

Walterboro City Council  
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting  
October 9, 2007

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A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Pro-Tem Bill Young presiding.

**PRESENT WERE:** Mayor Pro-Tem Bill Young, Council Members: Randy Peters, Charles Lucas, Ted Parker and Mary Anne Cannady. Public Works Director Charlie Chewing representing the City Manager, City Clerk Betty Hudson and City Attorney George Cone were also present. Mayor Charlie Sweat, Council Member Franklin Smalls and City Manager Tuck McConnell were absent.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Pro-Tem Young called the meeting to order and asked everyone to observe a moment of silent prayer for Mayor Sweat and City Manager McConnell, followed by the Lord's prayer. The pledge of allegiance was lead by Council Member Cannady.

Mayor Pro-Tem Young then announced that Council Member Smalls was absent tonight due to the death of his sister in Washington, D.C. There is no new information on Mayor Sweat, other than he is making slow progress. Mayor Pro-Tem Young also announced that City Manager McConnell had made a good improvement this week.

A public hearing was then held, duly advertised, to receive public comments on the following proposed ordinances:

**Ordinance # 2007-11**, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 21, Zoning, Section 6.2 Neighborhood Commercial District (NCD), Section 6.2.3 Permitted Uses and Parking Requirements, So As to Designate Professional Offices, Including Medical, Real Estate as a Permitted Use.

**Ordinance # 2007-12**, An Ordinance to Change the Zoning on a Parcel of Land on Meadow Street.

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

The Minutes of the September 25, 2007 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted on the motion of Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Lucas and passed with all members in favor. Mayor Sweat and Councilman Smalls were absent and did not vote.

Under Old Business, a motion was made by Council Member Cannady, seconded by Council Member Parker, giving Second Reading and Adoption to Ordinance # 2007-11, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 21, ZONING, SECTION 6.2 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (NCD) SECTION 6.2.3 PERMITTED USES AND PARKING REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO DESIGNATE PROFESSIONAL OFFICES, INCLUDING MEDICAL, REAL ESTATE AS A PERMITTED USE. The motion passed with a vote of 4/0 with Mayor Pro-Tem Young, Council Members Lucas, Parker and Cannady voting in favor. Council Member

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Peters recused himself from participating in the discussion and voting on this ordinance due to a potential conflict of interest. Mayor Sweat and Council Member Smalls were absent and did not vote.

Next, a motion was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Cannady, giving Second Reading and Adoption to Ordinance # 2007-12, AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING ON A PARCEL OF LAND ON MEADOW STREET. This is an amendment to change the zoning on Tax Map Parcel # 147-15-00-0-71 from Medium Density Residential (MDR) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC). The motion passed with a vote of 4/0 with Council Members Lucas, Parker and Cannady voting in favor. Council Member Peters recused himself from participating in the discussion and vote on the ordinance due to a conflict of interest, in that he is the owner of the property of Meadow Street. Mayor Sweat and Council Member Smalls were absent and did not vote.

Council deferred the appointment to fill a vacancy on the Economic Development Commission to another meeting date.

Next, a motion was made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Lucas, to approve a written request by Mr. Ken Sloan of the Recreation Commission, to close the intersection of Klein and Washington Street for the Great Swamp Sanctuary 12K Road Race on November 17 from 7:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. When questioned by Council Member Parker, Chief Rhodes affirmed that his department would be covering the race and it would be held in a safe manner. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Sweat and Council Member Smalls were absent and did not vote.

As an add-on agenda item, Council approved a street closing request from Chris Cook on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America to close Forest Hills Road between Jefferies Boulevard and Ivanhoe Road on November 10, 2007 from 6:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. for the annual cub mobile race. The motion for approval was made by Council Member Cannady, seconded by Council Member Parker and passed unanimously. Mayor Sweat and Council Member Smalls were absent and did not vote.

Next, a motion was made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Lucas to approve a street closing request as submitted by the Rice Festival Board for the Annual Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 2, 2007. The request was to close S. Jefferies Boulevard from Detreville Street, to Forest Hills Road to Ivanhoe Shopping Center, from 2:00 P.M. to approximately 5:00 P.M. The motion passed with all members voting in favor. Mayor Sweat and Council Member Smalls were absent and did not vote.

Under Committee Reports, Council Member Cannady reported on a meeting she attended under the NLC Leadership Training Institute - the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Summit in Chicago, IL. The topic was the "Art and Practice of Leadership in Local Government." She said it was the best summit she has attended in her 22 years of meetings with the National League of Cities. The following is an excerpt from her report.

"I learned that leadership is an art. Being a successful leader includes intangibles such as intuition, timing, passion and inner nature of leadership. One must master the artistic aspects of leadership and discover how the art of leadership can be learned, developed and practiced. Through the parallels of music, art and dance, leadership helps to

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recognize the underlying principles of renewal and change and transforms our core thinking and removes barriers which normally limit visionary and creative capabilities.”

Mayor Pro-Tem Young then announced that the next meeting of the Friends of the Great Swamp Sanctuary will be held next Monday, October 15, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

There being no further business to consider a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Cannady and passed unanimously. The Mayor Pro-Tem adjourned the meeting at 6:30 P.M. Notice of this meeting was distributed to all local media and posted on the City Hall bulletin board at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully,

Betty J. Hudson  
City Clerk