

Walterboro City Council  
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting  
March 23, 2010

### **MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, March 23, 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, City Attorney George Cone and Attorney Ashley Amundson were also present. There were approximately 17 persons present in the audience at the meeting.

There being a quorum present, the Mayor called the meeting to order. Council Member Franklin Smalls gave the invocation. Councilman Tom Lohr led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone who was involved in the "Great American Cleanup" He also reminded all citizens that the City has a lot of industrial prospects who are looking at us now, and it is really important for us to keep our City clean. He encouraged everybody to do their part in helping to keep litter off the highways and the roads.

The Mayor also encouraged everyone to fill out the census reports. The census is very important to us as a community and a lot of funding is based on the information that goes out in the census. It only takes a few minutes to do that. It really is important to all of you and I hope that you will do that and encourage your friends and neighbors to make sure they fill out and return their census reports.

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

The Mayor then asked for public comments on agenda items.

**Mr. Horace Simmons**, along with Mr. Ron Ferrette appeared before Council to voice their concerns against holding the gun buyback program on their Church property, the Rock of Ages Church. Mr. Simmons, also leader of Community Action Line Against Violence Program, and member of Rock of Ages Church, informed Council that he was not against the gun buyback program, but is against where it is being held in his church yard. We don't think handling guns should be on church property. The church property is sacred ground. There is property all over the city where we could have this kind of transaction to take place. I don't like guns and I don't think this should be handled on church property. We are against it and we are going to ask Council Members and the Mayor not to have the members of the police department on the church property with this program. That's our main concern. Mr. Simmons further stated that "gun transactions" should not be held on Church property in any way shape or form.

**Mr. Robert Ferrette**, also a member of Rock of Ages Church, agreed with Mr. Simmons that the gun buyback should not be held on Church property. He said we are not against the gun buyback. As a matter of fact, I hope we have many guns that are bought back, not only guns, but knives and bricks. But please do not hold the gun buyback on our church property.

Council Member Lucas clarified that the City was invited to go to the churches, and that the City did not pick the churches for the gun buyback location.

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**Ms. Marsha Johnson**, a city resident, expressed a concern with the Oak Grove Citizen's Committee Memorandum, which was on the agenda by Mr. Earl Moultrie. She asked if a CDBG grant would be used to fund this proposal? Will there be citizen comment at some point? Mayor Young responded that this was just a presentation by a citizen and there has been no action taken on this. On another question by Ms. Johnson, Mayor Young affirmed that this proposal was not from a City committee.

On the SC National Heritage Corridor Grant, Ms. Johnson asked where did the original set aside for match funds come from? How long will the trails be actually used and will you use security cameras on this trail as well.

Mayor Young and City Manager Lord affirmed that the set aside money is Great Swamp Sanctuary money. These funds come from different places - grants, TIF and General Obligation (GO) funds. Mayor Young stated, it's all money that was set aside for improvements to the Great Swamp Sanctuary. It's in that pot of money and you can't spend it for anything else.

**Dr. Lori Campbell**, a local veterinarian, addressed the proposal on the Revitalization of North Lemacks Street in regard to the dogs and kennels, submitted by Mr. Moultrie. She said, I am for any neighborhood that takes control and betters its area, but I think this goes about it the wrong way. We certainly have problems in the county, city, and everywhere with animals. I am against trying to band a certain breed of dog. It's all about the owner, and it's not about the breed. I will back up anything that makes owners more responsible, but to go about it through the breed would be the wrong way. Also, years ago when the city stopped the animal control officer position, there was an agreement made with the county that the county would take over in the city also, and would only enforce the county laws, not the city laws. So, this would have to be approved by the county. The county does have rules with regards to dangerous animals, making owners have a fence and liability insurance if it has been deemed dangerous. I don't think the breed band is fair and I don't think it's constitutional.

Mayor Young explained that this is only on the agenda at the request of a citizen, but we appreciate your comments. Certainly, before we would take any action on this, you would have the opportunity to make more comments.

No further comments were received on the agenda items.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Mayor then opened a public hearing duly advertised to receive public comments on the proposed Procurement Ordinance, **Ordinance # 2010-03**, being:

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walterboro, "Administration," to Add Article V, "Procurement," So As to Set Forth the City of Walterboro Purchasing Procedures; to Set Forth the Purchasing Authority of Department Heads, the City Manager, and City Council; to Set Forth Procedures That Are to Be Followed for Purchases of Certain Types and Dollar Amounts.

Mayor Young gave a brief explanation of this code. No public comments were received and the hearing was closed. The regular meeting then began.

**REQUESTS FOR APPEARANCE:**

1. **John Rodgers - DWDC Gateway Project in Historic Downtown**

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Mr. John Rodgers, President of the Downtown Walterboro Development Corporation, along with Thomas Angell, Vice President of DWDC, appeared before Council with a request regarding the gateway project in the historic downtown area.

Mr. Rodgers recognized the DWDC Board Members present at the meeting. Mr. Rodgers then introduced Mr. Thomas Angell to present the project. He then asked for Council for approval pending DWDC coming back to the City Manager and Code Enforcement Officer with different locations for the columns. Mr. Thomas Angell told Council that DWDC is proposing to construct four brick columns, two each on the end on Lucas Street at Hampton and Wichman Streets as kind of a secondary gateway. We want to do something that enhances the city's ongoing design study for the Arborscape, but something that expresses DWDC's love of the community, something that is tasteful and strengthens the sense of downtown and also adds some directional orientations. So, we felt that these columns with bronze plaques at the end of Lucas Street would be great but subtle symbols of "Welcome to Downtown." We just realized that we have a slight problem, but we feel we can adjust that location and move on with our plans.

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Lucas, to approve the request to allow Downtown Development to install the columns pending the solving of the engineering problems with the City Manager and Code Enforcement Officer. In discussing the motion, Council Member Buckner asked what is the total amount expected to be spent for the project. Mr. Angell responded that the value for the project is in the range of \$10,000. We are already out for bids. Councilman Buckner then asked how the board came to the conclusion that this particular location was a best location for the columns and not maybe Walter or some other streets? Mr. Rodgers responded, I am not sure that we chose the actual best location. This project was spearheaded by the Chairman of the subcommittee, Hank Amundson, and he worked with Thomas Angell and Gary Brightwell with the Historic Society. I believe the project went through the Arborscape group and back to our board and I think that was the general consensus of Board and Woods +Partners. Mr. Buckner asked if any shrubbery or flowers would be located around the columns? Mr. Angell responded that it would just be the columns with the city crest and "Welcome to the Historic Downtown." The Mayor pointed out and Mr. Angell agreed that there is nothing to prevent the addition of other columns in the future at other locations.

Council Member Peters stated, the funds are all your funds, is this a self-sustaining project? Mr. Angell explained that the funds are from DWDC. He further stated, we may have a partner who will come in with matching funds, but as of right now we are not counting on that. It will be from Downtown Walterboro Development Corporation.

In responding to Council Member Buckner's question on the color of the columns, Mr. Angell stated that there are many types of bricks downtown, but the group chose a traditional brick that we felt would lend a contrast with the concrete bricks we are using in the city streetscape, but provides a traditional brick color.

**The motion for approval passed with all members voting in favor.**

**2. Pastor Leon Maxwell, Ecumenical Ministers Association - Hand Gun Buyback Program**

Pastor Leon Maxwell of St. Peters AME Church and president of the Ecumenical Ministers Association along with Pastor Alberta Cook of St. Johns AME Church in Cottageville requested support from Council with the handgun buyback program. The first program will be held on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Maxwell then addressed the concerns brought up regarding the location of the gun buyback

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program. He stated that when his group met, we were looking for the best location to have the gun buyback. The two pastors with us, because of their Church's location being visible and viable from the streets and being very easy to enter and to exit, is why it was chosen by the pastors. The pastors chose the locations and submitted their Churches to be the site for the gun buyback. When we did our research in North Charleston and we asked the question "why Churches?" The Churches were chosen because most people feel that it is the most trustworthy place for someone to come in to turn in a weapon with no questions being asked. We have problems with people breaking into Churches and they are sacred ground. So, this event is not about selling weapons, it's just an area where we can receive the weapons by the Chief of Police and his staff, along with Sheriff Malone and his staff. We won't be handling the weapons at all. The only thing we will hand out is the gift certificates for the guns.

We came to City Council to ask the Mayor and City Council to work with us in this endeavor because we all know the crime that has taken place over the last year in Walterboro. We wanted to help to try and do the best we can to help assist anyone who wanted to work with us in this endeavor. The illegal handguns are what we are asking for. Pastor Maxwell stated that support and advice had been received from the Chief of Police, Sheriff Malone, Rev. Robinson of County Council, Senator Clementa Pinckney and Rev. Raleigh Williams of the NAACP. Pastor Maxwell concluded by stating, we don't want to offend anyone, we are just asking to do something to help the citizens of this county and city to have some peace as we live and work here.

Councilman Smalls then questioned Pastor Maxwell about the concerns raised by the two officers from the Church. He said, apparently there is a conflict between the pastor and officers at their Church. Can that be worked out? Pastor Maxwell responded that he had spoken with their pastor. I think she has already spoken to their presiding elder who has approved it with the pastors.

Mayor Young then questioned the amount of the gift cards. Chief Rhodes noted that the gift cards would be set at \$100 per working weapon. Pastor Alberta Cook reported that their group had raised around \$2,000. She also stated that the Church has always taken a lead in the community in bringing about changes, helping to save lives in addition to saving souls. There will always be some differences no matter what we undertake, but it is important to really save lives. Being on the Church ground, there is not going to be anything that will disrupt the Church and its function. Pastor Maxwell noted that his group would be grateful with whatever the city could give to help support the program.

Councilman Buckner asked if the Ministers had looked at other options for the location of the gun buyback so there will be no conflict with certain members of the congregation. Pastor Maxwell responded, after watching what happened and being mentored by North Charleston, we did not look at other options. It was brought to the attention of the clergy that this is what they wanted to do, because of the trustworthy factor as well.

Further discussion was held on the location of the gun buyback program at the Rock of Ages Church. Council Member Smalls asked if the matter would be re-discussed with the pastor and the officers at the concerned Church prior to this program taking place? Pastor Maxwell responded that he had spoken with the pastor of the Church and she has affirmed that the program would take place at the Church. At this late in the game, since we have advertised it in the newspapers and the news, to change locations now would be detrimental with what we are trying to do.

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A motion was made by Mayor Young that the City would donate \$1,500 to help with the gun buyback program through the Public Safety Department. Council Member Buckner seconded the motion. In discussing the motion, Council Member Lucas stated that the City is willing to help, but we are not choosing the Church. I would like for you to work it out with Mr. Simmons and his Church and make sure they are in agreement or not use his Church and use one of the others if necessary. I would like as many parties as possible to be content with the action. Pastor Maxwell reported that the pastor from the Rock of Ages Church could not be here tonight because of a funeral out of town. She would be the one to deal with that because each pastor is in charge of their local congregation. This is an in-house concern that needs to be settled among them. This is not going to be the last one, so we'll know when we do it again, we'll make sure to let everyone concerned know that we will possibly look at other locations. The main concern is the security and the trustworthiness in being able to hold the program at the church.

**The motion then passed on a vote of 6/1 with Mayor Young, Buckner, Peters, Lucas, Smalls and Lohr voting in favor and Council Member Parker voting against the motion.**

At this point, Council Member Peters stated, in case they do have the controversy of not being able to use the Rock of Ages Church, I know that is an internal problem they need to work out. What I suggest is that the City let them use the Fire Department Parking Lot here at City Hall to put on this event on Saturday if they need it. Chief Otis Rhodes pointed out that what will happen is that someone from the Ministerial Alliance would give out the gift cards, and we will receive and record the information off the weapons. He stated, since that location has already been advertised, I suggest that we do it in the street in front of the Church. I think that area is wide enough. Since everybody knows that's the location, instead of doing it on the Church property, we could do it right in front of the Church.

Council Member Peters stated, just in case you have an emergency and need a spot, I would like Council to approve the fact that you could use that parking lot if you need it.

Council Member Buckner stated that he understands the argument on both sides of this situation - the concern of the sanctity of the Church and not wanting guns on the particular Church grounds. That's a very sacred spot and I understand the concern there, especially of transacting business on the Church property which is another issue of concern. So, Chief your option to have it in the street or wherever close by the Church, but not exactly on the grounds, I think that is a great idea and I would be in support of that.

Council Member Peters then **MOVED** that if a problem occurs with a location for the gun buyback program that they would be able to use the parking lot behind City Hall. Council Member Lucas seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

**3. Earl T. Moultrie - Proposed Plan for Revitalization of North Lemacks Street.**

Mr. Earl Moultrie introduced the Moultrie Plan for Revitalization of North Lemacks Street, copy of which was submitted in the agenda packet.

Mr. Moultrie proposed the following changes to this area.

1. Extension of some streets, particularly Wiley Street, to extend all the way through Bells Highway and Jefferies Blvd.

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2. Extend the Grant Street Extension.
3. Would like 1008 N. Lemacks Street recognized as a historic district like the downtown area. This is one of the first homes in that area owned by the Warren Family.
4. Wants to establish history for that area.
5. Nature trails.
6. Roads constructed.
7. Tap in on the Washington money dealing with infrastructure.

In addition to seeking to improve the safety and appearance of his neighborhood, Mr. Moultrie wanted to recognize the historical significance of the area.

At the end of Mr. Moultrie's presentation, Council Member Smalls told Mr. Moultrie that the City has a Lemacks Street Revitalization Committee. The committee is at rest right now, but it will be back in action coming this fall. Council Member Smalls invited Mr. Moultrie to make the same presentation to that committee.

Mayor Young thanked Mr. Moultrie for his comments and informed him that the City has been working on the North Lemacks Street area for many years now. He said, we will certainly take your comments under consideration as we continue to revitalize that area.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the March 9, 2010 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted on the motion of Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Lucas with all members voting in favor.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **Proclamation No. 2010-04**, designating July 2010 as Colleton Training/Colleton High School Alumni Association Month was adopted on the motion of Council Member Smalls, seconded by Council Member Lucas and passed unanimously. The Mayor read the proclamation in its entirety into the records. Said proclamation is attached as part of these minutes.
2. **Resolution No. 2010-R-03**, designating April 2010 as Fair Housing Month and recognizing the City's Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability Status, was adopted on the motion of Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Smalls and passed unanimously. The Mayor read the proclamation in its entirety into the records. A copy of the proclamation is attached as part of these minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Ordinance No. 2010-03 (Second Reading and Adoption)** was before Council, being:

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Walterboro, "Administration," to Add Article V, "Procurement," So As to Set Forth the City of Walterboro Purchasing Procedures; to Set Forth the Purchasing Authority of Department Heads, the City Manager, and City Council; to Set Forth Procedures That Are to Be Followed for Purchases of Certain Types and Dollar Amounts.

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A motion giving Second Reading and Adoption was made by Council Member Parker and seconded by Council Member Smalls:

In discussing the motion, the following concerns were expressed.

Council Member Buckner said he felt it was important to put a preference for "women and minority-owned businesses" in this procurement policy. We already have a preference for local vendors and we also need to add the language that 'there shall be a preference for women and minority owned businesses' in deciding on bids for the City of Walterboro procurement.

Council Member Buckner then **MOVED** to amend the original motion to add the following language to the City's procurement policy: "That there shall be a preference given for women and minority-owned businesses in the Procurement Policy for the City of Walterboro. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smalls.

On a procedural question raised by the Mayor to the City Attorney, Attorney George Cone clarified that the amendment to the motion would be voted on first, and if amended, Council would then vote on "adopting the ordinance as amended." Now, if the amendment is to come in, he (Councilman Buckner) needs to tell where the preference would come in on the list of the four preferences that are already stated in the ordinance.

Council Member Buckner pointed that the new language should be added to Section 2-245, Bid Awards, as a new Section (d) which says, "There shall be a preference given to women or minority owned businesses."

Further discussion was held on where to locate the new proposed language in the Procurement Policy with the City Attorney.

Mayor Young asked for a motion and a second to see if it is the will of Council to amend the motion to allow for a preference in the treatment of women and minorities and then if that is the will of Council, we can move forward to get the language to accomplish that.

Council Member Smalls said he felt that Council Member Buckner did not mean "preference", but meant "giving consideration". If you give them preference, then you are singling them out over the other bidders.

Council Member Lucas asked the City Manager if there were any problems identified in the past with complaints from minorities or women who felt they had not been treated fairly. City Manager Lord reported that no such complaints have been received by the City.

Council Member Buckner suggested including the amendment under Section 2-245, Section "c", which says "bidders who are women or minority owned businesses". City Attorney Cone then stated, you would add that in Subsection c as No. 4 and change No 5 to say "subsection 3 c1-c4, and that would say, "bidders which are majority owned by women or minorities.

Attorney Cone clarified that the amendment would come after No. 3 in Subsection 2-245 to insert a subsection No. 4 to give a preference to bidders that are majority owned by woman and/or minorities, and then renumber subsection 4 to be subsection 5 and change the wording of subsection 5 to say "If a tie remains after applying Subsections c (1) through c (4)..."

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Council Member Buckner **MOVED** that the amendment motion would be as restated by the City Attorney. Council Member Smalls seconded the motion. In discussing the motion, Council Member Peters then stated, as a local business owner with the opportunity to bid in the City of Walterboro, I will recuse myself from this vote. A copy of Council Member Peters recusal statement is attached as part of these minutes.

Mayor Young then stated, I would be concerned that we might not always get the best person for the job. That would be my main concern that when we put something out on bids that we always want to get the person that's going to do the best job for the City of Walterboro. Since we have not had any complaints and not had a problem that I am aware of in the 20 years I have been on Council, I would not be in favor of that language.

Council Member Buckner then stated, I am sure if we did the analysis of the amount of bids being awarded to women and minority owned businesses in the City of Walterboro, I'm sure it would be clear that we would need to have some consideration given to women and minority owned businesses, and therefore the historical disadvantages that have been placed on these type of businesses in being awarded government opportunities and contract, I think this language would help to just level the playing field. Of course, we want the best work for the best price, but we also need to look at making sure that everyone has a fair opportunity to be able to bid. Minorities and women have historically been disadvantaged in these type of contracts and I think it would be a step forward to add this language to our procurement policy.

Mayor Young then stated, to assume that would be to assume that the City Management is not dealing fairly now with the people what are submitting bids. I don't think that's the case, I do think that City Management has dealt fairly with anyone that submits a bid to our City and is considered for the bid. I don't think the additional language is necessary to make sure that someone is treated fairly, because I think that we treat people fairly. So, I will disagree with you on that Councilman.

The vote on the amended **motion** to add a preference for women and minority owned businesses to the procurement policy **was defeated** on a vote of 2/4 with Council Members Buckner and Smalls voting in favor of the motion, and Mayor Young and Council Members Lucas, Parker and Lohr voting against the motion for adoption. Council Member Peters recused from voting due to a conflict of interest.

The Mayor then called for any further discussion on the motion to adopt Ordinance # 2010-03 as submitted. Council Member Peters then recused himself from voting on the Ordinance, as a local business owner with an opportunity to bid on contracts with the City of Walterboro.

The motion to adopt on Second Reading Ordinance # 2010-03 then passed with a vote of 4/2 with Mayor Young and Council Members Lucas, Parker and Lohr voting in favor, and Council Members Smalls and Buckner voting against the motion for adoption. Council Member Peters recused himself from voting due to a conflict of interest. Ordinance # 2010-03 was adopted, being: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, "ADMINISTRATION," TO ADD ARTICLE V, "PROCUREMENT," SO AS TO SET FORTH THE CITY OF WALTERBORO PURCHASING PROCEDURES; TO SET FORTH THE PURCHASING AUTHORITY OF DEPARTMENT HEADS, THE CITY MANAGER, AND CITY COUNCIL; TO SET FORTH PROCEDURES THAT ARE TO BE FOLLOWED FOR PURCHASES OF CERTAIN TYPES AND DOLLAR AMOUNTS.



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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Acceptance of the SC National Heritage Corridor Grant Award in the Amount of \$20,000 and Committing \$20,000 in Local Match Funds**

City Manager Lord reported that application was made to Heritage Corridor for financial assistance for a trail to connect the canoe loading dock on the corner of Ivanhoe and South Jefferies to the rest of the park. The grant requires a \$20,000 match because it is a 50/50 grant. Mayor Young stated that the matching \$20,000 would come out of existing Great Swamp Sanctuary funds.

A motion to accept the National Heritage Corridor Grant in the amount of \$20,000 and commit \$20,000 in matching funds was made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Lucas. In discussing the motion, Council Member Buckner asked the City Manager if this particular trail was part of the original plan for the Great Swamp Sanctuary? Mr. Lord noted that part of the trail was in the master plan. The master plan has the continuation of the sewer easement road and trail and has it eventually continuing across the road and into the other property which we do not yet own. That is in the master plan. The part that connects it from the canoe dock to the trail is not originally part of the master plan, but most of it, which is about 15% of it.

Council Member Lucas asked if the cost would be within the \$40,000 total. City Manager responded that this project still needs to be bid out, so that is difficult to know. Council Member Lucas then stated, if it came above \$40,000, we might have to trim what is done.

**The motion then passed unanimously with all members voting in favor.**

**2. Request for Street Closing for Alumni Community Walk, July 3, 2010 7:30 - 8:30 A.M.**

Mr. Herman Bright appeared before Council requesting a street closing for the Alumni Walk by the Colleton Training School/Colleton County High School Alumni Association. He stated that the Association's grand reunion is held every two years. We are asking permission to block off the streets for the alumni walk from the old football stadium, down Lemacks Street. This year we will end our walk at the building at the corner of Ackerman and Gruber Street.

On a question raised by Mayor Young, Chief Rhodes agreed that there would be no problem keeping the group safe during their walk.

A motion to approve the request to close the streets for the Alumni Community Walk as submitted was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Smalls and passed unanimously.

**3. Request to Place Informational Banner Across Jefferies Boulevard for Victims Rights Week on April 11-19, 2010**

A motion to approve this request as submitted was made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Smalls. In discussing the motion Council Member Buckner expressed a concern with the hanging of so many banners in the city. He stated, it seems like we are putting up a lot of banners in our city and every cause is just and every cause is something that has merit to it. I don't know if other municipalities are putting up banners for everything. So, Jeff, I would like you to look into this. Just to see whether or not we are putting up a lot of banners as opposed to other municipalities and why are we putting up banners for every

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particular instance, and whether or not it's too much. Then maybe, we could look at trying to curtail some of this. I don't know what the policy is on deciding which banners get put up.

City Manager Lord responded that the City does not put the banners up. SCE&G puts the banners up because they have the trucks and they can do it. What Council does is authorize them to do it, so this is not something that the City does. So far as the frequency of the banners in other jurisdictions, I can't address that. As far as procedure, it always has been approved by Council. Mayor Young added, I don't believe that we put up more than 4 or 5 banners per year.

**The motion then passed with all members voting in favor.**

**4. Request to Place Banners on Lamp Posts for Awareness of Downtown Business District**

Mr. David Smalls, Executive Director of the Walterboro/Colleton Chamber of Commerce appeared before Council asking to place banners on the lamp posts on Jefferies Blvd and in the downtown area. The intent of the banners is to provide visibility and awareness of our beautiful downtown business district. The tag line of the banners will read " The Front Porch of the Lowcountry" with a red rocker logo. There would be 14 banners placed along Jefferies Boulevard between Wichman and Hampton Street and 37 banners placed in the downtown business district along Washington, Walter and Lucas Streets.

Mayor Young added that the Tourism Commission has worked on this over the past several months and has looked at this and considered different options before bringing this to Council.

City Manager Lord pointed out that this request is that these new banners become permanent ones.

A motion was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Smalls to allow the hanging of the banners as requested. Council Member Lucas asked if the large banners would be on Jefferies Blvd and the small ones on Washington Street. Mr. David Smalls affirmed that the smaller banners (17"x36") would be placed on Washington Street and the larger banners (24"x48") would be placed on Jefferies Boulevard. Council Member Buckner felt that the design, "Front Porch of the Lowcountry", was too cluttered. He suggested taking that wording off the banner and just have the red rocking chair and Walterboro. Mayor Young pointed out that the commission had discussed this same matter, but ended up with this recommendation as presented.

Council Member Peters asked if the banners would be taken down when the Antiques, History & Arts Festival is held. Mr. Smalls affirmed that they would be taken down. Council Member Parker asked if the banners met the code regulations. Mr. Smalls responded that the banners on Jefferies are the same size as the banners that were up before. City Manager Lord noted that the code has not changed, the only concern we have to make sure of is that the site triangles are maintained.

**The motion then passed with all members voting in favor.**

The Mayor then entertained a motion to enter an Executive Session. Said motion was made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Buckner and passed unanimously. The Mayor announced that the meeting would enter an executive session for a personnel matter related to Boards and Commissions Appointments.

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The meeting returned to Open Session. Council then considered the 2010 appointments to the City's Boards and Commissions.

The Mayor entertained a motion to appoint those persons interested in serving on the Boards and Commissions with the exception of the Election Commission and Historic Preservation Commission. Council Member Peters so **MOVED** and Council Member Parker seconded the motion. The Mayor announced the appointments as follows:

**Accommodations Tax Board**

Alta Mae Marvin reappointed for another 3-year term.  
Susan McConnell reappointed for another 3-year term.

**Board of Zoning Appeals**

Ron Ordell reappointed for another 3-year term.

**Municipal Planning Commission**

Thomas Angell reappointed for another 4-year term.  
Chris Bickley reappointed for another 4-year term.

**Tree Protection Committee**

Carroll Brown, III reappointed for another 2-year term.  
Dr. Martha McKevlin reappointed for another 2-year term.  
Robert M. Wilkerson, III reappointed for another 2-year term.

**Youth Advisory Commission**

Melissa Terry was newly appointed for a 2-year term.  
Wayne Alvin Bennett was newly appointed for a 2-year term.

**The motion to approve the above appointments then passed with all members voting in favor.**

Next, the Mayor entertained a motion for nominations to the Historic Preservation Commission. Council Member Lucas **MOVED** to reappoint Sherry Cawley and newly appoint Leonard Hultquist to the Historic Preservation Commission for a 2-year term. Council Member Parker seconded the motion that passed with all members voting in favor.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Peters and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:25 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: April 27, 2010**