

MINUTES

A Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 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 were also present. There were approximately 17 persons present in the audience.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He gave a special welcome to members of the Leadership Colleton Class. Council Member Syfrett gave the invocation and Council Member Bridge led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no public comments or questions on agenda items.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Mayor then opened a public hearing, duly advertised, to receive public comments and questions on proposed Ordinance # 2015-01, An Ordinance to Amend the Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Walterboro, So As to Clarify and Strengthen Portions of the Ordinance.

City Manager Molinari told Council that the Planning and Codes Director David Dodd would give a brief summary of this ordinance. He also explained that the majority of items in this ordinance revision are cosmetic and clean up some of the verbiage. The most substantive item in the proposed revision deals with the maximum height of structures in the Interstate Interchange Commercial District. It takes the maximum height to 68 feet and a maximum of 5 stories.

Planning Director David Dodd said that pretty much covers it. Most of the changes refers to definitions, mis-numbered sections and page numbers, in addition to that change for the height and number of stories. That is in order to allow larger hotel development in that area.

Mayor Young then asked for any comments or questions from the public. None were given.

The Mayor then asked Mr. Dodd, I guess it is public knowledge as to the kind of hotel that we are going to get out there. People might be interested in knowing that.

Mr. Dodd stated that the City had received an inquiry from Hampton Inn, in order to build a new Hampton Inn, and they would re-brand the old two story. The Mayor said, it would be a Hampton Inn and Suites, is that right? Mr. Dodd answered affirmatively.

No comments were made by the public and the hearing was closed. The regular meeting began.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion of Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Broderick, the following Minutes were approved unanimously as submitted:

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- 1) Minutes of the February 24, 2015 Regular Meeting
- 2) Minutes of the February 25, 2015 Joint Luncheon Meeting with Colleton County Council.
- 3) Minutes of the March 18, 2015 Special Called Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance # 2015-01, An Ordinance to Amend the Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Walterboro, So As to Clarify and Strengthen Portions of the Ordinance - **Second Reading and Adoption**

A motion was made by Council Member Bonds, seconded by Council Member Siegel, giving Second Reading and Adoption to Ordinance # 2015-01 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request to Hang a Banner Announcing National Crime Victim's Rights Week on April 1-7, 2015 by Denise Pinckney, Crime Victim/Witness Advocate

A motion was made by Council Member Syfrett, seconded by Council Member Broderick to approve this request as submitted. The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

The Mayor announced that the state Attorney General Alan Wilson is scheduled to speak at the Police Department's candlelight vigil for crime victims and survivors on April 6 at City Hall at 6 p.m.

2. Request to Use the City Parking Lot for Small Classic Car Show During the Annual Mystery Stroll on April 10, 2015 from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. by USC Salkehatchie Stew Committee

A motion was made by Council Member Bridge, seconded by Council Member Siegel, to approve the request by the Salkehatchie Stew Committee to use the City Parking Lot for a small Classic Car Show on April 10, as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports given.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

There was no City Manager's Report given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Mayor then entertained a motion to enter into an Executive Session. Council Member Broderick So Moved and Mayor Young seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. The Mayor announced that the meeting will convene into an Executive Session for:

- 1) A discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, and
- 2) A personnel matter.

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At approximately 7:09 p.m., a motion was made by Council Member Siegel to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. Council Member Bridge 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 Siegel, seconded by Council Member Bridge and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 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 14, 2015