

## **MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

**PRESENT WERE:** Mayor Bill Young, Council Members: Jimmy Syfrett, Paul Siegel, Tom Lohr, Bobby Bonds, James Broderick and Judy Bridge. City Manager Jeff Molinari, City Clerk Betty Hudson, and City Attorney George Cone, along with Lindsey Peterson, were also present. There were approximately 14 persons present in the audience.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order and invited everyone to join in the invocation and the pledge of allegiance. Council Member Syfrett gave the invocation and Council Member Broderick led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

The Mayor then apologized for the meeting starting a few minutes late. He explained that Council had a work session meeting prior to this one with the architects for the Walterboro Wildlife Sanctuary Discovery Center. He also recognized that Mr. Al Jenkins was present at the meeting tonight. Mr. Jenkins is the regional director for Senator Tim Scott. He said, we appreciate your being with us.

### **PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

There were no comments or questions on agenda items.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no Old Business before Council for consideration.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution No. 2017-R-01**, Approving the Financing Terms for the E-One Fire Pumper Truck with Equipment

City Manager Molinari told Council that this resolution is for the financing terms for the new fire pumper truck with South State Bank, who will be doing the lease purchase. We are going to close on that tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m., and just need the authorization to sign the paper work.

The Mayor asked the City Attorney if he had anything to add. City Attorney Cone said, I had run this by Mr. Molinari, but in item 2, I had suggested that all financial contracts and related documents for the closing or the financing shall be consistent with the forgoing terms - "The City Manager (not all officers and employees of the City), is hereby authorized and directed to execute the financing documents, which are to be attested by the City Clerk." He further explained that the City Manager shall execute the documents, attested by the City Clerk, and not "all officers and employees of the City" as currently written in this resolution. This will help to eliminate any confusion. The Mayor asked that this change be made in the resolution.

A motion was then made by Council Member Bonds to adopt Resolution No. 2017-R-01, approving the financing terms to purchase an E-One Fire Pumper Truck and equipment, with the change as suggested by City Attorney Cone. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

2. **Resolution No. 2017-R-02**, Designating April 2017 as Fair Housing Month, and Approval of Annual Nondiscrimination Policy

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A motion was made by Council Member Bridge to adopt Resolution No. 2017-R-02, Designating April as Fair Housing Month and approval of the Annual Non-Discrimination Policy. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion.

In discussing the motion, City Attorney Cone made a correction. He pointed out that the word "disability" was in the resolution twice. One of them should be removed. It was also noted by Council that the word "familiar" should be corrected to "familial."

The motion was approved with the changes as noted above, with all members voting in favor.

3. Discussion of Uses of Potential Uses of CDBG Funds

City Manager Molinari reminded Council that at the last City Council Meeting, Ms. Michelle Knight of the Lowcountry Council of Governments was here to conduct a public hearing on CDBG priorities. He explained that one of the activities that we have to complete each year is a prioritization of CDBG grant needs in the City. He informed Council that he had written a memo which outlines our top priorities for the next funding cycle, and this is consistent with the discussions and priorities that City Council put forward at our last strategic planning retreat in January. The CDBG priorities he identified were as follows:

1. Public Infrastructure
  - Improvements to Wastewater Treatment Plant
  - Upgrade of water and sewer lines as needed
  - Other projects as identified
2. Community Enrichment
  - I-95 loop project
  - Adaptive reuse of existing structures
  - Demolition of properties that are attractive nuisances
  - Others as identified
3. Multiple Activity Neighborhood Improvement Projects
  - North Lemacks Street
  - Other neighborhoods as identified
4. Special Projects as identified
5. Economic Development projects as identified

Mr. Molinari pointed out that the top three (3) priorities will be eligible for funding.

A motion was made by Council Member Siegel to approve the CDBG prioritization list as submitted by the City Manager. Council Member Bonds seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of Reappointments to Boards and Commissions

Mr. Molinari stated that the City had a number of Board and Commissions members whose terms expired in January 2017 and who had expressed a desire to continue to serve.

City Manager Molinari then read the list of those persons who wished to continue to serve on their respective board/commission, after which a motion was made by Council Member Syfrett to approve the reappointment of Boards and Commission Members as presented by the City Manager. Council Member Broderick seconded the

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motion that passed with all members voting in favor. The reappointments to the Boards and Commissions were as follows:

**Accommodations Tax Board**

Jack Jones was reappointed for a 3-year term expiring January 1, 2020.

**Building Board**

Carl Brown was reappointed for a 4-year term expiring January 1, 2021.

**Board of Zoning Appeals**

Thomas J. McDaniel was reappointed for a 3-year term expiring January 1, 2020.

Y.S. "Bud" Linder was reappointed for a 3-year term expiring January 1, 2020.

**City Appearance Board**

Dana Cheney was reappointed for a 4-year term expiring January 1, 2021.

Horace Simmons was reappointed for a 4-year term expiring January 1, 2021.

Talika Mock was reappointed for a 4-year term expiring January 1, 2021.

Summer Nay was reappointed for a 4-year term expiring January 1, 2021.

**Historic Preservation Commission**

Mary Corbett was reappointed for a 2-year term expiring January 1, 2019.

Linda Godley was reappointed for a 2-year term expiring January 1, 2019.

Benjamin Cook was reappointed for a 2-year term expiring January 1, 2019.

**Tree Protection Committee**

Michael Ferrari was reappointed for a 2-year term expiring January 1, 2019.

5. Request to Hang Banner March 13, 2017 for 4<sup>th</sup> Smoke in the Boro Regional Competition BBQ Cookoff, Jean Harrigal, Executive Director, the Colleton Center

City Manager Molinari announced that all three banner requests on the agenda have already been approved by SCE&G.

A motion was made by Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Siegel to approve the request to hang a banner across Jefferies Boulevard announcing the Smoke in the Boro Regional Competition BBQ Cookoff as submitted. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

6. Request to Hang Banner April 2-7, 2017 for Crime Victims' Rights Week, Denise Pinckney, Crime Victim/Witness Advocate

The request to hang a banner across Jefferies Boulevard on April 2-7, 2017 for Crime Victims' Rights Week was approved as submitted on the motion of Council Member Broderick, seconded by Council Member Lohr, and passed unanimously.

7. Request to Hang Banner from May 15-20, 2017 for Relay for Life Event, Marilyn Bazzle, Co-Chair

A motion was made by Council Member Bonds, seconded by Council Member Broderick, to approve the request as submitted to hang a banner across Jefferies Boulevard from May 15-20, 2017 announcing the Relay for Life event. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

8. Request to Place Purple Ribbons Downtown May 1, 2017 until the Week after May 19, 2017 for Relay for Life Celebration Event

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A motion was made by Council Member Syfrett, seconded by Council Member Broderick to approve the request to place purple ribbons downtown on May 1 until the week after May 19, 2017 for the Relay for Life Event. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Request for Street Closings and Use of Downtown Waterfall and Parking Lot for Annual Downtown Walterboro Criterium Pro-Cycling Classic, April 26, 2017

Tourism Director Michelle Strickland gave brief remarks on the upcoming Criterium. She invited everyone to attend the event.

A motion was made by Council Member Bridge authorizing street closings and use of the City Parking Lot for the Annual Downtown Walterboro Criterium Pro-Cycling Classic on April 26, 2017 as submitted. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion that passed with all members voting in favor.

10. Request to Close Street for the Annual Cubmobile Race on April 29, 2017 from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 P.M., by Ms. Denise Godley-Givens, Boy Scouts Pack 646

A request to close the street for the Annual Cubmobile Race on April 29, 2017 was approved as submitted on the motion of Council Member Syfrett, seconded by Council Member Lohr, and passed unanimously.

11. Consideration of Parade Request for June 10, 2017 by Juanita Harvey, Community Action Line Against Violence

A motion was made by Council Member Bonds to approve the Parade Permit Request for the annual "Stop the Violence Walk" on June 10, 2017 by Juanita Harvey of Community Action Line Against Violence. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion that passed with all members voting in favor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There were no Committee Reports given.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

There was no City Manager Report given.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Mayor then entertained a motion to enter into an Executive Session. Council Member Bonds so Moved and Council Member Syfrett seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The Mayor announced that the meeting will convene into an Executive Session for:

- 1) Personnel matters regarding the:
  - (A) Assistant City Manager Search.
  - (B) City Manager Contract.
- 2) Discussion of Potential Purchase of Property.

At approximately 7:56 p.m., a motion was made by Council Member Lohr to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting returned to Open Session and there being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Bridge,

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seconded by Council Member Broderick and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M. Notice of this meeting was distributed to all local media and posted on the City's website and the City Hall bulletin board at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully,

Betty J. Hudson  
City Clerk

**APPROVED: April 4, 2017**