

**MINUTES**

A Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, October 26, 2010, at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

**PRESENT WERE:** Mayor Bill Young, Council Members: Dwayne Buckner, Randy Peters, Charles Lucas, Ted Parker, Franklin Smalls and Tom Lohr. City Manager Jeff Lord, City Clerk Betty Hudson and City Attorney George Cone were also present. Attorney Ashley Amundson was absent. There were approximately 18 persons present in the audience.

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

**PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

No public comments were received on the agenda items.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Mayor opened a public hearing, duly advertised, to receive public comments on proposed Ordinance # 2010-12, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance # 2010-09, So As to Set the Millage and Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget. No comments were received and the public hearing was closed.

**PRESENTATION:**

- 1) Manager's Report on Council's Review of Youth Advisory Commission Recommendations

City Manager Lord reported that on October 5, 2010, Council met in a workshop to review the recommendations of the Youth Advisory Commission. The general consensus of Council was to affirm the division that had been done more than a year ago between the County and the City where the County took over active recreation and the City would take over passive recreation in taking over the parks that used to be under the Recreation Commission. For those areas that the City is not responsible, Council still wanted to be involved by engaging those that are and promoting things that they saw were best for the citizens of Walterboro.

Mr. Lord reported that there were two immediate actions identified by Council as a result of the recommendations by the Youth Advisory Commission, being:

- 1) Staff to develop a website. It could be a part of the city's website, which would be a central data base for people to go to if they wanted to find activities for their kids to do; or for the kids, themselves, to explore to hopefully find events or to be used as a resource to send them to where they would like to be.
- 2) Develop and disseminate a survey to determine which programs youths are interested in. Identify those programs that they are interested in, but are not available, and identify what barriers there might be for them to get to their programs.

Mr. Lord stated that staff is developing this survey right now. We had hoped to be able to get that out with the next water bill, but we will not be able to make the printing for the November water bill. So, it will be in January 2011 before we can send this survey out with the water bills.

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In conclusion, Mr. Lord stated that Council was also interested in gathering more information to review the possibility of creating or promoting a scholarship type program to assist people who cannot afford the programs, if this is one of the barriers before them. There was also an interest in looking at whether there is a need for a curfew or some kind of truancy enforcement to help deter youth crime.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

A **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the September 28, 2010 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted on the motion of Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Peters and passed with all members voting in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Ordinance # 2010-12**

A **MOTION** was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Parker, giving Second Reading and Adoption to Ordinance # 2010-12, being: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE # 2010-09, SO AS TO SET THE MILLAGE AND LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX CREDIT FACTOR IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 BUDGET.

In discussing the motion, Council Member Buckner asked the City Manager to explain how staff derived at 77 mills for the millage and .001393 for the Local Option Sales Tax credit factor.

City Manager Lord explained that the millage is derived off the assessed values given to the city by the county. You take an assessed value before reassessment and an assessed value after reassessment. You take the millage before and determine what revenue you would receive from them. Then, you would back calculate the same for a new millage, so that the dollar amount you'll receive will be the same before and after reassessment. For the LOST credit factor, this is based on the sales tax receipts that we get for a year. 71% of that has to be set-aside to offset property taxes, and that's the total market value in the city divided into the sales tax receipts.

Council Member Buckner asked if there were a projected revenue. Mr. Lord stated that this would be the same as last year's amount - about 1 million dollars. Mr. Buckner then asked how much are we looking at for the Local Option Sales Tax? Mr. Lord responded, I believe that is in the range of \$700,000 to \$800,000. Finance Director Bill Floyd stated that this amount is about \$715,000.

**The motion then passed unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution # 2010-R-11**

A **MOTION** was made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Lohr, to adopt Resolution # 2010-R-11; A Resolution by Walterboro City Council to Accept and Adopt the Lowcountry Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, as Required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The motion passed with all members voting in favor. Said Resolution is attached as part of these minutes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There were no committee reports given.

The Mayor then entertained a motion to enter an Executive Session. Council Member Lucas So **Moved**. Council Member Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Mayor then announced that the meeting would convene into

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an Executive Session for a discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements regarding the development of security personnel.

The Meeting returned to Open Session with no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

There being no further business to consider, a **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Lucas and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:59 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: November 9, 2010**