

Walterboro City Council
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
May 23, 2006

MINUTES

A Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Charles H. Sweat, Jr. presiding.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Charles H. Sweat, Jr., Council Members: Charles Lucas, Bill Young, Johnnie Thompson, Franklin Smalls, Ted Parker and Mary Anne Cannady. City Clerk Betty Hudson and City Attorney George Cone were also present. City Manager Tuck McConnell was absent.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Sweat called the meeting to order and called on Council Member Smalls for the invocation and Council Member Thompson to lead the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

The Mayor then announced a public hearing, duly advertised, to receive public comments on the following proposed ordinances:

1. Ordinance # 2006-13, to rezone property, Tax Map # 163-14-00-011, located on South Jefferies Boulevard from Medium Density Residential(MDR) to Highway Commercial (HC).

No public comments were received on this ordinance.

2. Ordinance # 2006-14, to require awnings in the Central Business District.

Ms. Linda Davis, downtown business owner, stated that she felt that awnings downtown should be an option and should not be a requirement. She felt that a reasonable solution would be for the City to pay for the awnings or grandfather in those businesses that do not want the awnings.

Council Member Lucas stated that when the Planning Commission changed the requirement to be optional, this was the purpose in making that change. He felt that the businesses should have the option of whether to have awnings or not. No further comments were received on the proposed ordinance.

3. Ordinance # 2006-15, to restrict the placement of off-premise free standing signs (billboards). No public comments were received on this item.

The public hearing was then closed and the regular meeting began.

The Minutes of the May 9, 2006 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting were approved as submitted on a motion by Council Member Thompson, seconded by Council Member Cannady and passed unanimously.

Under Old Business, **Ordinance # 2006-01 was deferred** by Council to a later meeting, being: An Ordinance to Amend the Walterboro Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Regulations for the Purpose of Regulating the Operation of Electronic Message Display Signs.

Ordinance # 2006-10 was also deferred by Council to a later meeting, being: An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 20, Wrecker Rotation to Provide for a Change in the Rate Structure, Changes to the Wrecker Rotation Program and Business License Requirements.

Ordinance # 2006-13 was given Second Reading and Adoption on the motion

of Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Young and passed unanimously, being: AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING ON A PARCEL OF LAND FRONTING ON JEFFERIES BOULEVARD, TAX MAP # 163-14-00-011, FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MDR) TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (HC).

Ordinance # 2006-14 was before Council for Second Reading and Final Approval, being: An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section 6.1.8. Special Stipulations, (A) Facade Standards, Part 8, So As to Require Awnings in the Central Business District. **This ordinance was dropped due to the lack of a motion for adoption.**

Ordinance # 2006-15 was given **Second Reading and Adoption** on the motion of Council Member Cannady, seconded by Council Member Young and passed unanimously, being: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SO AS TO RESTRICT THE PLACEMENT OF OFF-PREMISE, FREE STANDING SIGNS (BILLBOARDS).

Under New Business, **Ordinance # 2006-16**, An Ordinance Adopting the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 and Matters Related Thereto, was given **First Reading Approval** on the motion of Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Cannady and passed unanimously. The Mayor announced that the budget public hearing would be held at the June 13 meeting and final reading will be held on June 27th.

Next, **Resolution No. 2006-R-08**, authorizing the City of Walterboro to participate in the South Carolina Local Government Investment Pool, **was approved** on a motion by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Cannady and passed unanimously. A copy of said resolution is attached as part of these minutes.

Council Member Thompson then moved to accept with regret the resignation of Mr. Bobby Free from the Tree Protection Committee (due to health reasons). The motion was seconded by Council Member Cannady and passed unanimously.

There were no Committee reports given.

A motion to enter an executive session to hear a contractual matter and a property matter was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Lucas and passed unanimously.

Mayor Sweat then announced that the City Manager Tuck McConnell was sick in the hospital with double pneumonia and seemed to be doing fair. The meeting then adjourned into an executive session.

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 Parker, seconded by Council Member Cannady and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:00 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

Approved June 13, 2006