

Walterboro City Council  
Regular Meeting  
March 9, 2010

### **MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, March 9, 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. With the consensus of Council, Mayor Young then added the following items to the agenda.

1. Briefing from Public Safety on recent Incidents at the Post Office to be placed on the agenda after "Public Input on Agenda Items".
2. Discussion regarding the development of security personnel and devices related to Public Safety incidences to be placed on the agenda under "Executive Session".

Council Member Smalls gave the invocation and Council Member Buckner led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

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

Ms. Marsha Johnson, a city resident, asked the Mayor to explain exactly what amendments were occurring in the Procurement Code? Mayor Young explained that nothing is being changed. It is the same thing that was in the previous Code, but was inadvertently left out and not passed with the rest of the Code. He stated, it's my understanding that it's exactly the same.

### **PRESENTATION (Add-on Agenda Item):**

#### **1. Briefing from Public Safety Regarding the Recent Incident at the Post Office**

Chief Rhodes reported that on March 6 at approximately 4:15 P.M., an officer was dispatched to the Post Office concerning a victim who was struck in the head by two juveniles. The victim is 72 years old. When he was at the Post Office he was approached by two males who asked for his car keys and his vehicle. He started yelling and he was assaulted by one of the victims. Along with the Sheriff Department, we canvassed the area and about 10 minutes later located one of the juveniles, who fit the description. He was arrested and transported to the Department of Juvenile Justice. As far as further investigation, we have identified the other juvenile and are awaiting some feedback from the Solicitor's Office before an arrest is made. Chief Rhodes gave further information concerning the incident. He also reported that tomorrow morning there is a hearing in Beaufort in front of Family Court, where a judge will decide if the juvenile is released back to the custody of his parents or placed back in detention. Chief Rhodes concluded by stating that his department is still following leads and processing evidence.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the February 9, 2010 Regular Meeting were approved with an amendment on the motion of Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Smalls and passed unanimously. In discussing the motion, Council Member Lucas asked that the minutes be corrected to show that he was absent. In one

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paragraph, it says I was present and in another paragraph, it says I was absent. So this discrepancy needs to be corrected.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

A proclamation recognizing and congratulating Katie R. Gilliard on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on May 22, 2010 was read into the records by Mayor Young. A motion adopting the proclamation was made by Council Member Buckner, seconded by Council Member Smalls and passed unanimously. Ms. Gilliard, known as "Mother Katie", was present along with members of her family and a written copy of the proclamation was presented to her by the Mayor. A copy of the proclamation is attached as part of these minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no Old Business before Council.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Ordinance # 2010-03 (First Reading)**

A motion was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Parker giving First Reading Approval to 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. In discussing the motion, Council Member Buckner stated, in looking over this ordinance, I see we have a preference for "local vendors, which is shown in Section 2-245, item c-1 and c-2. However, what I don't see is a preference towards women and minority owned businesses. He said, I just want to go on record saying I think that language needs to be placed in our Procurement Ordinance, being the historical disadvantages of women and minority owned businesses, and that should also be a factor in the consideration of awarding bids in the City of Walterboro. That should be under Section 2-245. Bid award, item C-5. I'd just like to go on record as making that recommendation for further consideration when we get to Second Reading of this Ordinance.

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

**2. Funding Recommendations from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee**

A motion was made by Council Member Peters, seconded by Council Member Lucas to approve the funding recommendations as submitted by the A-Tax Committee. In discussing the motion, Council Member Buckner asked if all persons who submitted proposals were listed? The City Manager affirmed that all persons were listed. The motion passed unanimously. The funding requests approved were as follows:

	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Lowcountry Sertoma Historic Walterboro Shag Dance	\$6,400	\$8,000
SC Artisans Center multi-state marketing	\$6,000	\$6,000
City of Walterboro multi-state marketing	\$8,000	\$8,000
Colleton Co. Hist. & Preservation Society Walterboro Antiques, History and Arts Festival	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$7,500</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$26,400</b>	<b>\$29,500</b>

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**There were no Committee Reports given.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (Add-on Agenda Item):**

At this time, a motion was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Parker to enter an Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously. The Mayor announced that the meeting would convene into an Executive Session for a discussion regarding the development of security personnel and devices related to Public Safety incidences. The meeting then convened into Executive Session.

The meeting returned to Open Session, and there being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Parker, seconded by Council Member Lucas and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:15 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: March 23, 2010**