

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**Approved: March 3, 2026**