



**WALTERBORO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 3, 2026
CITY HALL
6:15 P.M.**

AGENDA

I. Call to Order:

1. Invocation – Eric Campbell, Pastor, Word for Life Ministries.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Sarah Cobbs, President and Jesse Bunton, Secretary - Colleton County High School National Honor Society.

II. Public Input on Agenda Items:

III. Presentations:

1. CDBG Needs Assessment Hearing – Felicia Knopf, Lowcountry Council of Governments.
2. 2026 Bi-Centennial Celebration – Patricia Fleming, Main Street Manager/Tourism Director.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting – February 3, 2026

V. Old Business:

VI. New Business:

1. **Resolution # 2026-R-01**, A RESOLUTION TO FORMALLY RECOGNIZE AND OFFER COMMENDATION TO GREG PRYOR FOR 8 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ON CITY COUNCIL TO THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA (Attached).

VII. Committee Reports:

1. City Improvement Committee, Chairman Ladson Fishburne.
2. Walterboro - Colleton County Airport Commission, James Broderick.
3. Budget Committee, Chairperson Judy Bridge.
4. Keep Walterboro Beautiful, Chairman Dana Cheney.
5. Main Street Steering Committee, Patricia Fleming.

VIII. City Manager's Report:

1. 2026 City Council Strategic Planning Session Goals & Initiatives.
2. Board & Commission Reappointments.

IX. Executive Session:

1. Contractual Matter – Boardwalk Replacement Project Phase 2.
2. Receipt of Legal Advice – Dealing with matters covered by attorney-client privilege, including potential or pending legal claims.
3. Personnel Matter – Finance Director Search.

X. Open Session:

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

XI. Adjournment

Walterboro City Council

Regular Meeting

City Hall

February 3, 2026

Minutes

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor James Broderick presiding.

Present: Joined in the meeting were: Mayor James Broderick, Councilmembers: Jimmy Syfrett, Ladson Fishburne, Judy Bridge, Paul Siegel, Carl Brown and Spencer Witkin. City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Ryan McLeod, City Clerk Adrienne Nettles, Tourism Director Patricia Fleming, Fire Chief Paul Seigler and Walterboro Police Officer Jacob O’Quinn. Pastor Braxton Edwards, First Baptist Church of Walterboro, Colleton Prep National Honor Society Officers, Greyson Martin, Anne Lewis High, and Kennedy King.

Call to Order:

With the above-mentioned Councilmembers present Mayor Young called the meeting to order. Pastor Braxton Edwards, First Baptist Church of Walterboro gave the invocation. Colleton Prep National Honor Society Officers – Greyson Martin, Anne Lewis High, and Kennedy King led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Public Input on Agenda Items:

There was no public input on agenda items.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilmember Siegel, Seconded by Councilmember Bridge, the following minutes were unanimously approved.

1. Regular Meeting – January 6, 2026

Old Business:

There was no old business to conduct.

New Business:

1. **Resolution # 2026-R-01**, A RESOLUTION TO FORMALLY RECOGNIZE AND OFFER COMMENDATION TO GREG PRYOR FOR 8 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ON CITY COUNCIL TO THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA.

Mayor Broderick stated Greg Pryor was unable to attend the meeting and this will be deferred to March.

2. **Resolution # 2026-R-02**, A RESOLUTION TO FORMALLY RECOGNIZE AND OFFER COMMENDATION TO BILL YOUNG FOR 36 ½ YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ON CITY COUNCIL TO THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA.

Motion: Councilmember Syfrett; Seconded by Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

3. Consideration of a request from B.I.R.T.H. to hold their 4th Annual “Celebration of Life” walk on Saturday, March 29, 2026, at 8:00 AM.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Seconded by Councilmember Siegel

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

4. Consideration of a request from Jessica Burdick to close East Washington Street for First Thursday on the following dates: May 7th, September 3rd, October 1st and December 3rd.

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Seconded by Councilmember Brown

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

5. Consideration of a request from Colleton County Rice Festival Committee for activities related to the 2026 Colleton County Rice Festival scheduled for April 20-26, 2026.

Motion: Councilmember Witkin; Seconded by Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

Committee Reports:

1. City Improvement Committee, Chairman Ladson Fishburne

Councilmember Fishburne stated the City Improvement Committee meets once a month to review the Code Enforcement Program. We started this in 2023, and 2025 was our busiest year. We have closed 332 cases. We have 30 residential and 7 commercial cases still open. The city is going to look into software management to help manage the code enforcement data. I just want to thank the staff for all their hard work getting issues resolved.

2. Walterboro – Colleton County Airport Commission, James Broderick.

Mayor Broderick stated we dedicated the Veterans Park and did the groundbreaking on January 24th, and it is currently being surveyed. Concrete is being poured for our new fuel farm, and our taxi way rehabilitation is in the final stages. Around April, our runway 523, which is the main runway, will be going through rehabilitation. This is a \$9 million project, and we have secured money from the FAA and the state. That project should be completed in the summer. We are using the secondary runway, which temporary lights have been installed.

3. Budget Committee, Chairperson Judy Bridge.

Councilmember Bridge stated we are in the phase of the 2026-2027 budget, and all councilmembers were given the budget calendar in December. As of now, all Department Heads are working on their budgets. For the second phase, a master budget will be reviewed for projected revenues by the Finance Committee. The City Manager will review the draft budgets with the Department Heads, the budget will then be presented in April to the Budget Committee, and City Council will then discuss the full budget with the Finance Director. As of now, the city is working under a solid 2025-2026 budget.

4. Keep Walterboro Beautiful, Chairman Dana Cheney.

Dana Cheney stated Keep Walterboro Beautiful has been busy. Mr. Cheney gave a brief overview of all the wonderful things Keep Walterboro Beautiful is doing and things they have achieved. On February 4th we opened our Community Garden at the Artisan Center, and that has been going well. Keep Walterboro Beautiful received the Keep America Beautiful President Circle Award, and we did receive two grants last year for a total of \$16,000.

5. Main Street Steering Committee, Patricia Fleming.

Patricia Fleming gave a brief overview of all the wonderful things that are going on in the downtown area, and things to come. She stated that Main Street Walterboro is looking forward to the Bicentennial Celebration, the Waterfall Plaza project, Main Street Resource Library, and downtown wayfinding signage just to name a few. Again, thank you for all the support for our downtown area.

City Manager's Report:

1. Notice of 2026 City Council Retreat.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council, Walterboro City Council will conduct its Annual City Council Planning Retreat February 13-14, 2026, at the Residence Inn by Marriott, 1528 North Main Street, Summerville, SC. No formal action will be taken on any items at the retreat. Any action items will be brought back to a Regular City Council Meeting for Council's consideration.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Syfrett. Mayor Broderick explained that City Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss Receipt of Legal Advice: Business License, and Personnel Matter: Finance Director Search.

Executive Session:

1. Receipt of Legal Advice – Business License.
2. Personnel Matter – Finance Director Search.

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

Open Session:

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Fishburne, seconded by Councilmember Syfrett, and passed unanimously. Mayor Broderick adjourned the meeting at 7:29 P.M. Notice of the meeting was distributed with the agenda packet, 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

RESOLUTION # 2026-R-01

A RESOLUTION TO FORMALLY RECOGNIZE AND OFFER COMMENDATION TO GREG PRYOR FOR 8 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ON CITY COUNCIL TO THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA

Whereas, Greg Pryor served on City Council from 2018-2026; and

Whereas, Greg Pryor was born in Newberry, SC and grew up in Walterboro, SC, graduating from Walterboro High School and attending the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Greg Pryor is happily married to Lesli Pryor and has three (3) children – Tindall, Peyton and Campbell and four (4) grandchildren – Mitchell, Howell, Collins and Samuel; and

Whereas, Greg Pryor was the co-host of Front Porch Sports Talk for many years; and

Whereas, Mr. Pryor served on the Walterboro Planning Commission prior to being elected to City Council; and

Whereas, Mr. Pryor served as the President and a founding member of the Forest Hills Community Watch; and

Whereas, Mr. Pryor served on the Lowcountry Council of Governments Board of Directors, the Keep Walterboro Beautiful Board and the Budget Committee; and

Whereas, Mr. Pryor is a graduate of the Municipal Association of South Carolina Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government; and

Whereas, Mr. Pryor is most proud of the construction of the Walterboro Wildlife Center/Amphitheater, the I-95 Business Loop Project and completing the first phase of the boardwalk replacement project in the Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary during his tenure on City Council; and

Whereas, Greg Pryor will be greatly missed by his colleagues on City Council and by City Staff.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Walterboro, in Council Assembled that the City of Walterboro formally offers its appreciation and commendation to Greg Pryor for 8 years of distinguished public service on City Council and for his lasting contributions to the City of Walterboro, South Carolina.

Be it further resolved that we extend our best wishes to Mr. Pryor for a well-deserved, relaxing and happy retirement from public service.

Done, this 3rd day of March 2026.

James D. Broderick
Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Paul N. Siegel

Councilmember Judy S. Bridge

Councilmember Ralph Carlton Brown

Councilmember Edward Ladson Fishburne

Councilmember Jimmy Syfrett

Councilmember Spencer Witkin

Attest:

Adrienne Nettles
City Clerk

Memorandum

Date: February 24, 2026

To: Jeff Molinari, City Manager, City of Walterboro

From: Rebecca Vance, Vance Consulting

Subject: February 2026 City Council Strategic Planning Session

In February 2026, the City of Walterboro convened a City Council Retreat that included a comprehensive Strategic Planning Session. The purpose of the session was to evaluate the City's existing assets and constraints, explore opportunities to strengthen those assets, and identify strategies to address ongoing challenges. These discussions provided guidance for determining the City's Strategic Goals for 2026 and identifying actionable strategies and tactics that could be utilized to achieve these goals.

As a result of the Strategic Planning Session, City Council identified the following priority goals and initiatives for 2026:

Downtown Revitalization and Economic Development

- 1) Build upon the guidance from the 2025 Strategic Plan from the SC Department of Commerce to advance improvements to the downtown of Walterboro
 - a. Utilize South Carolina Department of Commerce funding to commission a Hotel Feasibility Study to assess market potential and support future investment decisions.
 - b. Utilize SCDOC funding to install decorative string lighting throughout downtown to enhance aesthetics and walkability
 - c. Advance the Washington Street Plaza Project as a key public-space investment in the downtown core
 - d. Move forward with planned improvements to downtown alleyways to enhance connectivity, safety, and visual appeal

Land Use, Infrastructure, and Growth Management

- 2) Develop strategies for the (re)development of Priority Investment Areas (PIAs) within the City and in adjacent areas that support long-term economic growth



- a. Review the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to identify potential amendments that promote high-quality infill development and consistent residential and commercial growth
- b. Conduct studies to assess current and future water and wastewater infrastructure needs within identified Priority Investment Areas

Recreation, Tourism, and Community Engagement

- 3) Promote recreation and tourism opportunities both within the City and in surrounding areas to strengthen the local economy and quality of life
 - a. Collaborate with regional and community partners to develop a comprehensive marketing strategy highlighting recreation and tourism assets, including the South Carolina Artisan Center.
 - b. Improve the City's website to enhance transparency, expand communication with residents, and more effectively promote City initiatives and services
 - c. Work with partners to explore the feasibility of establishing a trolley system to improve access for City residents to the Colleton County Recreation Center

Intergovernmental Coordination

- 4) Align the City of Walterboro's Comprehensive Planning efforts with those currently underway by Colleton County to ensure coordinated growth and policy consistency
 - a. Facilitate regular joint meetings between Walterboro City Council and Colleton County Council to strengthen collaboration and address shared priorities

