



**PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 20, 2022 – 5:30 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
2222 HIGHMARKET STREET
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA
AND LIVESTREAM:
<https://www.facebook.com/cityofgtown/>**

**Notice of this meeting has been made in accordance with the
South Carolina Code of Laws as amended.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Notice of this meeting has been made in accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws as amended.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Carol Jayroe
Council Member Jonathan Angner
Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements
Council Member Hobson H. Milton
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

ABSENT

Council Member Jimmy Morris

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mr. Nick Ard, IT Technician
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Mrs. Tammy Kinsley, Director of Planning and Community Development
Chief William Pierce, Georgetown Police Department
Ms. Ieshia Tucker, Human Resources/Risk Management Director
Ms. Amy Skidmore, Office Manager Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent
Mr. Scott Whittier, Utilities & Public Works Director

ABSENT

Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Director of Finance

MEDIA

GAB News - Mr. Scott Harper
Georgetown Times - Mr. Mike Woodel

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Carol Jayroe called the Regular Meeting of City Council to order at 5:30pm and requested all cell phones or electronic devices be turned off or placed on mute, with the exception of first responders, so as to not interrupt the meeting.

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements introduced U.S. Coast Guard Station Georgetown Chaplain Phillip Poole to render the invocation and Senior Chief Adam Witt to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

The purpose of the Public Hearings will be to receive citizen input concerning the following items.

- A. An ordinance authorizing establishing an application fee for the Community Appearance Board to cover administrative costs necessary to effect the duties delegated to the CAB and Planning staff associated with this application process.**

Mayor Jayroe opened the public hearing and stated no one signed up to give input and closed this portion of the public hearing.

- B. An ordinance authorizing the sale of public property located at 1907 Hampton Court, Georgetown, SC, County Tax Map No. 05-0013-015-01-00, to Habitat for Humanity.**

Mayor Jayroe opened the public hearing and stated no one signed up to give input and closed this portion of the public hearing.

- C. An ordinance authorizing the sub-lease of public property located at 2104 Lincoln Street, Georgetown, SC (portion of parcel no. 05-0003-004-00-00) to the Low Country Veterans Group to provide services to veterans.**

Mayor Jayroe opened the public hearing and stated no one signed up to give input and closed this portion of the public hearing.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Wesley Gibson. Mr. Gibson stated he is in disagreement for Council to direct the Planning and Community Development staff and the Planning Commission to review Article XXI: Redevelopment District of the City of Georgetown Zoning Ordinance and bring a proposal for City Council's review. Mr. Gibson stated it would cost the city too much money to make changes to the REDD ordinance.

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Boris Gibson. Mr. Gibson said he is dissatisfied with the spending of taxpayer's money by City Council. He said the money that was spent on lawyers to try to close the steel mill he took personally because that is his employer. He stated the money should have been used to help the citizens in the

city. Mr. Gibson said the land that the steel mill sits on is not for sale and it is not planned to be for sale.

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Theodore Russell. Mr. Russell wanted to thank Council members and Dr. Yúdice on behalf of the Low Country Veterans Group for working with them to obtain an office to serve veterans in the City of Georgetown.

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Franklin Rutledge. Mr. Rutledge stated he wanted to thank Council and Dr. Yúdice as well on behalf of the Low Country Veterans Group for their assistance in getting a new office space.

6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Dr. Yúdice introduced Mrs. Iesha Tucker as the new HR/Risk Manager and Mrs. Cindy Thompson as the new Public Information Officer.

Dr. Yúdice introduced Ms. Lisa Lawrence, Ms. Sandy Taylor, and Ms. Gillian Davis for the Finance Department.

Mr. Whittier introduced Mr. Levis Smith for the Water Department.

7. PRESENTATION

A. United Way Campaign

No one presented this agenda item.

8. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance granting rights on public property to the Foundation Forward, Inc. to build The Charters of Freedom.

Council Member Milton confirmed this is the first reading for the record. Mayor Jayroe confirmed it was because last month Council voted to postpone the first reading of this ordinance for further information. Council Member Milton requested for the record that Mr. Al Joseph meet him at Rainey Park to show him the rendering.

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements moved to amend the motion to require the Mayor's review and approval of the site plan for the work as well as the material colors before construction starts as well as the Mayor's approval of any changes to the site plan before those changes are implemented. Council Member Angner seconded.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 11/17/2022 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Morris

9. PUBLIC WORKS

A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance establishing a four-way stop intersection at Front and Wood Streets.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Morris

10. WATER UTILITIES

A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance for the deletion, in its entirety, Chapter 22 Article VI Section 22-201 (Appeals) and Section 22-203 (Stormwater appeals board).

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Clements.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 11/17/2022 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Morris

B. Motion to approve payment of \$180,953.00 to Aqua-Aerobic Systems Inc. for the WWTP SCADA Upgrade project using FY2023 funds.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Clements.
Council Member Angner stated for the record "We often hear members on this side of the wall complaining about budget overruns and issues for one reason or another they feel passionate about. I would just like to point out what Scott just said about the original budgeted amount on this was \$250,000 and personally thank you and Dr. Yúdice for your diligence and bringing this item in \$70,000 under budget."

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Morris

11. ENGINEERING

- A. Motion to approve submission of a grant application to SC Office of Resilience-Mitigation Department under the ARPA funded Stormwater Infrastructure Program (ASIP) for the N. Merriman Congdon Street Stormwater System Improvements project estimated at \$2,639,016.**

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Morris

12. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

- A. Motion to approve purchase order and payment in the amount of \$76,600 to Utility Technology Engineers-Consultants for engineering and construction service for the Front Street Phase 2 Upgrade Project.**

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Morris

13. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance authorizing the sale of public property located at 1907 Hampton Court, Georgetown, SC, County Tax Map No. 05-0013-015-01-00, to Habitat for Humanity.**

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Clements.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Morris

- B. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance authorizing the sub-lease of public property located at 2104 Lincoln Street, Georgetown, SC (portion of parcel no. 05-0003-004-00-00) to the Low Country Veterans Group to provide services to veterans.**

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Angner. Mrs. Crosby pointed out there were some minor changes made on page 81 from the first reading of this item last month.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Morris

- C. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance creating the Arts and Cultural Commission in the City of Georgetown by Amending Chapter 17 by Adding Article IV. – Arts and Cultural Commission.**

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 11/17/2022 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Morris

- D. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance amending Section 46 of Chapter 2, Article II of the Code of Ordinances for the City Of Georgetown amending Section 2-46 “Public Hearings.”**

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Clements.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 11/17/2022 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Morris

E. Motion to direct Planning and Community Development staff and the Planning Commission to review Article XXI: Redevelopment District of the City of Georgetown Zoning Ordinance and bring a proposal for City Council's review.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Clements.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 2]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Jayroe
NAYS:	Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Morris

14. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice stated Act 222 is the legislation implementing the \$300 million opioid-related lawsuit settlement entered into by the state, counties, and cities and established the SC Opioid Recovery Fund and its board. She said the funds will be allocated over the next 18 years and the board allocates the funds that must be spent on opioid abatement strategies. Dr. Yúdice stated last week, we learned that there are \$46,176.10 for the city to apply for this year to the SC Opioid Recovery Fund Board. She stated we cannot use these funds to supplement or supplant expenditures. Dr. Yúdice stated we received the 2nd disbursement of the ARPA funds for \$2,176,075.95 last week. She said we are receiving bids for capital projects a lot higher than budgeted funds. She stated the equal allocations of the entire ARPA funds in four geographic areas (\$900,537.97 each) is challenging for the completion of projects that are considered priorities. Dr. Yúdice said it is recommended that Council reconsider the equal allocations and approve a list of city-wide priority projects instead. She suggested presenting a list to council for consideration at a November special meeting. She stated the MASC has confirmed that we can use the ARPA funds we received as local match for grants. Dr. Yúdice stated SCDOT plans to repair Fraser Street from Front to the Sampit River Bridge in an upcoming resurfacing project along with several other roads in Georgetown County. Dr. Yúdice said we received a notification from the SC Treasurer's office today to initiate the disbursement of funds request for the \$500,000 earmark from Rep. Anderson. She said these funds will be used to repair the Stormwater pumps #1 and #2

hydraulic oil leak, purchase two police patrol vehicles, purchase one fire truck, replace police radios and weapons.

15. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of August 18, August 25, September 15, and September 22 council meetings.

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Morris

16. OLD BUSINESS

None

17. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Angner stated his wife, Mrs. Erin Angner, a volunteer for the GBA, wanted to invite the entire community to the Christmas tree lighting on Front Street on December 1st at 6:30pm.

18. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

Mayor Jayroe stated the department monthly reports are available for review in the agenda.

- A. September 2022 Electric Department Report**
- B. Engineering Monthly Report_September 2022**
- C. September 2022 Fire Report**
- D. September 2022 Fleet Service Report**
- E. GPD- Monthly Report September**
- F. HR Risk Management Monthly Reports**
- G. September 2022 Municipal Court Report**
- H. Planning & Community Development 2022**
- I. September 2022 Public Works Department Report**
- J. September 2022 Water Utilities Report**
- K. September 2022 Finance and IT Reports**

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss purchasing property for the Electric department, Public Works, and Fleet Services and to receive related legal advice and to receive a quarterly legal update from the city attorney on pending cases and cases adjudicated since last update.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Clements.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Morris

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Jayroe, Milton
ABSENT:	Morris
AWAY:	Smalls

Executive Session adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:05pm.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

City Council may take action on items discussed in Executive Session.

20. RESOLUTION

A. Motion to approve a resolution authorizing and approving a purchase and sale agreement and other matters relating thereto.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Clements.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Morris

21. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CITY SERVICES, BUSINESS, OR OTHER CITY MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Wesley Gibson. Mr. Gibson stated November 8th is general election. He stated the county has posted a flyer that states where everyone can vote and was told the city refused to post it on their website. He requested the city post it to let everyone know where they can vote. Mr. Gibson said he was informed 3 council members and a unity committee had a meeting recently and he supported it but he stated the committee members are not leaders in the community. He stated a meeting needs to happen with a diverse group of people who reside in the city. He requested the public comments section for non-agenda items be put back on the front of the agenda.

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Richard Heusel. Mr. Heusel stated he is the Chairman of the Winyah Auditorium and wanted to thank Council and Dr. Yúdice for the \$16,000 allocation of funds to be used on activities for the community and looks forward to work together.

Council Member Milton said he wanted to commend city staff and said the City of Georgetown did a great job handling hurricane Ian.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Morris

Executive Session adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:30pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 11/17/22