



**WALTERBORO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 2, 2024
CITY HALL
6:15 P.M.**

AGENDA

I. Call to Order:

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Public Input on Agenda Items:

III. Presentations:

1. Ashley Kellahan, Field Services Manager, Municipal Association of South Carolina – 2024 South Carolina Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government’s Honor Roll.
2. Joseph White - Forest Hills Tennis Center.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting – March 5, 2024

V. New Business:

1. **Resolution # 2024-01**, A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE APRIL 2024 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH AND APPROVAL OF ANNUAL NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY.
2. A Proclamation to Designate April 2024 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF WALTERBORO (Proclamation Attached).
3. Consideration of a request from the Colleton County Veterans Council to commemorate Memorial Day 2024 (Letter Attached).

VI. City Manager’s Report:

1. Consideration of a request to purchase a generator for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project – FEMA Grant.

VII. Executive Session:

1. Discussion of Matters Concerning the Marketing and Promotion of Walterboro and Colleton County to Encourage the Location or Expansion of Businesses/Industries.
2. Provision of sewer service to Northwest Walterboro.
3. Potential Purchase of Property.
4. Personnel Matter – Appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

VIII. Open Session:

1. Council May Take Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session.

IX. Adjournment:

Adrienne Nettles

From: Joseph White <reneemwhitetaxservices.josephwhite@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 9:13 AM
To: Adrienne Nettles
Subject: Addition to April 2nd City Council Meeting

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We were wanting to be included in the City Council meeting regarding the pickle ball court lines in Forrest Hills. Please let me know if there are any further steps that's need to be completed.

Thank you,

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Walterboro City Council Regular Meeting

City Hall

March 5, 2024

Minutes

A regular meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday March 5, 2024, at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

Present: Joined in the meeting were: Mayor Bill Young. Councilmembers: Carl Brown, Judy Bridge, Paul Siegel, James Broderick, Greg Pryor, and Ladson Fishburne. City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Ryan McLeod, City Clerk Adrienne Nettles, Finance Director Amy Risher, Utilities Director Wayne Crosby, Kay Newsome, Dana Cheney with Keep Walterboro Beautiful, and Ashley Rhode with the Colleton County Rice Festival.

Call to Order:

With the above-mentioned Councilmembers present, Mayor Young called the meeting to order, and invited everyone to join in as he gave the invocation. Councilmember Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Public Input on Agenda Items:

There was no public input on agenda items.

Presentations:

Kay Newsome - Newsome Tract.

Ms. Kay Newsome, owner of the 180-acre Newsome Tract, gave a brief history on the property and discussed why she would like to sell the property for development.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion of Councilmember Broderick, seconded by Councilmember Fishburne the following minutes were approved:

1. Rescheduled Regular Meeting – November 14, 2023.
2. Special Called Meeting – November 30, 2023.
3. Regular Meeting – December 5, 2023.
4. Regular Meeting – January 2, 2024.
5. Rescheduled regular Meeting – February 13, 2024.

New Business:

1. **Ordinance # 2024-01**, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WALTERBORO TO JOIN WITH THE WALTERBORO-COLLETON COUNTY AIRPORT COMMISSION AND COLLETON COUNTY IN CONVEYING 10.07 ACRES OF A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE COLLETON COUNTY RECREATION CENTER, IDENTIFIED BY TMS # 132-00-00-028 TO COLLETON COUNTY (Title Only-Introduction and First Reading).

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of Council you have in your agenda packet an ordinance by title only as well as a map. This is the property located off Thunderbolt Drive that is part of

the County Recreation Complex. I was contacted by the county a couple weeks ago and they have secured a grant from SCPRT. All the properties surrounding were conveyed from the airport to the county. When they were going through the paperwork securing the grant, they learned that this parcel, TMS number 132-00-00-028 was still under ownership of the airport, which is jointly owned by the city and county. For the county to be able to secure the grant funding, the property needs to be conveyed to the county. The county asks that we give first reading to an ordinance by title only. There are still some things that the county will have to take care of before we can do second and final reading. The Airport Commission will also have to pass a resolution to at their March meeting. We ask for Council's favorable consideration.

Councilmember Siegel asked what is the grant for?

City Manager Jeff stated I cannot remember what the exact grant is. I do know it is for a sizeable amount and it is from SCPRT.

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Seconded by Councilmember Brown

Discussion: None

Carries: All ayes

2. A Proclamation to Designate April and May 2024 AS KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL/GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP MONTH.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

3. Council Internal/External Committee Appointments

Mayor Young asked are all these people asking to be reappointed.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated that is correct Mr. Mayor. At our meeting last month no one indicated that they wanted to change from where they are currently.

Mayor Young stated for the internal appointments I am going to appoint Judy Bridge as Chair, Paul Siegel, and Carl Brown as members of the Budget Committee. For the Fireman's 1% Fund, I am going to appoint Carl Brown. For the Airport Commission, I am going to appoint James Broderick. For the LCOG Board, I am going to appoint Ladson Fishburne, and for Keep Waltherboro Beautiful I am going to appoint Greg Pryor.

4. Consideration of a request from Coastal Empire CMHC to tie green ribbons on East Washington Street, and for use of the City Waterfall for Mental Health Awareness Month Kick off. May 1, 2024, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of Council you have in your agenda packet a request from Coastal Empire CMHC to tie ribbons on the street posts on East Washington Street to promote mental health awareness during the month of May. They also request to use the city waterfall for a kickoff ceremony on May 1, 2024.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carried: All yes

5. Consideration of a request to close Fishburne Street between Church Street and Wichman Street for a wedding at the Little Library on April 6, 2024, 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of Council you have in your agenda packet a letter from Ms. Harper Downey with a request to close Fishburne Street between Church Street and Wichman Street for a wedding at the Little Library on Saturday April 6, 2024, from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. I have reviewed this with the Police Department, and they are comfortable with the request.

Motion: Councilmember Fishburne; Seconded by Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

6. Consideration of 2024 Rice Festival Requests for April 23-27, 2024, Scott Grooms, Chairman Colleton County Rice Festival.

Ashley Rhode with the Colleton County Rice Festival Committee stated the only thing in the request we will no longer be pursuing is the soapbox derby. It is an event the Rice Festival has held before but talking with the insurance company there is just no way to make it safe. Everything else will continue as usual.

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Seconded by Councilmember Broderick

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

City Manager's Report:

1. Consideration of funding recommendations from the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of Council you have in your agenda packet a memo and supporting documentation from the ATAX Committee. They met twice in February on the 15th and 27th. They considered five different requests.

The following are the requests:

1. SC Artisans Center – 2024 Ag + Art Tour

Requested: \$3,315 Approved: \$ 3,000

2. SC Artisans Canter – marketing partnership

Requested: \$18,000 Approved: \$6,000

3. Lowcountry & Resorts Island Tourism Commission – marketing and promotions

Requested: \$21,200 Approved: \$21,200

4. Colleton Museum & Farmers Market – WHAM! Festival 2024

Requested: \$22,184 Approved: \$15,000

5. Hiram E Mann Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc – Budget Revision

Requested: \$12,273 Approved: 0

At this time, nothing was recommended for funding. They are going to reapply and resubmit in June and that application will be considered by the A-TAX Committee then. Should these requests be funded as submitted the remaining balance for this fiscal year will be \$259,496.00. These funds will be up for consideration at the next meeting in June. The A-TAX Committee respectfully requests Council's favorable consideration.

Motion: Councilmember Pryor; Seconded by Councilmember Brown

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

2. Board and Commission Reappointments

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of Council, Adrienne reached out to all our Boards and Commission Members whose terms have expired this year. I am going to go through the list.

- **Accommodations Tax Committee**
Amar Patel (3-year term expiring January 1, 2027)
- **Building Board**
Clayton Stoddard (4-year term expiring January 1, 2028)
- **Historic Preservation Commission**
Michael Crowe (2-year term expiring January 1, 2026).
- **Tree Protection Committee**
Sue Tilden (2-year term expiring January 1, 2026)
Calvin Bailey (2-year term expiring January 1, 2026)
Mitzi Carter (2-year term expiring January 1, 2026)
- **Board of Zoning Appeals**
Kathy Peer (3-year term expiring January 1, 2027)
Mark McRoy (3-year term expiring January 1, 2027)
- **Municipal Election Commission**
T. Payton Crosby (6-year term expiring January 1, 2030)
- **Municipal Planning Commission**
Jimmy Syfrett (4-year term expiring January 1, 2028)

Staff asks for Council's favorable consideration of these reappointments.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Seconded by Councilmember Broderick

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

3. 2024 CDBG Prioritization

City Manager Jeff stated Mr. Mayor and members of City Council, at the February City Council meeting, Kimberly Mullinax with the Lowcountry Council of Governments made a presentation on the Community Development Block Grant program for 2024. We are required to prioritize our projects. I am recommending the following based on the goals and objectives that City Council adopted at our retreat.

1. Public Infrastructure and Facilities

- Upgrades of water and sewer lines as needed.
- Other projects as identified.

2. Community Enrichment

- Demolition of properties that are attractive nuisances.
- Adaptive reuse of existing structures.
- Others as identified.

3. Special Projects as identified

- Trail connector for Wildlife Center and Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Other projects as identified.

4. Economic Development projects as identified

Staff asks for Council's favorable consideration of these priorities for the 2024 CDBG Program.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Seconded by Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

A motion was made to go into Executive Session by Councilmember Bridge, seconded by Councilmember Fishburne. Mayor Young explained that City Council will be going into Executive Session to discuss Matters concerning the proposed location, expansion, or provision of services encouraging location of industries or other businesses in the area served by public body. Personnel Matter: Main Street Manager/Tourism Director.

Executive Session:

1. Matters concerning the proposed location, expansion or provision of services encouraging location of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body.

2. Personnel Matter: Main Street/Tourism Director.

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Councilmember Fishburne, seconded by Councilmember Pryor, all in favor motion carried. There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Fishburne, seconded by Councilmember Brown, and passed unanimously. Mayor Young adjourned the meeting at 7:51 P.M. Notice of the meeting was distributed with the agenda packets, to all local media, posted on City Hall bulletin board and posted on the City's Website at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully,

Adrienne Nettles
City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-01

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, April 11, 2024, marks the 56th anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended and the State of South Carolina enacted the South Carolina Fair Housing Law in 1989, that both support the policy of Fair Housing without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, familial status, and disability, and encourages fair housing opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walterboro is committed to addressing discrimination in our community, to support programs that will educate the public about the right to equal housing opportunities, and to plan partnership efforts with other organizations to help assure every citizen of their right to fair housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walterboro rejects discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability and/or familial status in the sale, rental, or provision of other housing services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Walterboro desires that all its citizens be afforded the opportunity to attain decent, safe and sound living environment; and

WHEREAS, April is recognized nationally as Fair Housing Month.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Walterboro, South Carolina does hereby designate April 2024 as being Fair Housing Month and recognizes the policy supporting Fair Housing by encouraging all citizens to endorse Fair Housing opportunities for all not only during Fair Housing Month but throughout the year.

ADOPTED, this ____ day of April 2024 by Walterboro City Council.

William T. Young, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Adrienne Nettles
Municipal Clerk

CITY OF WALTERBORO
POLICY OF
NONDISCRIMINATION
ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY STATUS,
RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, AGE, RELIGION,
LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY AND FAMILIAL STATUS

The City of Walterboro does not discriminate on the basis of disability, race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, limited English proficiency and familial status in the admission, or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities.

Jeffrey P. Molinari, City Manager
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Has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Developments (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8, dated June 2, 1988).

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, South Carolina's future prosperity is dependent on nurturing the healthy development of the 1.1 million children currently residing in the diverse communities across our state; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; and

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2023, there were 8,304 children in founded investigations of child maltreatment in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2023, Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA) housed 96 children & Hopeful Horizons conducted 404 Forensic Interviews for cases of alleged child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse is a public health issue with serious societal consequences, as data shows the link between the abuse and neglect of children and a wide range of costly medical, emotional, psychological and behavioral problems into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect must be a priority that requires individuals, families, youth-serving organizations, faith-based groups, businesses, government agencies, and everyone that makes up our community to support the physical, emotional, and educational development of all children and their families; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention exists in communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development, and concrete resources they need to cope with the stress and nurture their children, help to ensure that all children can grow to their full potential; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Walterboro, SC in conjunction with Hopeful Horizons, Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA), and support service programs around the state, designates the month of April as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION & AWARENESS MONTH

while urging all citizens to dedicate themselves to protect quality of life for every child.



WILLIAM T. YOUNG, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

ADRIENNE NETTLES, CITY CLERK



Colleton County Veterans Council

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JANET D. SMITH
VA OFFICER

Date: March 11, 2024

Mr. Jeff Molinari, City Manager
P.O. Box 709
Walterboro, SC 29488

Dear Mr. Molinari:

The Colleton County Veterans Council has begun preparations for this year's Memorial Day Ceremony. The Ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 27, 2024, 9:00 a.m. at the Downtown Plaza, Washington Street.

Below are the requests for the agenda in April. The Veterans Council requests the City's approval of the following:

1. Display the US flags on Washington Street the month of May.
2. Reserve the Waterfall Plaza for setup and turn the water off from 12:00 pm - May 24th to May 27th, 12:00 pm.
3. Close Washington Street on Monday, May 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm.

The Veterans Council appreciates your continued support. If you have any questions, please give me a call on my cell at (843) 908-2123.

Respectfully,


Johnny Holmes
Council Chairman