

Walterboro City Council Regular Meeting

City Hall

September 3, 2024

**Minutes**

A Regular Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday September 3, 2024, at 6:15 P.M., with Mayor Bill Young presiding.

**Present:** Joined in the meeting were: Mayor Bill Young, Councilmembers: Ladson Fishburne, Greg Pryor, James Broderick, Paul Siegel, Judy Bridge, and Carl Brown. City Manager Jeff Molinari, Assistant City Manager Ryan McLeod, and City Clerk Adrienne Nettles, Police Chief Wade Marvin, Lieutenant Kevin Kinard, Representative Robby Robbins, Travis Godley, and Jimmy Hiott, CEO of Colleton Medical Center.

**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.

**Public Hearing:**

1. **Ordinance # 2024-09**, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROVIDE A MODIFICATION TO APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY

**Presentations:**

1. Representative Robby Robbins, South Carolina House of Representatives.

Representative Robby Robbins stated thank you for having me here tonight. I just want to give a brief update on what is going on in the State. The health of the State Economy is very good. I have been targeting four specific areas which are: Economic Development, Education, Crime, and Infrastructure. Each area is growing and improving at a rapid rate, and we want to see that continue. Again, thank you for your support and thank you for having me here tonight.

2. Jimmy Hiott, CEO, Colleton Medical Center – Community Impact Report.

Mr. Jimmy Hiott, CEO of Colleton Medical Center gave a summary of the Community Impact Report, along with all the great things that Colleton Medical Center is doing. During the presentation, Councilmember Brown thanked Mr. Hiott for all the hard work and for all the wonderful things the hospital does for our community.

3. Travis Godley – Sidewalks.

Mr. Godley stated thank you for having me tonight. I would like to bring to your attention that the sidewalks in the city are not in the best shape and are not good for a wheelchair. I have had numerous occasions where

my wheelchair has had issues passing in certain areas. This is my mode of transportation, and I just want to make you all aware of the situation and hope that we can get the issues fixed.

**Old Business:**

1. **Ordinance # 2024-09**, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROVIDE A MODIFICATION TO APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WALTERBORO (Second and Final Reading).

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by Councilmember Brown

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

**New Business:**

1. **Resolution # 2024-R-7**, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF FINANCIAL POLICIES FOR THE CITY OF WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of Council, Finance Director Amy Risher is going to give a brief overview of the proposed resolution.

Finance Director Amy Risher stated Mr. Mayor and members of Council, you have before you a resolution to amend our financial policy. GFOA recommends we review our policies every five (5) years. It has been seven (7) years since we reviewed our policies. To avoid findings on our financial project report, I asked our Financial Advisor and CPA to look at our policies. Our CPA Lisa has made a minor change. Under the investment strategies section, she is suggesting that we change the days of cash on hand from 90 to 60. That will coincide with our 60-day billing cycle in the Enterprise Fund for utilities bills. Our Financial Advisor has made a minor change as well. He is recommending that we adopt the Reserves Polices since we do not have one. The policy states that the City will work towards an undesignated reserve balance in the General Fund of 25%. Last year our General Fund balance was 60% and the year before that it was 62%. Having the reserve policy will assist us if we ever decide to have a public bond offering. These changes will not affect the day-to-day operation as we already exceed these goals.

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Seconded by Councilmember Siegel

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

2. A Proclamation to designate September 2024 as National Recovery Month.

Motion: Councilmember Brown; Seconded by Councilmember Broderick

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

3. A proclamation to designate September 29, 2024, as Veterans of Foreign Wars Day.

Motion: Councilmember Pryor; Seconded by Councilmember Bridge

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

4. Consideration of a request to use the lot behind 300 Hampton Street for FestiVELO participants to camp from November 4-12, 2024.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of Council you have in your agenda packet an email from the First Baptist Church granting permission for FestiVELO to use their lot for the upcoming event in November. They ask for Councils favorable consideration of this request.

Motion: Councilmember Fishburne; Seconded by Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

5. Consideration of a request from B.I.R.T.H to hold their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Celebration of Life" Walk on March 29, 2025.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mayor and members of Council you have in your agenda packet a request from B.I.R.T.H to hold their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual walk on March 29, 2025. We ask for Councils favorable consideration for this request.

Motion: Councilmember Siegel; Seconded by Councilmember Brown

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

6. Consideration of request from Associational WMU (Yellow Jacket Prayer Walk for School) on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at 8:00 AM.

Motion: Councilmember Bridge; Seconded by Councilmember Brown

Discussion: None

Carried: All ayes

7. Consideration of request from Waltherboro Rotary Club for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ireland Creek Bridge Run to be held on Thursday, October 10, 2024.

City Manager Jeff Molinari stated Mr. Mayor and members of Council you have a letter from the President of the Waltherboro Rotary Club requesting to use the area in and around Ireland Creek for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ireland Creek Bridge Run. This is the club's primary fund-raising event of the year.

Motion: Councilmember Broderick; Seconded by Councilmember Pryor

Discussion: None

Carries: All ayes

8. Mayor Bill Young.

Mayor Young stated I just want to talk to you about the history of our city. The city was settled around 1783 or 1784, and the City of Waltherboro become the county seat in 1817. In 1826 we were incorporated as a

city on December 20<sup>th</sup>. In a year and a half, we will be having our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I would like us to start thinking about the ways we can celebrate.

**City Manager's Report:**

There was nothing to report.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session by Councilmember Pryor, seconded by Councilmember Bridge. Mayor Young explained that City Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss matters concerning security devices, and matters concerning the expansion and provision of services to encourage the location or expansion of industries and other businesses served by the public body.

**Executive Session:**

1. Discussion of security devices.
2. Discussion of matters concerning the expansion and provision of services to encourage the location or expansion of industries and other businesses served by the public body.

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Councilmember Bridge, seconded by Councilmember brown, all in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business to consider, a motion was to adjourn was made by Councilmember Broderick, seconded by Councilmember Brown, and passed unanimously. Mayor Young adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM. 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