

Walterboro City Council
Rescheduled Regular Meeting

City Hall

July 14, 2026

Minutes

A Rescheduled Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 6:15 P.M. with Mayor Pro Tem Paul Siegel presiding.

Present: Joined in the meeting were: Mayor Pro Tem Paul Siegel, Councilmembers: Carl Brown, Judy Bridge, Ladson Fishburne, and Jimmy Syfrett. City Manager Jeff Molinari, City Clerk Adrienne Nettles, Assistant City Manager Ryan McLeod, City Attorney Brown McLeod, and Public Works Director Michael Crosby. Minister Ralph Reeves, First Christian Church, and Nathaniel Knox, Chairman, Colleton County Veterans Council. Mayor James Broderick and Councilmember Spencer Witkin were not in attendance.

Call to Order:

With the above-mentioned Councilmembers present, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Siegel called the meeting to order. Minister Ralph Reeves, First Christian Church gave the invocation. Nathaniel Knox, Chairman, Colleton County Veterans Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Public Input on Agenda Items:

There was no public input on agenda items.

Public Hearing:

1. **Ordinance # 2026-04**, AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,100,000) AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (Second and Final Reading).

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilmember Syfrett, Seconded by Councilmember Bridge, the following minutes were approved:

1. Regular Meeting – June 2, 2026

Old Business:

1. **Ordinance #2026-04**, AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,100,000) AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE EXPENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (Second and Final Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Seconded by Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

New Business:

1. **Ordinance # 2026-05**, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE # 2026-01, SO AS TO SET THE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX CREDIT FACTOR IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 GENERAL FUND BUDGET (Introduction and First Reading).

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mayor Pro Tem Siegel and members of City Council, we are required every year to adopt the Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor. We take our anticipated local option sales tax revenues and divide that by the total appraised value of property in the city. There we establish the local option sales tax credit factor that will be applied to property bills that go out in October.

2. **Resolution 2026-R-11**, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND AND RESTATE RESOLUTION 2026-R-08; TO APPROVE FINANCING TERMS FROM SOUTH STATE BANK FOR A LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND 80/100; APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CLOSING PAPERS; AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mayor Pro Tem Siegel and members of Council, last month City Council approved a resolution for the purchase of two (2) pieces of equipment for the Water Department. Under my report we are adding two (2) pieces of equipment for the Public Works Department that were approved as part of the 2026-2027 budget, and we are able to add these two (2) pieces to the lease purchase agreement with South State Bank. In order to get the lease purchase financing done with South State Bank, we have to pass this resolution.

Motion: Councilmember Syfrett; Seconded by Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

3. Consideration of a request from Jessica Burdick to close Main Street on August 6, 2026, for First Thursday.

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Seconded by Councilmember Fishburne

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

City Manager's Report:

1. Consideration of a request to purchase a service body truck for the Public Works Department.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mayor Pro Tem Siegel and members of Council, you have in your agenda packet a memo and supporting documentation from our Public Works Director to purchase a new service truck. The 2026-2027 Public Works Department received three bids. We recommend purchasing a 2027 Ford F-250 truck with a service body from Walterboro Ford in the amount of \$65,960.00. The FY 2026-27 Public Works Department budget estimated the cost of the service truck at \$67,000.00. City staff ask for Council's favorable consideration of this request.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Seconded by Councilmember Syfrett

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

2. Consideration of a request to purchase a dump body debris truck for the Public Works Department.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mayor Pro Tem Siegel and members of Council, you have in your agenda packet a memo and supporting documentation to purchase a dump body debris truck. The Public Works Department received three bids, all 2026 Freightliners with a dump body. Staff is recommending purchasing a 2026 Freightliner with an 18' Dump Body from Velocity Truck Centers (Summerville, SC) in the amount of \$137,177.00. The FY 2026-2027 Public Works Department budget estimated the cost of the dump truck at \$115,000.00. The Public Works Department will absorb the additional \$22,177 of debt service. City Staff asks for Council's favorable consideration of this request.

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Seconded by Councilmember Syfrett

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

3. Consideration of proposals for financial auditing services.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mayor Pro Tem Siegel and members of Council we are required every three (3) years to solicit proposals for auditing services. We received three (3) proposals, and are recommending the selection of Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC, in the amount of for the next three years \$25,000, \$27,000, and \$29,000. We ask for Council's favorable consideration of this request.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Seconded by Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

A motion was made to go into Executive Session by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Bridge. Mayor Pro Tem Siegel explained that City Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matter: City Prosecutor.

Executive Session:

1. Personnel Matter: City Prosecutor

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

Open Session:

A motion to appoint JJ Evans as City Prosecutor 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 Bridge, seconded by Councilmember Brown, and passed unanimously. Mayor Pro Tem Siegel adjourned the meeting at 6:49 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