

Walterboro City Council

Regular Meeting

City Hall

April 1, 2025

**Minutes**

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 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 Clerk Adrienne Nettles, City Attorney Brown McLeod, Tourism Director Patricia Utsey, Finance Director Amy Risher, Utilities Director Wayne Crosby, Police Chief Wade Marvin, Fire Chief Paul Seigler, Barrett Ulm, and Cindy Warren.

**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 Fishburne led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

**Public Input on Agenda Items:**

There was no public input on agenda items.

**Presentations:**

1. Cindy Warren - Neighborhood Concerns
2. Barrett Ulm - Neighborhood Concerns

1. Ms. Cindy Warren addressed City Council about her concerns with the gun violence that is going on in Walterboro. Ms. Warren stated that she would like for the gun violence to stop so that we can embrace the small-town charm that Walterboro has to offer. Ms. Warren also stated that she wants to live in a town where she feels safe.

2. Mr. Barrett Ulm stated thank you for having me again tonight. I am here to talk about the ongoing gun violence. The cops are doing a great job. They are the true heroes, but we still need more done to stop the violence. If you see something, say something. Report everything that you see. Mr. Ulm also stated if you are a business owner in this town it is your right not to allow concealed weapons in your business. The citizens just want the gun violence to stop.

**Public Hearing:**

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 (Second and Final Reading).

2. **Ordinance # 2025-03**, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE III, SECTION (b) (5), NUISANCES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Second and Final Reading).

Mayor Young stated this ordinance is to tweak our current Nuisance Ordinance. This gives us more ability to help make people safer.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor it gives our current Nuisance Ordinance more teeth and allows us some additional tools when dealing with problem properties.

Jamie Brown stated regarding the Nuisance Ordinance, I know a lot of it falls under DOT. I live on Wichman Street, and while our police officers have been wonderful about pulling 18 wheelers over does that fall under that nuisance ordinance?

Mayor Young stated that it is for property nuisance.

Jamie Brown stated the 18 wheelers are a nuisance to my property.

Mayor Young stated this has to do with an ordinance where private property owners are creating a nuisance.

Jamie Brown stated I know myself and neighbors have called DOT, and it is falling on deaf ears. Is it possible for our leadership to contact them?

Mayor Young asked and what would we say to them?

Jamie Brown stated signage. While signage is there, it is horrible.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated we just updated all the signage.

Jamie Brown stated what about the sign on the other end of Wichman as you are coming up to Robertson Blvd?

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated the city has worked in conjunction with DOT for months to develop a new signage plan. DOT has gotten rid of some of the older signs. The idea is to place the signs in more strategic locations. On top of that the Police Department has amped up ticket writing.

Jamie Brown stated I do not deny that. They are great. I hear the truckers all the time arguing with the police that they did not see the signs.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated I will also add that the City of Walterboro funded those new signs. DOT outlined the plan, but the city is the one who paid for them.

Cindy Warren asked, is there a specific branch of police that is responsible for ordinance enforcement?

Mayor Young stated Code Enforcement and the Police Department in some cases.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated that it would be the Police Department.

**Minutes:**

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

1. Regular Meeting – February 4, 2025.
2. Regular Meeting – March 4, 2025.

**Old 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 (Second and Final Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

2. **Ordinance # 2025-03**, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE III, SECTION (b) (5), NUISANCES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (Second and Final Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Seconded by Councilmember Brown

Discussion: None

Carries: All ayes

**New Business:**

1. **Ordinance # 2025-04**, 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 # 163-15-00-072 FROM INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (ID) TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (HDR) (Introduction and First Reading).

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council you have in your agenda packet, an ordinance with maps and supporting documentation for a zoning change for a piece of property on Moore Street. The Planning Commission has reviewed this zoning amendment application and is recommending the property be zoned from Industrial District to High Density Residential. It is my understanding that a single-family residence is planned for this parcel.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: None

Carries: All ayes

2. **Resolution # 2025-R-01**, A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE APRIL 2025 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH AND APPROVAL OF ANNUAL NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Seconded by Councilmember Fishburne

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

3. A Proclamation to Designate April 2025 as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF WALTERBORO.

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Seconded by Councilmember Fishburne

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

4. A Proclamation to Designate April and May 2025 AS KEEP WALTERBORO BEAUTIFUL/GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP MONTH.

Motion: Councilmember Pryor; Seconded by Councilmember Fishburne

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

5. Consideration of a parade request from Latosia Simmons – Juneteenth Parade, June 21, 2025, at 10:00 AM, request to use city parking lot and request to use the Waterfall Plaza for a candlelight vigil for the Charleston 9, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of Council I will just add pursuant to a conversation with Ms. Simmons, the downtown parade route will be utilized.

6. Appointment to Colleton County Chamber of Commerce Board.

Mayor Young stated as you know we have rejoined the Chamber of Commerce. We are going to recommend to the board Patricia Utsey to sever and represent Council.

Dr. Krista Massey, President of the Chamber of Commerce Board stated Mr. Mayor I need a resume from Patricia so that I can present that my board at the next meeting.

**City Manager's Report**

1. Consideration of a request to purchase a Continental Progressive Cavity Pump for the wastewater treatment plant.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of Council you have in your agenda packet a memo and supporting documentation for a request from Utilities Director, Wayne Crosby. He is requesting permission to purchase a replacement pump for a component of the dewatering facility at the wastewater treatment plant. This is a custom-made pump and pursuant to section 2-240 of the code of ordinance falls under the definition of a sole-source procurement. Staff recommends purchasing the pump from Watershed Process Sales, LLC (Mt. Pleasant, SC) in the amount of \$25,911.36. The expenditure will be absorbed by additional capacity in the FY 2024-2025 Sewer Department budget. City staff asks for Council's favorable consideration.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Seconded by Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

A motion was made to go into Executive Session by Councilmember Pryor, seconded by Councilmember Fishburne. Mayor Young explained that City Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matter – Municipal Court, the provision of water and sewer service encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses served by the public body, contractual matter – Waltherboro Wildlife Center, and Receipt of Legal Advice – Real Estate Matter.

**Executive Session:**

1. Personnel Matter – Municipal Court
2. The provision of water and sewer service encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses served by the public body.
3. Contractual Matter – Waltherboro Wildlife Center.
4. Receipt of Legal Advice – Real Estate Matter.

A motion to come out of executive session, James Broderick, Carl Brown, second. All in favor, motion carries. (8:40 PM)

A motion to extend the meeting to 9:00 PM, Judy Bridge, James Broderick, second. All in favor, motion carries.

A motion to go back into executive session, Carl Brown, James Broderick, second. All in favor, motion carries.

A motion to come out of executive session, Carl Brown, Paul Siegel, second. All in favor, motion carries.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Siegel, seconded by Councilmember Broderick, and passed unanimously. Mayor Young adjourned the meeting at 8:50 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