



CITY OF WALHALLA

Main Street to the Mountains

AGENDA

Community Commerce & Public Space Task Force Meeting

October 13, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers | 206 N Church St. Walhalla, SC

Tim Hall
Mayor

David Underwood
Mayor Pro Tem

Jessie Bunning
Councilwoman

Chris Grant
Councilman

Lynn McClain
Councilwoman

Sarai Melendez
Councilwoman

Michael Kozlarek
City Attorney

David Poulson
City Administrator

- I. Call to Order and Welcome Kelvin Bryant
- II. Introduction of Members
- III. Review/Acceptance of 7/8/2026 Meeting Minutes
- IV. Discussion/Action Items
 - A. Proposed Changes to Ordinances
 - B. New Food Truck Lot Locations
 - C. Outcomes: Report to Council; Further Actions
- V. Adjournment

City of Walhalla
Community Commerce and Public Space Task Force
July 8, 2026 • 5:00 PM
Council Chambers | 206 N Church St
Walhalla, South Carolina
Minutes

In accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, Section 30-4-10 et seq., South Carolina Code, 1976, the media was duly notified of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

Present: Kelvin Bryant (chair), Lynn McClain, Sarai Melendez (arrived at 5:39), Stephanie Goitz (business owner).

Staff Present: Cathy Whetstone, Ed Halbig

Call to Order: Mr. Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:05 and introduced Stephanie Goitz of Steph's Steaks.

Mrs. McClain explained the need to find new locations given that the food truck lot is currently available month to month because the city doesn't own the property. She also discussed the idea of rotating the locations for exposure. Mr. Bryant suggested the pool property and city property near the feed and seed store on South Broadway. Ms. Goitz asked about how many food trucks would be allowed. Mr. Bryant noted that the number would probably be a function of available space.

Mrs. Whetstone discussed current code issues with certain trucks and the damage being done to private property. She noted the code requirements for relocating based on the code requirements. Ms. Goitz noted that the USDA already has location requirements for food trucks and that the city requirements should line up with other regulations.

Ms. Goitz asked about the lot near the Bantam Chef. Mr. Bryant pointed out the separation requirement in the code. Mrs. Whetstone noted that the separation protected brick and mortar businesses. Ms. Goitz questioned the need to protect brick and mortar if the food truck wasn't in direct competition. The group discussed the different distance requirements for separations in the city versus the downtown overlay.

Mr. Bryant asked about city property on South Broadway and distances to existing restaurants.

Ms. Goitz suggested using any space for multi-use, above and beyond food trucks, with maps for directing people to other activities around downtown. She suggested a space that promoted other businesses similar to a downtown welcome center without a building. She noted the need for parking to accommodate larger vehicles coming through downtown.

Mrs. McClain mentioned the Depot property. Mr. Bryant noted a preference for a permanent location. Mrs. Whetstone asked to consider parking when other activities are occurring at the

Depot. Mr. Bryant asked about the adjacent parking lots and the need for parking for food truck customers. He noted the need for public restrooms. Mrs. Whetstone brought up the proximity of the depot property to residential areas and the noise ordinance. Mr. Bryant mentioned including requirements for generators under specified decibel requirements.

Ms. Goitz noted that a consolidated effort to promote food trucks with amenities, signage, and branding would benefit the city. Mr. Bryant addressed the survey and the desire for food trucks. Ms. Melendez discussed the need for branding based on the public survey.

Mrs. McClain discussed parking around the depot. Ms. Melendez asked about the parking near St. Johns. Ms. Goitz agreed that protecting residential properties is important. Mrs. McClain reiterated the need to address the noises associated with food trucks. Mrs. Whetstone mentioned the city's existing noise ordinance. Ms. Melendez asked about reviewing the noise ordinance. Mrs. McClain asked about the Earle House property.

Mrs. McClain led discussion of the Depot property, including parking, food variety, parking near the Lion's Club, permanency, power and lighting, and directional signage. She asked Cathy about property ownership in the area. Ms. Melendez asked about coordinating with the beautification committee and taskforce. She asked about Sertoma Field. Mrs. Whetstone pointed out that the area is busy during sports events. Mr. Bryant noted that the idea created competition with food sales fundraising for sports.

Ms. Goitz noted that an ideal location would be closer to the main arteries of downtown where tourism moved through the downtown. Ms. Melendez noted that the Depot would be desirable based on those criteria, and the proximity to the city parking lot. Ms. Goitz talked about the proximity to the downtown for walking.

Ms. Goitz excused herself from the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Ms. Melendez asked about the next meetings for the Depot property. Mr. Bryant asked about a meeting date for the taskforce. Ms. Melendez asked to consider homework, including the noise ordinance, lighting in park, and lighting requirements for trucks.

Mr. Halbig showed images of other food truck courts Mrs. Whetstone asked about liabilities.

Mr. Bryant asked that the next meeting include suggested changes to ordinances.

Mr. Bryant asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. McClain so moved. Ms. Melendez asked that the board to consider communication with Beautification committee. Mrs. McClain included the need for communication with Rotary and Partners for Progress. Ms. Melendez seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:26PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward R. Halbig
City Clerk

To: Community Commerce & Public Space Task Force

From: Ed Halbig

Date: 10/9/2026

Re: Ordinances in need of updating for Food Truck operation

A brief review of applicable codes for food trucks includes the following needed changes:

§ 204-6. Operating requirements. All mobile food vendors shall be subject to the following regulations in their operation on private property:

A. No mobile food vendor shall operate in any City parking lots or parking spaces within the downtown overlay, except within the City leased lot located at the corner of East Main Street and North Spring Street (TMS#: 500-16-10-005) or during a City sponsored special event. A mobile food vendor may operate on private property within the downtown overlay, provided they are located 200 feet away from an operating food establishment. Alternate locations may be approved by the City Administrator for bona fide City sponsored events within the downtown overlay.

*The property referenced will no longer be made available for food trucks in 2027. **This is a priority for code correction.** Other properties discussed by the Task Force are city-owned. Food trucks would need approval to operate on city property outside of city events.*

D. Mobile food vendors may operate between the hours of 6:00 AM until 2:00 AM, but must leave the premises when not in operation. Failure to leave the premises when not in operation may result in the suspension of mobile food vendor permit.

Not a priority but certainly a consideration for relocating the site. The 2:00 AM allowance would also conflict with the noise ordinance requirements that restrict noise after 10 PM, although the lower decibel requirements could assist. The question of what activity occurs between 10 PM and 2 AM should be researched and addressed, but is not time sensitive to the Task Force's efforts. Furthermore, the removal requirement could place unnecessary or undue hardship on food truck operators. It would be better to determine the reasons for the regulation and work toward a solution that better addresses the issues. Is the issue one of liability? Attractive nuisance? Sanitation? Perceived vested rights?

§ 204-3. Business license required; application requirements.

I. All power shall be self-contained and shall not produce noise above _____ decibels.

Code recommendation would limit sound to 65 dB. The dB limit would be achievable through the generator or through sound dampening enclosure approved by fire marshal.