrienne Nettles
City Clerk

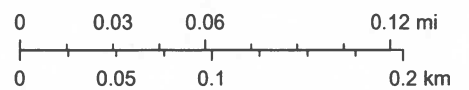
First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

TMS# 147-00-00-100 - 873 Robertson Blvd



1:4,514



— Road Centerlines

▨ City Boundaries

▭ Parcel Boundaries

Date: February 10, 2025

PETITION

TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO:

The undersigned, being 100 percent of the freeholders owning 100 percent of the assessed value of the property in the contiguous territory described below and shown on the attached plat or map, hereby petition for annexation of said territory to the City by ordinance effective as soon hereafter as possible, pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 5-3-150(3).

The territory to be annexed is described as follows: (Colleton County, SC Register of Deeds BK:RB: 1101, PG 92)

All that lot, piece, or parcel of land and the improvements on it, situated, lying, and being north of the town of Walterboro in Colleton County on the north side of S.C. Highway 64 Bypass (also known as Robertson Boulevard) east of its intersection with U.S. Highway 15 shown on "0.92 AC." on the May 4, 1988, plat by Thomas Gordon McLeod, R.L.S., entitled in part "Plat Prepared for Randy Peters...0.92 acre severed from Tax Map/Parcel#147-00-00-016...", "which is recorded in Plat Book 27 at Page 589 in the office of the R.M.C. of Colleton County. The property has the location, dimensions, and butts and bounds shown on the plat.

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Julius R Kra
Signature(s)

873 Robertson Blvd
Street Address, City WALTERBORO
SL 29488

2/11/25
Date

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FOR MUNICIPAL USE:

Petition received by JRW, Date 2/14/25

Description and Ownership verified by JRW, Date 2/14/25

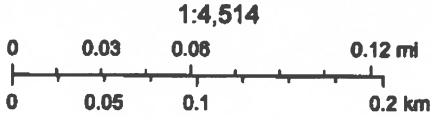
Recommendation: ANNEXATION

By: JRW, Date 2/14/25

TMS# 147-00-00-100 - 873 Robertson Blvd



-  City Boundaries
-  Parcel Boundaries



ORDINANCE # 2025-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE III, SECTION 14-52 (b) (5), NUISANCES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Walterboro are responsible for the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Walterboro.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, that Chapter 14, Article III Section 14-52 (b)(5), Nuisances of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina is hereby amended as follows:

(5) Any premises or structure located thereupon, whether commercial or residential, where violations against the federal, state or municipal laws occur with disproportionate frequency or intensity that requires an excessive public safety response cost. "Excessive public safety response" means the reasonable deployment of 5 or more law enforcement officers to an emergency scene at any one time, or the recurring need for public safety or code personnel or emergency vehicles at the location when compared to the frequency of intensity of law or regulation enforcement required at other similarly situated structures or there have been more than two situations of unsafe traffic or crowd control issues at the location which result in the request of emergency assistance or the need for law enforcement assistance from an emergency situation; provided, however, this does not include when traffic control or crowd control is requested in advance of a scheduled event pursuant to a city issued permit or prior discussions with law enforcement. After notice of the continuing nature of the nuisance and specific identification of the facts and circumstances that generate, enable or contribute to the nuisance, the owner, lessee, renter, management or the person in control, may be held responsible for the maintenance of a public nuisance and the structure declared a public nuisance.

ADOPTED, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

William T. Young, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Adrienne Nettles
City Clerk

First Reading: _____
Public Hearing: _____
Second Reading: _____



Coastal Empire CMHC

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February 20, 2025

Walterboro City Counsel
242 Hampton St
Walterboro SC 29488

Re: Request to be added to the next city council's meeting agenda.

Good afternoon,

Coastal Empire Community Mental Health Center requested to hang green ribbons on the street post on during the month of May for Mental Health Awareness Month and use Water Fall Park for the ceremony.

Please see the attached:

CECMHC Agenda

Open Invitation for all to attend our 2nd Annual Ribbon Ceremony

Application for use of Park Facilities (faxed on 2/20/2025)

Thank you,

Melissa A. Hall

Melissa A. Hall

Administrative Specialist II

Coastal Empire Community Mental Health Center

507 Forest Circle

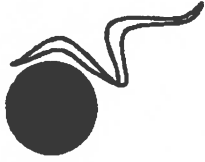
PO BOX 578

Walterboro SC 29488

The attached or enclosed information has been disclosed to you from records whose privacy is protected from disclosure by federal and state law including, as applicable, 45 CFR Part 160 HIPAA; 42 CFR Part 2, (alcohol and drug treatment) and Section 44-22-100, Code of Laws of South Carolina. The applicable law or laws may prohibit you from making any further disclosure without the specific written authorization by the individual to whom it pertains or their authorized representative, or as otherwise permitted or required by law. A general authorization for release of information is not sufficient for this purpose unless it conforms to the specific requirements of the applicable law or laws. Further disclosure not in accordance with applicable federal and state law may result in civil and/or criminal penalties.

Robert Bank, MD, Acting State Director of Mental Health

DMI South Carolina
Department of
Mental Health



Coastal Empire CMHC

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February 20, 2025

Re: Mental Health Awareness Month Ribbon Ceremony Agenda Request
(2nd Annual) May 2025

- April 30, 2025 – May 30, 2025

Tie Green Ribbons on all the street post on E. Washington Street and all intersecting streets post on N. Walter St., N. Lucas St., N. Memorial Ave. to promote Mental Health Awareness month.

- Thursday, April 30, 2025, Hang up ribbons.
- Wednesday, May 30, 2025, Remove ribbons.

- May 1, 2024

Mental Health Awareness Month Kick-Off Ribbon Tying Ceremony
At the City Waterfall Park on East Washington Street

9:00 a.m. - Setup

11:00 a.m. - Ceremony

- Welcome
- Mental Health Mission Statement
- Mental Health Services Available in Colleton County
- Highway to Hope (RV service provided)
- Proclamation
- Tying of the final Green Ribbons at the waterfall/business front.

12:00 p.m. – Community Engagement

1:00 p.m. – Park area clean-up

Andrea R. Miley, MA
Center Director

Melissa Hall
Administrative Specialist, II
Coastal Empire Community Mental Health Center
507 Forest Circle
Walterboro, SC 29488
843-549-1551

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- Robert L. Bank, MD, Acting State Director of the South Carolina Department of Mental Health



Coastal Empire Community Mental Health Center

Invites you to join us for our 2nd Annual Ribbon Ceremony in
Observance of May as

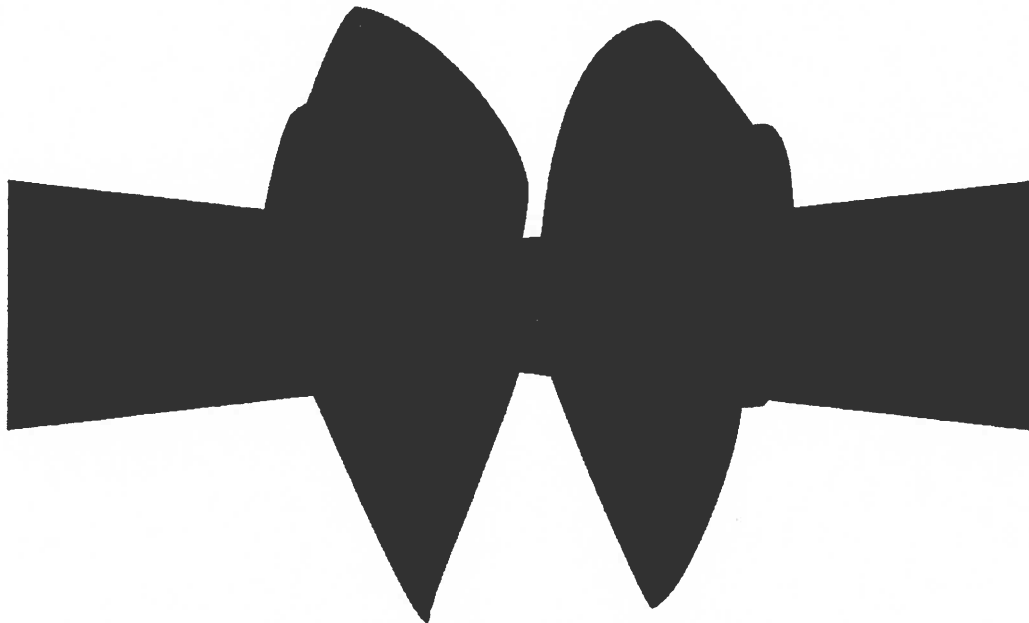


Thursday, May 1, 2025

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Waterfall Park

Washington Street, Walterboro, SC



City of Walterboro
242 Hampton Street
Walterboro, SC 29488
Tel: (843) 782-1000
Fax: (843) 782-4747

(faxed on
2/20
CA)

Application for use of Public Park Facilities and Use Agreement

PLEASE READ ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS CAREFULLY PRIOR TO COMPLETING APPLICATION

1. Name of Applicant: Coastal Empire Community Mental Health Center/SCDMH
Melissa Hall
2. Address: 507 Forest Circle; Walterboro. SC 29488
3. Daytime Phone: 843-549-1551
4. Email address: melissa.hall@scdmh.org
5. Park or facility requested: Walterfall Park - Washington St.
6. Date of Use: 05/01/2025 Hours: 9:00 am/pm to 3:00 am/pm
7. Type of activity: Mental Health Awareness 2nd Annual Ribbon Ceremony
8. Estimated Attendance: This event is open to the community 25+

PARK FACILITIES USE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Authorized individuals or groups shall agree to comply with and accept all policies, rules and regulations pertaining to the use of City property. Any violation of said policies, rules and regulations shall be cause for permit revocation and immediate departure from facilities. Authorized individuals or groups shall be solely responsible for the conduct of members and/or participants(including individuals entering the area whether considered a member, affiliate or not) in any activity authorized to be held in any City park or facility and agree to limit admission to stated capacity of the area/facility; and for the use of all properties, equipment or other resources thereon; and shall agree to be responsible for any damages or mistreatment of any part of the facilities or equipment as indicated in the use agreement and to pay the cost of any repairs or replacement therefore.
2. When a park is reserved, only the area of use is closed for private use. All walkways, grass areas, etc. are open for public use. The City is not responsible for public use of the area before the event and shall have no duty to clean the property prior to the event.
3. Park facilities event must be completed cleaned and vacated by sundown.
4. No grills, no open flames and no cooking are permitted on City Park facilities.
5. No alcohol is permitted on City Park facilities.
6. No jump castles are permitted on City Park facilities.

The applicant hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Walterboro, its officers, agents, and employees against any and all claims, demands, costs, expenses and liability of every kind, nature and

updated 07/12/2021

description directly and indirectly arising from the use of the Park/Facility permitted under this application. I certify that I shall accept responsibility on behalf of my group/organization for any damages or theft sustained by the City (premises, furniture, or equipment) because of the occupancy of said premises by our group/organization.

I have read and agree to comply with the rules and regulations stated within this contract. I agree to be personally assessed for any cost of any special cleaning or damage to the facility, equipment, or grounds due to the event.

02/19/2025

DATE

Melissa Ann Hall

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	
DATE RECEIVED:	_____
RECEIVED BY:	_____
APPLICATION GRANTED	APPLICATION DENIED

Colleton County Veterans Council

P.O. BOX 256
WALTERBORO, SC 29488
TELEPHONE: (843) 908-2123

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Date: February 6, 2025

Mr. Jeff Molinari, City Manager
P.O. Box 709
Walterboro, SC 29488

Dear Mr. Molinari:

The Colleton County Veterans Council has begun preparations for this year's Memorial Day Ceremony. The Ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 26, 2025, 9:00 a.m. at the Downtown Plaza, Washington Street.

Below are the requests for the agenda in March. The Veterans Council requests the City's approval of the following:

1. Display the US flags on Washington Street the month of May.
2. Reserve the Waterfall Plaza for setup and turn the water off from 12:00 pm - May 23rd to May 26th, 12:00 pm.
3. Close Washington Street on Monday, May 26th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm.

The Veterans Council appreciates your continued support. If you have any questions, please give me a call on my cell at (843) 908-2123.

Respectfully,


Johnny L. Holmes Chairman
Colleton County Veterans Council

Colleton County Rice Festival
Committee
P.O. Box 1705
Walterboro, SC 29488

February 26, 2025
City of Walterboro
Mayor and City Council
P.O. Box 709
Walterboro, SC 29488

Attention: City Officials

The Rice Festival Committee is preparing for the 2025 Colleton County Rice Festival: A Celebration of Culture, Craft and Community. We request that the following information be placed on the next City Council agenda.

The **50th Annual Colleton County Rice Festival** is scheduled for April 21-27, 2025. While the festival is traditionally a two-day event, the committee will offer at least one event each day for the entire week in celebration of this milestone year, with the main festival remaining on Friday and Saturday.

- **PRELIMINARY EVENT**
 - The **Scholarship Beauty Pageant** is scheduled for Saturday, April 5th, where this year's Queens and Kings will compete for the crown.

- **FESTIVAL WEEK**
 - **Monday** kicks off with a family movie event featuring Despicable Me 4, pizza, popcorn, drinks, and giveaways. (Free, all ages)
 - **Tuesday** promises to be a delicious one with the Taste of Walterboro at Walterboro Wildlife Center (Paid, 21+).
 - **Wednesday** will feature a free Rice Festival, Culture & Art display, and Rice Tasting at Walterboro Wildlife Center. (Free, all ages)
 - **Thursday**, country music artists Cody Webb and Jason Lee Cook perform live at Walterboro Wildlife Center Amphitheater while Hampton Street closes for vendors to begin setting up for the weekend. (Paid, all ages)
 - **Friday and Saturday**, the main festival features 100+ street vendors, 25 food vendors/trucks, *The Largest Pot of Rice* by the Civitans, a kids carnival, bull riding, face painting, a main stage full of local entertainment, and high-flying doggie dives as the Docks Dogs compete in wave upon wave of jumping competitions.

- **Friday evening**, put on your shagging shoes and come dance the night away to live music from East Coast Party Band at the VIP and Sponsor event. VIP seating and perks are available as well as general admission. (Paid, 21+)
- **Saturday** is packed full of events, starting with the Rice Run 5K, Car Show, Parade, B-Rad's The Kids Magician Show, Citadel Club Duck Race, Dog Show, Cornhole Tournament, and capping off the night with the East Coast Dueling Piano Show at Walterboro Wildlife Center (Free, all ages), as the Fireworks Finale blasts off overhead!
- **Saturday and Sunday**, Colleton County Recreation Center and Perfect Game will host a boys and girls travel ball tournament at Ace Basin Sports Complex, bringing talent from all over the state. (Gate fee per person)
- **Sunday**, head on out to Dogwood Hills Golf Course for an 18-hole captain's choice Golf Tournament.

The Colleton County Rice Festival Committee requests the following:

1. General Permissions:

- a. The waiving of business license requirements for all sanctioned activities.
- b. Exclusive rights to control, in cooperation with City and County officials, events related to all Rice Festival activities.
- c. Use of golf cart(s) by Rice Festival Committee members during the event.

2. Parking Lot Closures:

- a. **City Parking Lot Closure:** Wednesday night, following the close of business, so the festival may start setting up Food Vendors on Thursday, April 24, 2025. The Rice Festival will collaborate with Bethel UM Preschool to ensure parents are able to drop off and pick up before allowing vendors to set up on their portion of the parking lot. We request that the parking lot remain closed until Saturday, April 26 at 11:00pm.
- b. **Wildlife Center parking lot closure:** Saturday, April 26, 2024 from 7:00 am until 1:00 pm for the Rice Festival Car Show.

3. Street Closures:

a. Street Vendors:

- i. Hampton Street from Jefferies Boulevard to the Memorial Avenue intersection: Thursday, April 24, 2025, from 6:00 pm until Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 11:00 pm.
- ii. Walter Street, from Washington Street and Carn Street to Hampton Street, from Thursday, April 24, 2025, from 6:00 pm until Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 11:00 pm.
- iii. Lucas Street, from Washington and Carn Street to Hampton Street, from Thursday, April 24, 2025, from 6:00 pm until Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 11:00 pm.

b. Rice Run 5K

- i. Washington Street, from Jefferies Hwy to Ireland Creek Drive from 6:00 am to 9:30 am on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Walterboro Police Department will monitor traffic on Klein Street and Dowling Street from 7:45 am until Rice Run is completed (approx: 9:30 am). This is the same Rice Run Route we have used successfully for the last three years.

c. Parade

- i. Jefferies Hwy from Ivanhoe Road to Forest Hills Road and Forest Hills Road to Ireland Hill Drive (blocking all side streets along the route) from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon on Saturday April 26, 2025. The Parade will start at 11:00 am at Live Oak Cemetery and follow the same route as previous years.

d. Fireworks

- i. Washington Street from Dowling Avenue to Ivanhoe Road. From Ivanhoe Road Intersection to Ivanhoe Family Cinemas Movie theater. Ireland Hills Drive from the corner of Ireland Hills Drive and Dowling Avenue to Washington Street. All close at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 26, 2025. *Per safety restrictions by the State Fire Marshal.*

4. Facility Use:

- a. **City Hall Grounds:** The Rice Festival Committee will set up a tent in front of City Hall on Thursday, April 24, 2025 for use by the Rice Festival Committee as information and t-shirt sales tent.
- b. **Walterboro Wildlife Center:** Monday, April 21, 2025 through Sunday, April 27, 2025. We will be having the following events during the week at the Wildlife Center:
 - i. Movie on the Lawn Family Movie Night April 21, 2025
 - ii. Taste of Walterboro on Tuesday April 22, 2025
 - iii. Rice Festival Art & History Gallery & Rice Tasting April 23, 2025
 - iv. Cody Webb & Jason Lee Cook Concert Thursday, April 24, 2025 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm.
 - v. East Coast Party Band (paid event, 21+) and VIP event on Friday, April 25, 2025 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.
 - vi. East Coast Dueling Piano Show (free and open to the public) on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

The 50th annual Colleton County Rice Festival features all proposed Rice Festival activities on our website: www.ricefestival.org.

Advertising, in the forms of print, digital, social, television, radio, and billboards will reach potential festival attendees throughout South Carolina and surrounding states, to promote The City of Walterboro, Colleton County, and The Rice Festival.

The Rice Festival Committee is composed of volunteers who work countless hours for 9 months out of the year to make the celebration comprehensive, enjoyable and safe for the entire family. With this in mind, we present this letter to the City Council, to obtain the necessary waivers, permits, street closures etc. needed to make a successful weekend for the community.

As always, we look forward to the City's gracious and generous cooperation.

Regards,

MaHallie Martin, President
Ashley Rohde, Office Manager/Event Planner
Colleton County Rice Festival

cc:

Mayor Bill Young
James Broderick
Judy Bridge
Carl Brown
Ladson Fishburne
Greg Pryor
Paul Seigel



Walking Route

- Leaving Pinckney Park, make a left onto Hampton Street.
Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
Proverbs 3: 5-6
- Walk straight to Howell Street, and make a left.
The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34: 18
- Walk straight to Padgett Loop, and make a left.
I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.
Psalm 32:8
- Walk straight to Wichman Street, and make a left.
Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.
Psalm 31:24
- Walk straight to North Jeffries, and make a left.
Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.
1 Corth 16:13
- Walk straight to Hampton Street, and make a left.
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
Psalm 23:1
- Walk straight to Miller Street, and make a left.
Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Matt 11: 28



Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee

To: Walterboro City Council
Cc: Jeffrey P. Molinari, City Manager
From: Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee
Date: February 21, 2025
Re: Approvals at the February 20, 2025 meeting

At its regularly scheduled meeting held on February 20, 2025, the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee approved the following requests:

<u>Requests for 65% Tourism Fund</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Colleton County Rice Festival – 50 th Annual - Fireworks	\$16,000	\$11,350

Should these requests be approved as submitted, the projected remaining balance available for 2025-2026 will be approximately **\$254,580**. The remaining funds will be for consideration at the next scheduled meeting in June 2025. Therefore, the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee respectfully requests City Council approve these items.

City of Walterboro Accommodations Tax Funding Request

Project Name

2025 Colleton County Rice Festival - 50th Annual

- Firework Finale Show
- Targeted Advertising

Amount Requested from City of Walterboro A-tax Funds

\$16,000

Total Cost of Project

\$16,000

Organization

Colleton County Rice Festival
PO Box 1705
Walterboro, SC 29488

Federal ID Number: 57-0691134

843-549-1079 (Phone)

843-549-5232 (Fax)

ricefestival@lowcountry.com

Contact: Ashley Rohde, Event Director

Contact: Mahallie Martin, President

Event Description/Narrative

The Colleton County Rice Festival is requesting additional funds to support our fireworks display. In our last proposal, the firework display was improperly categorized under "Entertainment", which we understand is not covered by Atax funding. However, the firework display, alone, is eligible under Section 6-4-10 of the S.C. Code of Laws, according to atax.sc.gov.

The Fireworks Finale is a signature event held each year on Saturday night to cap off the festival. Downtown Walterboro, Walterboro Wildlife Center, Hargo Hill, Ivanhoe Creek & Shopping Center are all packed, in anticipation, hours before, with families from near and far.

We plan to increase our utilization of targeted advertising through social media channels in order to place our events in front of a promising tourist audience. In addition to advertising for the fireworks show, several events held during the festival week include musical and other acts that hail from South Carolina and have a large following in the Southeast region.

- Cody Webb, who will perform on Thursday evening, is a SC native and graduated from Clemson University.
- East Coast Party Band, from Mt. Pleasant, will perform on Friday evening. East Coast Dueling Pianos, from Hilton Head, will perform on Saturday night.
- Dock Dogs is a returning event that pulls a large crowd from the Charleston area.
- One third of our Rice Run participants are from outside Colleton County. We have utilized targeted advertising for this event for the last 3 years with great success.

Through the Meta Platform, we are able to simultaneously target Facebook and Instagram users with parameters that consider demographic information and interests. Targeting allows us to strategically place each advertisement in front of an audience that is most likely to be interested. For example, we can target a sponsored post for Cody Webb to be placed in front of users who reside in South Carolina, are 18-70 years of age, and have an interest in Cody Webb, music, and/or festivals.

The Meta Platform allows us to track impressions and clickthrough metrics as well as conversions - providing useful information as to the success of our targeted approach.

Benefit to Tourism and the Community

Special events and programs that enhance the quality of life make for an attractive package that draws tourists and potential residents to our area. The more visitors that come to Colleton County, the more secure are tourism-related jobs. Increased visitors also means increased sales and tax collections. Our festival is strategically located on the I-95 South/North corridor, providing easy access from neighboring counties throughout the state and surrounding states.

We consider the Rice Festival one of the biggest opportunities to show off the place we call home, our culture, and all our city has to offer. Visitors are charmed by the quaint atmosphere and are encouraged to return.

Hotel Nights

N/A

Duration of Project

The Firework Finale will be held on Saturday, April 26th.

The entire festival will span Monday, April 21st through Sunday, April 27th, with main festival days remaining Friday and Saturday, April 25-26th.

Permits

The Colleton County Rice Festival works closely with City and County officials, Walterboro Police Department, Public Works, Colleton County Sheriff's Department, Fire Rescue, and EMS to secure all permits and permissions required to host the festival and its ancillary events.

Additional Comments

Our business community does such a wonderful job supporting our festival each year, but ATAX funding affords our board the opportunity to grow and put on a great festival that will attract visitors to Walterboro without overtaxing our small business community. The firework finale is a pinnacle event of the festival and is one of our single largest expenses.

2024 Colleton County Rice Festival Budget

Revenue

Contributions/Sales/Registration	\$83,697
Accommodations Tax Funding	\$30,000

Total **\$113,697**

Expenses

Entertainment	\$21,590
(Swingin' Medallions, The Mighty Kicks, Flippenout Trampoline Show, BMX Show, Food Court DJ)	

Firework Finale Show **\$15,000**

Events	\$23,486
(Taste of Walterboro, VIP Dinner, Rice Run, Cornhole, Dog Show, Committee Dinner)	

T-Shirts \$13,742

Facilities/Accommodations \$13,080

(Portalets & Service, Stage, Bleachers, Rooms)

Advertising **\$8,515**

(Newspaper, Radio, Television, Direct Print, Social Media)

Salary \$4,650

Insurance \$4,142

Signage \$2,267

Operating Expenses \$1,836

Permits, Licensing, Fees & Dues \$1,365

Scholarship/Donations \$1,500

Office, Misc Supplies \$1,072

Photography \$500

Total **\$113,125**

Accommodations Tax Funding 2024

Received	\$30,000
Direct Tourism Expenditures	
Television Advertising	\$1,175
Radio Advertising	\$2,800
Newspaper Advertising	\$2,225
Social Media Advertising	\$218
Direct Print Advertising	\$628
Portalets	\$7,070
Stage & Bleacher Rental	\$3,510
Other	
Entertainment/Events (Fireworks), Website, Misc.	\$15,244
Total	\$32,870

Accommodations Tax Funding Proposal *Additional Request - February 2025*

Direct Tourism Expenditures

Fireworks Finale Show	
Partial Funding	\$15,000
Advertising	
Targeted Social Media Advertising	\$1,000
Total	\$16,000



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager
DATE: February 28, 2025
SUBJECT: Reappointment of Board and Commission Members

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

Accommodations Tax Committee

Alta Mae Marvin (3-year term expiring January 1, 2028)
Michelle Strickland (3-year term expiring January 1, 2028)
Christie Slocum (3-year term expiring January 1, 2028)

Building Board

Cole Crosby (4-year term expiring January 1, 2029)

Historic Preservation Commission

Scott Cook (2-year term expiring January 1, 2027)
Lucille Powers (2-year term expiring January 1, 2027)

Tree Protection Committee

Mike Ferrari (2-year term expiring January 1, 2027)
Taylor Murdaugh (2-year term expiring January 1, 2027)

Municipal Planning Commission

Sharon Courtney (4-year term expiring January 1, 2029)
Samantha Crowe (4-year term expiring January 1, 2029)

Keep Walterboro Beautiful

Dana Cheney (4-year term expiring January 1, 2029)

City Council's favorable consideration of reappointment will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me or come by City Hall at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Molinari', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeffrey P. Molinari
City Manager



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager
DATE: February 27, 2025
RE: CDBG Prioritization

Pursuant to the goals and objectives of City Council, I recommend the following CDBG priority needs for the next funding cycle.

1. Public Infrastructure and Facilities
 - Upgrades of water and sewer lines as needed.
 - Other projects as identified.
2. Community Enrichment
 - Demolition of properties that are attractive nuisances.
 - Adaptive reuse of existing structures.
 - Others as identified.
3. Special Projects as identified
 - Trail connector for Wildlife Center and Wildlife Sanctuary.
 - Other projects as identified.
4. Economic Development projects as identified.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call me, or come by City Hall at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey P. Molinari
City Manager