

MINUTES

A Special Joint Meeting of Walterboro City Council and Colleton County Council was held at the Walterboro Wildlife Center, 100 S. Jefferies Boulevard, in Walterboro on Wednesday, February 26, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 P.M. by Mayor Bill Young and County Council Chairman Steve Murdaugh, presiding jointly for the meeting.

City Council Members present were: Mayor Bill Young, City Council Members Carl Brown, Judy Bridge, Paul Siegel, James Broderick, Greg Pryor, and Ladson Fishburne.

Colleton County Council Members present were: Chairman Steve Murdaugh, Dr. Joseph F. Flowers, Gene Whetsell, Art Williams, and Phillip Taylor.

Others present included: City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Hank Amundson, County Administrator Kevin Griffin, Asst. Administrator Meagan Utsey, Heyward Horton of the Development Board, County Clerk to Council Ruth Mayer, and a representative from the Press & Standard and Dominion Energy.

Mayor Young gave the invocation.

Next, City Manager Jeff Molinari then recognized Assistant City Manager Hank Amundson to give a presentation on the Walterboro History, Art and Music Festival (WHAM), the I-95 Business Loop Project and the Walterboro Wildlife Center.

Assistant City Manager Hank Amundson said, we are excited for the first big festival at the amphitheater, but also at the Civic Center and the Museum and Farmers Market and Commercial Kitchen. In fact, we will also have participation from the library, the Veterans Victory Home and about 12 businesses downtown for the WHAM festival "WHAM - Walterboro History, Art and Music" festival.

Mr. Amundson gave a brief overview of the events planned each date for the festival, which included the following:

Friday night activities at the Civic Center, which will involve art exhibitions, music, local music, and story telling at the Civic Center. All day Saturday, there will be revolutionary war re-enactments at the museum, art installations inside of businesses all the way down Washington Street. There will be music and art exhibits all day at the amphitheater concluding with a concert in the evening. Food will be served at the restaurants downtown, as well as food trucks at various parking lots.

There is a big event on Sunday afternoon at the Colleton Civic Center, we will have gospel singing. There are 50+ artists that will be participating.

Mr. Amundson also provided an update on the City's Loop Project. A tremendous amount of work has gone into this project with the help of Carla Harvey and SCDOT. We are proud of the fountain, to the side walks to the mast arms, etc. It signifies as the place of arrival in downtown Walterboro. He also gave a brief presentation of the Wildlife Center.

County Councilman Phillip Taylor said that it's just wonderful to be included in the WHAM Festival. The City and the County is holding its first ever history, arts and music festival. I think this is just tremendous. There is a lot of history here, we have a lot of art here, and there are very talented persons living here. He also spoke about the Arise Gospel Benefit Concert.

At approximately 5:43 P.M., a motion was made by Council Member Paul Siegel to go into Executive Session. Council Member James Broderick seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. The same motion to enter into an Executive Session was

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made by County Council Member Phillip Taylor, seconded by County Council Member Joseph Flowers. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting then entered into an Executive Session.

Executive Session

- a) Discussion of Matters Concerning the Marketing and Promotion of Walterboro and Colleton County to Encourage the Location or Expansion of Industries/Businesses.

- b) Discussion of Matters Concerning the Provision of Services Provided by the City of Walterboro and Colleton County.
 - a) Lowcountry Regional Airport.
 - b) Mega Site.

Both items were discussed.

At approximately 6:40 P.M. City Councilman Carl Brown made a motion to come out of Executive Session and enter into Open Session. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting returned to Open Session, and no action was taken.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by City Councilman Pryor, seconded by City Councilman Broderick and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:41 P.M. Notice of this meeting was distributed to all local media, posted on the City's website and the City Hall bulletin board at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully.

Betty J. Hudson
City Clerk

APPROVED: May 5, 2020