

Walterboro City Council  
Virtual Regular Meeting (Using Zoom)  
August 4, 2020

**MINUTES**

A Phone/Video Conference Virtual Meeting using Zoom was held by Walterboro City Council at City Hall on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

**PRESENT WERE:** Joined in the meeting were: Mayor Bill Young, Council Members: Paul Siegel, Carl Brown, Judy Bridge, James Broderick, Greg Pryor, and Ladson Fishburne. City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Hank Amundson, City Attorney George Cone, Attorney Brown McLeod and Utilities Director Wayne Crosby were also joined in the meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

With all Council Members present, the Mayor called the meeting to order, and invited everyone to join in as he gave the invocation. Council Member Pryor led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

**Opening Remarks by the Mayor**

The Mayor welcomed everyone and then made the following remarks:

1. I wanted to offer our condolences to Mr. Siegel on the passing of his sister and aunt. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
2. I also wanted to remind all of our citizens how important it is to wear face coverings, and wear them in a way that covers your mouth and nose. We wear face coverings to protect others. It allows us to keep our businesses open and it hopefully will help our economy from collapsing.

**PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

At this point, the Mayor asked City Manager Molinari if there was any input to share with Council and he stated that no public input on agenda items had been received. He then proceeded to the next agenda item.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

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

1. **Ordinance # 2020-07,** An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina, to Provide for Changes in the Zoning Districts of the City of Walterboro by Changing the Zoning Classification of Two Full Parcels and One Partial Parcel of Land Fronting Meadow Street, Between State and Trinity Streets, Designated as TMS#'s 163-03-00-05, 163-03-00-01, and 163-03-00-007 From Medium Density Residential (MDR) to Highway Commercial District (HCD).

City Manager Molinari then recognized Assistant City Manager Hank Amundson to brief Council on this proposed ordinance.

Assistant City Manager Amundson stated this is a requested re-zoning by Enterprise Bank to grow their operations and campus away from Jefferies Blvd. to some empty parcels. There was a home that was burned and demolished a few years ago. There have been only two public comments received over time and both were positive once they heard what it was. It was properly noticed and posted. They would immediately start with executive offices and eventually grow operations in that expanded campus. And the request is to change from medium density residential to commercial, which is what their front property is today.

Mayor Young then stated since no public input we'll move on to the approval of minutes.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The following meeting minutes were approved upon motion of Council Member Pryor, seconded by Council Member Broderick and passed unanimously.

1. Minutes of June 2, 2020 – Regular Meeting
2. Minutes of June 23, 2020 – Special Meeting
3. Minutes of June 29, 2020 - Special Meeting: Joint Meeting of City and County Council
4. Minutes of February 26, 2020 - Special Meeting: Joint Meeting of City and County Council
5. Minutes of July 7, 2020 – Regular Meeting
6. Minutes of April 16, 2019 – Special Meeting
7. Minutes of April 30, 2019 – Budget Work Session

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Ordinance # 2020-07, Second Reading**

Under Old Business, a motion was made by Council Member Carl Brown, seconded by Council Member Judy Bridge, giving **Second Reading and Adoption to Ordinance # 2020-07**, An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina, to Provide for Changes in the Zoning Districts of the City of Walterboro by Changing the Zoning Classification of Two Full Parcels and One Partial Parcel of Land Fronting Meadow Street, Between State and Trinity Streets, Designated as TMS#'s 163-03-00-05, 163-03-00-01, and 163-03-00-007 From Medium Density Residential (MDR) to Highway Commercial District (HCD). The motion passed with all members voting in favor.

2. **Resolution # 2020-05, (Revised)**

City Manager Molinari stated, as you will recall, City Council passed this resolution at the June Meeting for the Black Street Sewer Project, and the project will benefit approximately 634 residents and will entail the laying of roughly 15,000 linear feet of pour and place pipe. The Department of Commerce reviewed a number of submittals from the City and requested that we make a slight change to the resolution and it just has to deal with dollar amounts. There was a small portion of the project that technically can't be covered by CDBG funds so it has to come out of the City's match for the project. The new resolution has a match \$1,348,758 (CDBG portion) \$153,489 (City portion) \$134,876 (10% match) \$18,613 of additional city funds in the amount of \$153,489 we have sufficient capacity in the water enterprise fund to absorb that expenditure. This application is still being reviewed by the Department of Commerce. However, as you will recall from the June meeting these projects are typically capped at \$750,000, but

Commerce granted the City an exception whereby we could apply for the full project cost amount of 1.3 million. So, we have to make this change and ask for Council's favorable consideration of the resolution.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brown to adopt Resolution # 2020-05, a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Infrastructure Application for the Black Street I/I Project in the amount of \$1,348,760 Commit \$134,876 (10%) in Local Match Funds and \$18,613 in Additional Funds to meet the Budget Needs of the Project (Resolution attached). Councilmember Broderwick seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. A copy of said resolution is attached as part of these minutes.

The Mayor then said we have a consideration request by Carol Black to Waive or Reduce the Variance Application Fee of \$100.00. That was before Council entered into previous meeting. No motion was made.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Ordinance # 2020-R-08**, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance # 2020-04, So As to set the Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.

City Manager Molinari briefed Council on this item. He said we need to adopt the Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor for the property tax bills that will go out in the fall. The tax credit formula is very simple. You take the total anticipated collections divided by the fair market value of the property in the City. So our anticipated collections are \$966,277 divided by \$568,061,852 for a local option sales tax credit factor .001701. Staff asks for Council's favorable consideration of the ordinance.

A motion was made by Mayor Young to adopt Ordinance #2020-08, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance # 2020-04, so as to set the Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. Council Member Broderick seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. A copy of said ordinance is attached as part of these minutes.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Mayor then entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session. Councilmember Carl Brown so moved and Councilmember Greg Pryor seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The Mayor announced that the meeting will convene into Executive Session for:

1. Contractual Matter – Survey, Design, Engineering, and Construction Observation Services for Expansion of Wastewater Treatment Plant.

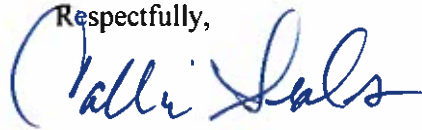
The meeting then convened into an Executive Session.

At approximately 6:33 P.M., Councilmember Carl Brown made a motion to come out of Executive Session and to enter into Open Session. Councilmember James 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 Councilmember Judy Bridge, seconded by Councilmember Greg Pryor and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:34 P.M. Notice of this meeting, call-in phone number, webinar I.D. and link to view the video were distributed to all local media, posted on City Hall bulletin boards and on the City's website at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Callie Seals". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Callie Seals  
City Clerk

APPROVED: February 2, 2021