

Walterboro City Council  
Virtual Regular Meeting (Using Zoom)  
November 10, 2020

### **MINUTES**

A Phone/Video Conference Virtual Meeting using Zoom was held by Walterboro City Council at City Hall on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 12:00 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

**PRESENT WERE:** Joined in the meeting were: Mayor Bill Young, Councilmembers: Carl Brown, Judy Bridge, James Broderick, Ladson Fishburne and Paul Siegel. City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Hank Amundson, Finance Director Amy Risher, Chief of Policy Wade Marvin, City Attorney George Cone, City Appearance Boardmember Dana Cheney and Vicki Brown of the Press & Standard were also joined in the meeting.

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Mayor called the meeting to order and invited everyone to join in as he gave the invocation. Council Member Broderick led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

### **Opening Remarks by the Mayor**

The Mayor welcomed everyone and then made a motion to remove item numbers 4 under “New Business” and number 4 under “Public Hearing”, which has to do with the USDA grant and the purchase of police patrol cars and we will bring that back at the next meeting. Since we had to change the time of the meeting from 6:15 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., and had advertised for the meeting at 6:15 P.M., we have to make that correction for USDA and that is the reason for taking it off the Agenda and moving it to the next meeting.

Motion: Mayor Young; Second: Councilmember Broderick  
Discussion: None.  
Carried: All ayes.

The Mayor then stated he would like to add an Ordinance under New Business 2020-16 to annex property with Tax Map Number 147-11-00-108. City Manager Molinari stated that the Planning Commission is to meet to consider zoning on the property to make recommendation before Council goes to second and final reading. Also, we ran an ad in the Press & Standard this week to give the required fifteen (15) day notice for the public hearing. The Mayor then moved to add the Ordinance under New Business, and it will become Item Number 4. Councilmember Bridge seconded the motion. Councilmember Brown recused himself as he will be the general contactor on the project. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

### **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 opened a public hearing, duly advertised, to receive public comments on the following proposed ordinance:

1. **Ordinance # 2020-10**, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE # 2020-04, SO AS TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET (Second and Final Reading).
2. **Ordinance # 2020-11**, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE # 2020-05, SO AS TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET (Second and Final Reading).
3. **Ordinance # 2020-12**, AN ORDINANCE TO SELL TWO (2) LOTS LOCATED ON MOORE STREET IN THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5-7-260 (6) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED (Second and Final Reading).
4. **Ordinance # 2020-16**, AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO TITLE 5, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 5-3-150, SUBSECTION 3, OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, TO ANNEX AN AREA, KNOWN AS TMS # 147-11-00-108 INTO THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (FIRST READING).

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Ordinance # 2020-10**, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE # 2020-04, SO AS TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET (Second and Final Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Second: Councilmember Broderick  
Discussion: None.  
Carried: All ayes.

2. **Ordinance # 2020-11**, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE # 2020-05, SO AS TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET (Second and Final Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Second: Councilmember Bridge  
Discussion: None.  
Carried: All ayes.

3. **Ordinance # 2020-12**, AN ORDINANCE TO SELL TWO (2) LOTS LOCATED ON MOORE STREET IN THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5-7-260 (6) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED (Second and Final Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Second: Councilmember Bridge  
Discussion: None.  
Carried: All ayes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Ordinance # 2020-14,** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN THE INCENTIVE AREA IN THE CITY OF WALTERBORO; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO (Introduction and First Reading).

Assistant City Manager Hank Amundson briefed Council, stating that this was a combination of a lot of work to incentivize investment in some of our more distressed and gateway areas in the City. It is modeled after ordinances done in other cities within the State. It has shown to be successful. It establishes business targets in certain business designated areas with investment thresholds and employment thresholds to help earn the incentive. The incentive would be agreed upon based on a case by case basis according to this ordinance by City Council and then performance monitored prior to any incentive being paid out.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Second: Councilmember Brown

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

2. **Ordinance # 2020-15,** AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THAT FACE COVERINGS OR MASKS BE WORN IN PUBLIC IN THE CITY OF WALTERBORO DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND RECOVERY (Introduction and First Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Second: Councilmember Broderick

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

3. **Resolution # 2020-R-10,** A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL ORGANIZATION IN WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA AND ESTABLISHING A KEEP WALTERBORO BEAUTIFUL ORGANIZATION.

Motion: Councilmember Fishburne; Second: Councilmember Brown

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

4. **Ordinance # 2020-16,** AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO TITLE 5, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 5-3-150, SUBSECTION 3, OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, TO ANNEX AN AREA, KNOWN AS TMS # 147-11-00-108 INTO THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, A SOUTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (FIRST READING).

City Manager Molinari briefed Council on the ordinance, stating that the Planning Commission was to meet to consider zoning on the property and make a recommendation before Council gives second and final reading in December. Also an ad was run in the Press and Standard giving the required fifteen (15) day notice for the hearing.

Motion: Mayor Young; Second: Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: Councilmember Brown indicated he would have to recuse himself as he will be the general contractor.

Carried: All ayes.

5. Request to close streets for Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk, November 26, 2020, from 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM from the Walterboro-Colleton Chamber of Commerce.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Second: Councilmember Broderick

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

Mayor Young asked City Manager Molinari if we could proceed with the stipulation that when participants are not social distancing that they will wear masks, i.e. registration, or end of race during awards. Mr. Molinari stated that conditions could be added for approval. Councilmember Brown amended his motion to state that it should be amended to follow state Covid-19 guidelines. Councilmember Broderick seconded the motion that passed with all members voting in favor.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

1. Consideration of funding recommendations from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee (Memorandum attached).

City Manager Molinari expanded on the enclosed Memorandum stating the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee met on October 15<sup>th</sup>, and considered a number of applications. We had a request from the Walterboro Tourism Commission to once again be the Designated Marketing Organization, and they're requesting \$50,000 and the Committee is recommending \$50,000. For the 65% tourism fund, recommending \$2,672 for the S.C. Artisan Center, \$11,530 for the Colleton County Rice Festival 2021, \$10,000 for the Lowcountry and Resort Islands Guidebook and Promotions, \$15,600 for the S.C. Artisan Center for marketing and promotions, \$10,000 for the City of Walterboro billboard package for 2021, and \$40,000 for the Walterboro Tourism Commission for the Walterboro Rocks Campaign. Should these requests be approved as submitted, the projected balance remaining would be \$60,922 and those remaining funds would be up for consideration at The Committee's next meeting.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Second: Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: None.

Carried: All ayes.

2. Consideration of amended bylaws for Keep Walterboro Beautiful (attached).

City Manager Molinari stated Council had read over the Bylaws and asked for favorable consideration.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Second: Councilmember Fishburne

Discussion: Councilmember Bridge had questions as to what establishes a "quorum".

Carried: All ayes.

3. Consideration of selection of Financial Advisor (Memorandum attached).

City staff recommends PFM Financial Advisors, LLC (Orlando, FL) to serve as the City's financial advisor and to assist the city with taking the \$7 million bond issue public. The \$7 million bond issue will fund the 20% matching requirement for the EDA grant to expand capacity of the wastewater treatment plant

(\$5,584,400), matching requirements on future CDBG water/sewer projects (Black Street substation #12, Jackson/Gadsden Loop subsystem #3, Francis Street subsystem #6) and for additional water/sewer projects.

Motion: Mayor Young; Second: Councilmember Brown  
Discussion: None.  
Carried: All ayes.


4. Request to Purchase Police Vehicles (Memorandum attached).

City Manager Molinari briefed Council on the above. The amended FY 2020-2021 Police Department budget allocated \$102,750 for the purchase of two (2) new police vehicles with equipment. After applying the local preference option per Section 2-251 of the Code of Ordinances, the local bidder did not qualify for the opportunity to match the lowest bidder. City staff recommends purchasing two (2) 2020 Dodge Durango Pursuit vehicles from Performance Dodge (Clinton, NC) with equipment in the amount of \$97,127.34. Police chief Wade expanded on the matter.

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Second: Councilmember Fishburne  
Discussion: None.  
Carried: All ayes.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by City Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Broderick and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:43 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,



Callie Seals  
City Clerk

APPROVED: February 2, 2021