



**PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 20, 2016 – 5:30 PM
MUNICIPAL COURT COURTROOM
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jack M. Scoville, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tempore Brendon M. Barber, Sr. – Arrived at 6:07 PM
Council Member Sheldon A. Butts
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Edward S. Kimbrough, Jr.
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Paul A. Gardner, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk
Miss Suzanne Abed-El-Latif, HR Manager
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Director of Finance
Mr. Tim Chatman, Streets and Sanitation Manager
Mr. Will Cook, Water Utilities Director
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Glen Dixon, Fleet Superintendent
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Mr. Rick Martin, Building Official/Zoning Administrator
Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department

MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Mr. Max Hrenda
GAB News – Mr. Scott Harper

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jack M. Scoville, Jr. called the Regular Meeting of City Council to order at 5:30 PM.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Scoville requested all cell phones or electronic devices be turned off or placed on mute so as to not interrupt the meeting.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

A. The purpose of the Hearing is to receive citizen input concerning an ordinance to establish an application fee for the Rehabilitation Tax Assessment.

Mayor Scoville opened the Public Hearing. No one appeared in support of or in opposition to the proposed ordinance; the Public Hearing was concluded.

4. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Tim Chatman rendered the invocation. Mayor Scoville called on Council Member Carol Jayroe, a courageous survivor of breast cancer, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Scoville announced October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Scoville opened the Public Comments Section and recognized Mr. Wardell Brantley. Mr. Brantley addressed Council concerning the South Carolina Media Arts Academy which originally began in Conway, South Carolina through funding from Horry County Council. He said the Winyah Auditorium Board has hired him as their new director. The Academy has partnered with the Auditorium and as a result, has upgraded the advanced broadcasting and technical material. He recognized a group of students attending the Council Meeting who have been trained by the Academy. Three different television broadcasts are currently being filmed and some of the students are assisting. He highlighted Carolinas Got Talent television program. It is in partnership with channel 15, WPDE and Time Warner. They want to produce a fun-packed segment to include police officers and leaders performing some type of talent. He said Council Members will be asked to appear on stage and perform. Filming will take place over 52 weeks, bringing a large number of people to Georgetown. Currently there are 100 contestants. After eliminations only one will remain. They have partnered with the Mitney Project and are looking to partner with the City. The broadcast and production services are available to the City.

Mayor Scoville recognized Mr. Jeepy Ford. On behalf of the Historical Harbor Board, a parent corporation to the Wooden Boat Show and the South Carolina Maritime Museum, Mr. Ford thanked the City for helping make the 27th Wooden Boat Show one of the more successful events. Having previously gone through a fire on Front Street, a huge flood event in October 2015 and Hurricane Matthew this month the Board debated each time whether to go forward with the event. The rewarding part is when attendees express their thanks for having the event after experiencing so much hardship. The Board and all the volunteers work for free. They do this for the good of the City of Georgetown and to raise funds for the South Carolina Maritime Museum. He thanked Paul Gardner, Tim Chatman, and the entire police force for all their efforts. Mr. Ford said this event puts our community's best foot forward and hopes there will be other Boat Shows in the future.

Mayor Scoville recognized Mr. Wesley Gibson. Mr. Gibson addressed City Council concerning the seminar scheduled for Saturday at the Police Department. He does not think a concerted effort was made to notify those affected by their property. He

asked that in the future the public be given more notice about the seminars in order to make arrangements to attend. He also stated the public has not been informed of the committee which was to be appointed to discuss the R5 zoning issues in the West End.

6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES/EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mr. Orlando Arteaga introduced Mr. Justin Mooney who was hired as a Civil Engineer Technician in the Engineering Department. He was previously employed with HTC for 10 years, has an accounting degree from Clemson and is currently pursuing his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. Fire Chief Charlie Cribb introduced Assistant Fire Chief Brent McClellan. He was previously employed with Midway Fire and Rescue in Pawleys Island for 16 years.

Mr. Tim Chatman recognized Mrs. Natrona Simmons from the Public Works Department as customer service employee of the month for her efforts during his transition from the County to the City. She keeps the employees on point and during Hurricane Matthew went above and beyond fielding the many incoming calls. He presented Mrs. Simmons with a \$100 gift card.

7. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve second reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 21, Taxation and Finance, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown by Adding Article V, Rehabilitation Tax Incentive Assessment, Sections 21-80 through 21-84.

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls. Council Member Kimbrough wants to confirm this applies to all commercial properties as well as investment rental properties and primary residences. Mr. Rick Martin said the commercial aspect is included as is the residential; anything 50 years or older still qualifies. Low to moderate income rental properties were added to assist the whole community. Mr. Kimbrough questioned why the City would mirror the County's ordinance, referencing the number of years the special city property tax assessment would be in effect. Mrs. Elise Crosby met with the County attorney; the County's ordinance states the special tax assessment is for 10 years. Staff felt there would be a lot of confusion and complicate the Bill if the City's special tax assessment was for 20 years. Mr. Kimbrough asked if the City could ask the County to move towards 20 years as opposed to deferring... Mr. Paul Gardner said staff thought 10 years was enough break in tax revenue to the citizens. It was enough to encourage investment and is a 10 year property tax abatement. If Council wants staff to go back to the County and ask for 20 years they will. Council Member Kimbrough is concerned with economic development and whether 10 years is long enough. Other communities have 20 years. Mr. Gardner said when staff visited Florence, most of their incentives expired after 7 years. Council Member Jayroe questioned the appropriate applicable rate; two years based on the appraised value of the property at the time of preliminary certification and eight years, once certified, based on the greater of the appraised value of the property at the time of preliminary certification or 40% of what the assessment would be on the appraised

value after rehabilitation. Mr. Gardner explained it is on the original assessment, or 40% of the total improved assessment, whichever is greater. Mrs. Jayroe said this has changed from the first draft. Because of the number of changes she wants to defer this to a workshop and requested a printed copy of the document. She also wants Mr. Jerry Miller to attend the workshop.

Motion to postpone main motion until a workshop.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Scoville called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 10/27/2016 4:00 PM
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls
ABSENT:	Barber Sr.

B. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance to amend Article XVI, Board of Architectural Review, of the City of Georgetown Zoning Ordinance.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough.

Mayor Scoville called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls
ABSENT:	Barber Sr.

C. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance rezoning approximately 1.4 acres owned by PURAH, LLC, located on South Fraser Street, from Residential (R1) to General Commercial (GC).

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. Mr. Martin stated the property, owned by Purah, LLC, is a horseshoe shaped parcel that surrounds Georgetown Small Engine in Maryville. The parcel is currently split zoned between R1 and GC and the requestor would like to use a portion of the property currently zoned R1 for storage. Plans are to remove the old wooden structure on the property. The Planning Commission recommended the rezoning request with the condition that there be no access to the property other than Highway 17, South Fraser Street entrance.

Mayor Scoville called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 11/17/2016 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls
ABSENT:	Barber Sr.

8. FINANCE

- A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance to Establish an Application Fee for the Rehabilitation Property Tax Assessment for historic and low and moderate income rental properties in the amount of \$100.00.**

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. Mrs. Debra Bivens explained this \$100 fee will be included in the City Clerk's Record of utility rates, deposits and miscellaneous fees and charges.

Mayor Scoville called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 10/27/2016 4:00 PM
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls
ABSENT:	Barber Sr.

Mayor Pro Tempore Barber arrived at 6:07 PM.

9. POLICE

- A. Motion to approve purchase from WatchGuard Video and payment for an Interview Room Camera System, which includes two cameras, one dome and one covert camera. Also includes a microphone, DVR, integrated 200GB automotive grade hard drive, 16 GB USB removable thumb drive, desktop stand & cabling, 1 year warranty in the amount of \$5,745.90**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Butts. Chief Kelvin Waites stated the interview room upgrade is needed to secure the videos in the evidence library. After presentations from several companies, WatchGuard was chosen to provide the needed package. The Department's dash cameras are through WatchGuard. Economically it made sense to integrate all the systems through one source. This is a budgeted item.

Mayor Scoville called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

B. Motion to approve purchase from WatchGuard Video and payment of Body Cameras, 1 year warranty for each camera, Web Software, License for each camera, and etc in the amount of \$58,523.65

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Barber. Chief Waites said WatchGuard is the company that can integrate all the systems. Thirty-five thousand dollars was budgeted in the CIP and we were awarded \$23,090 from the State for the program.

Mayor Scoville called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

10. ENGINEERING

A. Motion to assign WK Dickson as the engineer of record for the North Side Water Storage Tank-Project no. 1508 and to approve payment of \$74,710 for engineering design, permitting, bidding, construction administration & observations.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. Mr. Orlando Arteaga stated this is the same engineering company providing consulting services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. A Request for Proposal was published and proposals were received from ACOM, Stantec and WK Dickson. The committee unanimously selected WK Dickson based on their past experience and fee.

Mayor Scoville called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

11. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to Approve Consent Order Between Applecool Storage, LLC and the City of Georgetown Regarding Closing A Portion Of Old Charleston Road

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Mayor Scoville.

Mr. Paul Gardner presented the request. He said Applecool Storage is located on the south end of town. A dirt road is located behind the property which is a continuation of the Old Charleston Road that is not in the City. This Consent Order pertains to the City because we abut this property. The Maryville well station is located on the northeast corner of the property. The Consent Order will allow Applecool to close that road and in the process, they will build a minimally suitable road on the north end of Applecool Storage for the City to access its well station. The City is protected; this is county property, we're consenting they can close the road. Mr. Gardner answered Council Member Butts' question stating this is contingent upon Applecool developing a minimally acceptable road...cut, compressed stone, and quite frankly that will be better than what we have. Council Member Jayroe abstained [sic, Mrs. Jayroe executed a Recusal Statement] from voting due to the fact one of the defendants is her client. Mrs. Elise Crosby asked for the motion to be repeated, it needs to give us the authority to finalize negotiations with regard to the Consent Order. Mr. Gardner said staff is working on a few minor details. Mayor Scoville read, "Motion to approve Consent Order between...." Mrs. Crosby said, "We might need that amendment. There are a couple of changes today that came from DOT and the owners." Mayor Scoville asked if this should be postponed until the workshop. Mrs. Crosby said she does not have a preference. She noted Mr. Nation is present if Council has any questions for the plaintiffs. "It's little details. We don't really have a position with regard to DOT. There's a release that I think we can work out. I don't know that that's enough to hold up the approval of giving us the authority to negotiate and finalize. Y'all's preference." Mayor Scoville gave Mrs. Crosby the authority to work out the details. He stated, "If there is a real problem...We're approving the Consent Order that is before us today would not be materially changed insofar as it affects the rights of the City. " Mrs. Crosby confirmed that is correct.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jack M. Scoville Jr., Mayor
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls
RECUSED:	Jayroe

B. Motion to Approve Purchase and Payment to HTC for Repairs to the City's Fiber Optic System in the Amount of \$21,060.63.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Barber. Mr. Gardner stated during Hurricane Matthew Mayor Scoville granted him emergency purchasing authority to make recovery. A large repair needs to be made in Maryville. We are not able to communicate with our water tanks to ensure they are filled and the pumps are running. Approval will give HTC the authority to make necessary repairs to our fiber optic network.

Mayor Scoville called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

C. Motion to Approve Scope and Payment for Legal Services and Advice Related to a Zoning Text Amendment from White & Smith, LLC, Planning and Law Group, in an Amount Not To Exceed \$12,500.00.

Mayor Pro Tempore Barber moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. Mr. Gardner stated this relates to changing the zoning at the steel mill to ensure we are protected and receive proper advice on land reuse.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Gardner reported on (1) the impact Hurricane Matthew had on the City. Once essential employees took care of their personal matters they reported back to work. They were housed and fed while on duty 24 hours a day. The labor attorney's opinion was if employees are held on call at the worksite, they are paid 24 hours a day with no time out. This is an impact of \$95,000. In consultation with the labor attorney, HR and Finance made a fiscally responsible decision to defer 8 hours of pay per day in comp time at the overtime rate. The Electric Department had over 260 work orders, and 16 poles were lost during the storm. Our electrical supply system sustained over \$20,000 in damages. Permanent repairs are still underway. The pre-storm effort was a team building effort between many departments. The level of cooperation between the City and the County was truly seamless. City streets were open within hours of the storm, first pushes were made and debris was moved. Focus was in the 100 and 200 block of the Historic District in order that the Wooden Boat Show could go on. DOT contractors, have a contract with FEMA, and are now in the area to pick up vegetative debris. Council Member Butts asked about a timeline. Mr. Gardner there will be at least two passes. Some areas in town may not have received a first pass yet. If there is a specific street that needs attention we can redirect efforts to hot spots. The contractors will be here until their work is complete. Mayor Pro Tem Barber said based on the City's entire Emergency Operation Plan and the Incident Command System, we can stand against anyone in the country. He commended staff on their efforts. (2) A seminar is scheduled this Saturday from 10 am to 12 noon at the Police Department. This is an introductory workshop to hear from USDA about Sections 502 and 504 grants and loans and how it can assist low to moderate income folks. The Center for Heirs Property will be in attendance to discuss how to deal with heirs' property issues. A more intensive

workshop is scheduled for November 19th. Mr. Gardner said this is a first step in the City meetings its obligation to some of the West End Redevelopment Plan. Council Member Butts was concerned emphasis was not placed on notifying *the right people* about the seminar. Mayor Pro Tempore Barber said elected officials bear some of the responsibility to let people know. He called block captains in the West End to get the word out about the seminar. Sometimes we have to walk the neighborhoods. Council Member Kimbrough asked about an inset in the utility bills announcing the November 19th meeting. Mrs. Bivens said that can be done. Mr. Gardner said an article will be in the Georgetown Times tomorrow, it is on Face Book, he has visited churches, he delivered 100 fliers to the food distribution at First Calvary today, the sign is located on Highmarket Street, GAB News will advertise the meeting and robo calls have been made. (3) Mr. Gardner and Mayor Scoville will continue to meet with Sel Hemingway and Brian Tucker in the development of the steering committee recommended by ULI. (4) He has been meeting with attorneys related to increasing the City's borrowing capacity and issue installment purchase revenue bonds. (5) There have been initial discussions with creating the visitors center at the head of Broad Street. (6) The matter of a traffic light on Broad Street will be revisited with SCDOT. (7) Last month Council approve a contract with Waccamaw Council of Governments to draft a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to create Mixed Use zoning. Tonight the legal review was approved. Pieces are being put in place to begin the ULI project. (8) Four internal drillings have been made at the City Hall building. One showed a minor void and another a significant void. The exterior drilling is ongoing with eight borings around City Hall and six around Fire Station #1. (9) He and Chief Waites attended the home going celebration of Representative Carl Anderson's father, Mr. Emanuel Theodore Manigault, Sr., today. Mr. Gardner stated Mr. Tim Chatman is a member of the choir and said he is talented and capable of entering the talent competition (referring to the Public Comments Section).

13. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of Regular Meetings dated August 18 & September 15 and Special Meetings/Workshops dated August 25 & September 22, 2016.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

14. OLD BUSINESS

None.

15. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Scoville said, "We have to have parking meters on Front Street." We have a parking problem during lunchtime and evening hours. Parking meters would help

to alleviate employees parking in front of where they work, create more turnover and may result in some revenue to the City. He has directed Mr. Gardner to investigate what is involved, the cost to the City and report back to Council.

Council Member Butts expressed his concern with a new business in Georgetown, Optimum Defense Services, located in Maryville on US 17 after crossing the bridge on the left hand side. They teach military tactics and techniques to civilian personnel. He does not understand how and why we have a business in the City of Georgetown that teaches civilians how to perform tactics and techniques that are commonly done by the military and/or police departments. Mr. Butts said this is something we should be concerned about in these days and times. Mayor Scoville asked Chief Waites to visit the business.

16. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. September 2016 GPD Report**
- B. September 2016 Municipal Court Report**
- C. September 2016 Fire Report**
- D. September 2016 Public Works Department Report**
- E. September 2016 Fleet Services Report**
- F. September 2016 Engineering Monthly Report**
- G. September 2016 Housing & Community Development Report**
- H. September 2016 Finance and IT Departments Report**

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70-(a)(2) to discuss proposed contractual agreement relating to Goat Island, and pending litigation on the 17/701 Project.

Mayor Pro Tempore Barber moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Scoville called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

Executive Session was adjourned and the Regular Meeting was reconvened at 7:09 PM.

Mayor Scoville announced no formal action was taken in Executive Session.

18. CITY COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Scoville moved to **approve an agreement with Mr. and Mrs. Blackmon, (Irene H. and John G.) titled Goat Island Property Conveyance and Acceptance Agreement, to accept the gift of the Blackmon's for about 20 acres of Goat Island which will be developed in accordance with the agreement, etc. and so forth**, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Scoville called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jack M. Scoville Jr., Mayor
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

Member Jayroe noted it is 16 acres.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council

Mayor Pro Tempore Barber moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Scoville called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 11/17/16