PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 19, 2014 – 5:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Notice of this meeting has been made in accordance with the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Mayor Jack M. Scoville, Jr.
Council Member Brendon M. Barber, Sr.
Council Member Rudolph A. Bradley
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Edward S. Kimbrough, Jr.
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls
Mayor Pro Tempore Peggy P. Wayne

ALSO PRESENT
Mr. Chris Carter, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Finance Director
Chief Paul Gardner, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Jonathan Heald, Public Services Director
Mr. Alan Loveless, Electric Utility Manager
Mr. Rick Martin, Building Official/Zoning Administrator
Mr. Tee Miller, Economic Development Director
Chief Joey Tanner, Georgetown Fire Department

MEDIA
Georgetown Times - Ms. Taylor Griffith and Ms. Eileen Keithly
WGTN/WLMC - Mr. Rod Stalvey

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Jack M. Scoville, Jr. called the Regular Meeting of City Council to order at 5:30 PM and requested all cell phones or electronic devices be turned off or placed on mute so as to not interrupt the meeting.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Scoville opened the Public Hearing and stated the purpose of the Hearing is to receive citizens input regarding an ordinance to amend the water utility rates, an ordinance to amend the wastewater utility rates and an ordinance to adopt a budget and raise revenue for the City of Georgetown, South Carolina for the FY ending June 30, 2015.

Mayor Scoville recognized Minister John D. Henry. Minister addressed City Council concerning the proposed increase in rates. He said a lot of people are out of work, on disability and/or social security and trying to make ends meet. Seniors have a choice to either pay their utility bill or pay for prescriptions. He asked Council to look at the overall budget when making decisions and be mindful of how it will affect the community.

The Public Hearing was concluded at 5:36 PM.

4. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Brendon Barber rendered the invocation. Mayor Scoville led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Scoville opened the Public Comments section of the meeting and recognized Minister John D. Henry. Minister Henry, President and Founder of *Save our Youth a Family Annual March*, told City Council this is a non-profit group with a primary goal to build the community through public and private services that reconnect the needs of togetherness and flows to those in need. He and his wife have established a program that connects the youth and family in Georgetown and want to include local, state and county agencies such as the Salvation Army, Helping Hands and Red Cross. They are in the process of locating a facility and workforce in the community which will supply network assistance to better educate and work with problem solving skills and provide a safe haven for citizens to complete their goals. They are seeking public and private donations…monetary as well as suggestions.

Mayor Scoville recognized Ms. Doris Gleason. Ms. Gleason, Director of Community Outreach for AARP in South Carolina, informed Council of a Veteran's Stand Down event they are sponsoring September 19, 2014 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the US Army Reserve located in Market Commons, Myrtle Beach, SC. The is a collaborative community event where veterans, more importantly homeless veterans, from Horry, Georgetown, Marion and Williamsburg counties come together for one day where they will have access to free attorneys, doctors, dentists, mental health counselors, representatives from AA and NA, barbers, breakfast and lunch and an opportunity to take a shower. The services are provided at no cost to the veterans. Homeless veterans will be given surplus goods from the Army. She asked for help in getting the word out regarding the event in September.

Mayor Scoville recognized Reverend Eldaridge who told Council the Low Country Veterans Group in Georgetown supports the Veteran's Stand Down event. He said there are a number of homeless veterans in Georgetown and those needing assistance. This event will assistant them with a number of services. If anyone knows any homeless veterans or those that need any type of assistance he asked that they be directed to Ms. Gleason or himself at the Low County Veterans Group.

Mayor Scoville recognized Ms. Susan Sanders. Ms. Sanders said the Georgetown Business Association is promoting a 'Shop Local' for all independent merchants in the City limits. GBA is collaborating with the American Independent Business Alliance in sponsoring an 'Independents Week' that accentuates the enormous value that independent merchants bring to our City. She asked that City Council provide the kickoff by endorsing a Proclamation from Dr. Peter Mitchell. Also, on behalf of Dr. Mitchell, Ms. Sanders referenced a proposal he sent Council concerning the critical and urgent need to address the risk problem in the park at the corner of Screven and Front Streets. Mayor Scoville indicated this is included in the brick repair project which is currently under way. Next, Ms. Sanders stated she is representing the Wooden Boat Show and their committee regarding a conflict with vendors during a big event. She requested Council consider amending Section 20-13.1 to include wording that would exclude any dates where the vending location(s) would encroach on an area that has an approved Special Event Permit.

Mayor Scoville recognized Ms. Donna Mahn. Ms. Mahn, Director of Georgetown County Elections and Registration located at 303 North Hazard Street, addressed Council concerning the Coastal RTA bus stop at the store across the street from her office. She complained of numerous incidents which have occurred involving herself and either passengers or individuals waiting on passengers. Ms. Mahn requested the City try to find a safer location for the bus stop with less traffic, away from her office and a site that can accommodate shelters.

6. PRESENTATION

A. Mandy Todd - ISO

Mr. Rick Martin said the City's ISO rating has changed from an eight to seven, which will reduce flood insurance premiums by five percent. Through Matt Millwood's efforts and working with Mandy Todd, City residents in a flood zone are saving $500,000. Ms. Todd said is this something to be very proud of…the work staff has done and the money the citizens will save. The City has been in the CRS program for several years. The program is reviewed every five years the City is graded on activities above and beyond the minimum NFIP requirements. In 2012 she performed an audit and noted the City received credit for new activities which included use of the GIS to provide more accurate calculations of the open space credits, higher regulatory standards, stormwater management, drainage maintenance, etc. The savings equates to a five percent savings per class rating. Residents who have flood insurance premiums receive a 15 percent discount which compares to over $75,000 annually the citizens are saving due to the City's efforts in flood plain management. Ms. Todd presented a plaque to the City reflecting the new rating of seven and stating the community has undertaken a series of meaningful activities to protect its citizens from losses caused by flooding and significantly exceeded the requirements for NFI participation in effective flood plain management.

7. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance to Amend the City of Georgetown's Permit Procedures for the Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) to be consistent with Army Corps of Engineers Permit No. 2004-1E-386.

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

Mayor Scoville asked for questions. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
SECONDER:	Peggy P. Wayne, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

B. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance rezoning approximately 1.02 acres owned by Winyah Properties, LLC located on West Front Street from Medium Density Residential (R3) to Heavy Industrial (HI).

Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Mr. Rick Martin stated this property is located in the 2800 block of the west end of Front Street between the metal salvage yard and Mr. Perry Collins storage yard. The property is adjacent to the storage yard. Surrounding parcels are zoned Heavy Industrial. To the east of the property are the only two residential lots. Notifications were sent to surrounding property owners; no negative comments were received. Council Member Bradley was concerned what effect this would have on residents across the street. Mr. Martin does not see this having an adverse effect. Any improvement on the property would be positive. The Planning Commission unanimously approved the request on May 27, 2014. Discussions followed. Mr. Bradley asked Mr. Martin to find out if Heavy Industrial would affect the property insurance rates. He also asked staff to contact DOT concerning traffic restrictions, in terms of axles, in the area.

Mayor Scoville asked for further comments or questions. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 7/17/2014 5:30 PM**
MOVER:	Peggy P. Wayne, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

C. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance to amend the Future Land Use Map from the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Bradley. Mr. Martin said any changes to the Comprehensive Plan must be approved by City Council. These properties are zoned commercial and should be reflected on the Future Land Use Map contained in the Comp Plan.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 7/17/2014 5:30 PM**
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

D. Motion to approve a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a Quitclaim Deed to a Lot on Emanuel Street.

Council Member Kimbrough moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne. At the request of City Council the City Attorney researched and confirmed the property has a clear title. Mr. Martin said should City Council approve the Resolution they would have discretion on the use of the property. With restrictions in that area, it is a buildable lot. Mayor Scoville asked for comments. Council Member Jayroe said Habitat is willing to accept the property. In lieu of accepting the property directly to the City and having the extra cost of another deed transfer, she proposed the motion be amended to accept the property and title it in the name of Habitat for Humanity for Georgetown County. Mr. Martin stated the property owner, Mr. Swinnie, requested to give the property to the City. Mayor Scoville said after we accept the property and before we record the deed this can be handled.

Mayor Scoville asked for comments or questions. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
SECONDER:	Peggy P. Wayne, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

8. FINANCE

A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance to Amend the Water Utility Rates Contained in the City Clerk's Official Record of Utility Rates, Deposits, and Miscellaneous Fees and Charges for the City of Georgetown, South Carolina - Effective July 1, 2014.

Mayor Scoville moved, seconded by Council Member Bradley. Mrs. Debra Bivens stated as discussed at first reading, this revenue will fund the Maryville elevated water tank and the Historic District water line replacement. The revenue from the rate increase will be approximately $120,000 a year. The effect to the customer would be $.82 per month. The first debt payment on the loan for the water tank is due in October. Mayor Scoville asked for comments. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jack M. Scoville Jr., Mayor
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

B. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance to Amend the Wastewater Utility Rates Contained in the City Clerk's Official Record of Utility Rates, Deposits, and Miscellaneous Fees and Charges for the City of Georgetown, South Carolina - Effective July 1, 2014.

Council Member Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. Mrs. Bivens stated the rate increase will fund the Historic District manhole rehabilitation, which is near completion, as well as the future West End sewer rehabilitation project. The first debt payment was due June 1st. The effect on the customer would be $1.13 per month. Council Member Bradley asked if this will be enough money to finalize and complete the Historic District project. Mrs. Bivens answered yes. Mayor Scoville asked when the project in the West End would begin. Mrs. Bivens said it would be five to six months. The SRF loan process has not begun yet.

Mayor Scoville asked for further comments or questions. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

C. Motion to approve the Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Georgetown for the upcoming 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne. Mr. Chris Carter stated the Capital Improvement Plan is included in the new budget; items ranging from $10,000 for equipment to $2.4 million for the co-generation project at the Electric Plant. Council Member Jayroe asked if the $900,000 repairs to City Hall and Fire Station 1 foundation will be amended. Mr. Carter said he would not suggest amending until more information is provided. Council Member Bradley reiterated his opposition to the new Fire Department and asked for assurance, prior to construction, that discussion of property allocation be revisited. Mr. Carter said it would be a good idea to review the URS site plan study before discussions on authorizing a design build contract. Mayor Scoville said City Council will have to approve the final plan. Council Member Barber asked staff to ensure three to four acres are allocated in the Conceptual Plan for an industrial park.

Mayor Scoville asked for further comments or questions. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Peggy P. Wayne, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

D. Motion to approve a Fee proposal between the City of Georgetown and LS3P for consulting service for a Redevelopment Plan for the 700 block of Front Street.

Mayor Scoville moved, seconded by Council Member Bradley. Mr. Carter provided background information stating a meeting was held at the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments on October 20, 2013 in which property owners of the buildings ravaged by the 2013 fire met with City officials to determine what needed to be cooperatively undertaken to begin a build-back of the buildings. One agenda item at the meeting was to study the reconstruction issue to obtain accurate data regarding rebuilding alternatives. Later in the year the WRCOG staff began drafting a RFP for a redevelopment plan for the 700 block of Front Street. This was sent out January 10th and responses were due by February 14th. Mayor Scoville pointed out all property owners were present at the meeting either personally, on a conference telephone call or had a representative with full authority present. He stated all property owners concurred they wanted the study. Mr. Carter continued. A project review committee examined the returned professional qualifications statements. Over the course of March and April three firms were interviewed, proposals invited and received and a recommendation from the project review committee was to have LS3P submit a fee proposal for City Council to decide. This is the item before you tonight. It includes a discovery phase and a visioning phase. He listed alternatives for Council to consider. One, approve the fee proposal and authorize work to begin or reduce the scope of work and request a revised fee; two, decline the fee proposal; three, decline and look at working with the second rated partnership. Mr. Carter said City property is involved on the front side and the land from the high water mark to the center of the Sampit River. We do have an interest and trying to incorporate all the elements of redesign is important. More important is the build-back elevation, determining what is most economical for the property owners. Council Member Bradley noted the City property includes the sidewalks and behind the (burned) property; the rest is private property. He said unless the property owners want to participate in sharing the cost he cannot justify approving the proposal. We do have a responsibility to the community but not to create a design plan for private property. Council Member Jayroe said she feels we're getting out of the scope of the original plan. She feels the City's roll is to have the engineering part of this work with City staff to find the flood elevations and where to build back. She said when Governor Haley was here she indicated $1 million is being set aside for infrastructure. Council Member Kimbrough said we need to determine the City's roll. It is private property and there is concern for the build-back of downtown. We should be more concerned about the engineering studies and how that impacts our ability to issue building permits, licenses, etc. The ARB can work with the property owners in developing a plan that is acceptable to downtown. He agreed with Mr. Bradley that we need to know what part of this proposal the property owners are willing to contribute. He is more concerned about foundation issues. Council Member Barber concurred and said as a governing body there are things we can do to help folks in the private sector that won't impact us financially. We can coordinate to find resources that can work with the property owners without being involved within the private sector. Mayor Scoville stated at the meeting with the property owners they asked for guidance from the City. This started the ball rolling. He agrees the property owners have to contribute to the cost. He understood the idea was to coordinate the design and come up with a concept that everybody can buy into and base the internal design and construction around that. The major issue is the foundation. An elevated foundation would be cost prohibitive and kill retail. The City doesn't have the best expertise to develop the best plan for the foundation. LS3P has a great deal of experience in flood proofing and can provide a basic concept; hopefully all the property owners would agree to build a common foundation saving thousands of dollars. He said the City is just as much a property owner in this project as the seven property owners. It's not just the waterfront and sidewalks because most of the buildings were built out over City property over the high water mark. Whatever may come back with any size is probably going to project out over City property, resulting in a direct impact on City owned property. Decks and balconies will obviously project on City property. From an economic standpoint, 135 jobs were lost and he feels it is imperative to the City's future success to ensure the property is rebuilt in a nice fashion. Discussions involving concerns continued. **COUNCIL MEMBER BRADLEY WITHDREW HIS SECOND AND REQUESTED THIS BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE CONTROVERSY AND CLOUD CAN BE CLEARED AND CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED PROPERLY.** Council Member Jayroe said time is of the essence for the property owners. There is a two year window to build back with the OCRM guidelines. Many more questions and concerns were voiced. Mayor Scoville said this will be postponed until the workshop. In the meantime, property owners will be contacted about their contribution.

Motion to postpone the issue and reconvene at an appropriate time for council and staff.

Council Member Bradley moved, seconded by Mayor Scoville. Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne said money has been spent for the National Guard and R. L. Morrison to help clean up. The evaluation and flood proofing plan are most important. The property owners have to know about this before they can make decisions.

Mayor Scoville called for the question to postpone until the workshop.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jack M. Scoville Jr., Mayor
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

E. Motion to assume administrative and operational responsibility of the Winyah Auditorium as requested by the current Winyah Auditorium Board.

Council Member Kimbrough moved, seconded by Mayor Scoville. Mr. Carter said on April 16th the City received a letter from the Winyah Auditorium Board requesting the City to take over operation of the Winyah Auditorium or provide ongoing assistance to the Board. At the May 22nd workshop four members of the Board addressed Council providing some background and renewing their request. Absent the production of any events, operation of the Auditorium ranges from $40,000 to $50,000 in annual fixed costs. He said in the second penny Hospitality Tax there is clear authorization in the ordinance for the City to fund, on an ongoing basis, recreational and cultural facilities. This could be a funding source. Council Member Bradley said he has concluded the City needs to 'get out of it' and asked Council to consider selling the Auditorium so that a private entity can take total control. The City Attorney said the City does not own the Auditorium; it was transferred three years ago to the Auditorium Corporation. Council Member Kimbrough said this is a wonderful facility for Georgetown; however, it is and has been underutilized. Many folks in the community have donated money to rehabilitate the Auditorium as a performing arts center. He would like the City to become involved…if it means taking the Auditorium back under our control and having an in-house employee act as the interim manager. He asked Council to protect this potential jewel for Georgetown. Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne said after speaking with former Board members she learned that currently they don't have enough people to have a Board. They need an active Board that is willing to work; then Council could meet with them and have discussions. Council Member Barber said the City deeded the Tillers the building with the understanding that there would be some concessions to help out the community. He feels the citizens and the City have been taken advantage of. Council Member Jayroe said a lot of money has been raised and spent on this beautiful facility. She asked Council to try for a year and have a current employee manage the operations and form a dramatic board. Mayor Scoville reviewed the history of how the City gained ownership of the building and the events which followed that brought us to the present. Council decided to set up the Corporation and turn it over to them with the hopes it would be successful with minimal financial obligations from the City. He doesn't think the auditorium, as a venue, has been given a good opportunity. It can be a site for cultural events, an economic development tool. If we have someone who can promote the auditorium on a regular basis it would make a big difference. Council Member Smalls said he voted against forming the Corporation because he felt the Tillers should have the entire building. Over the years the City has invested more and more money in the building and he doesn't see a thing in return. He asked how much more than $50,000 would be needed. Mr. Carter said $50,000 would be the basic to cover the fixed costs of the building per year. Depending on the number of events he could not say what that amount would be. Mrs. Crosby answered Mr. Bradley stating the City does not own the Corporation; it is the Winyah Auditorium Corporation. She said the City currently has a three year lease on the auditorium which expires the end of June. This was the mechanism used three years ago in order to allocate money to the organization. Extensive discussions continued.

Mayor Scoville asked for further comments. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**DEFEATED [3 TO 4]**
MOVER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jack M. Scoville Jr., Mayor
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Jayroe, Kimbrough
NAYS:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Smalls, Wayne

F. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Raise Revenue for the City of Georgetown, South Carolina for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Bradley. Mrs. Bivens stated the budget as presented in the amount of $36,526,744 is balanced. The only changes after first reading in the General Fund included funding for the Planning and Economic Development Department was removed and transferred to the Administration Department and the travel expense was reduced by $2,000. Three thousand dollars was added to the Police Department for the Saint Frances Animal Center agreement for a total of $53,000. Twenty thousand dollars was added to the Hospitality Fund for the traffic signal mast arm for the US 17/701 improvement project.

Mayor Scoville asked for comments. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [5 TO 2]**
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Smalls, Wayne
NAYS:	Jayroe, Kimbrough

Council Member Bradley complimented Mrs. Bivens and Mr. Carter on a job well done.

G. Motion to approve a Five (5) year agreement with HTC for Cloud and Managed Services.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Barber. Mrs. Bivens stated this agreement will eliminate the need for maintaining our hardware and software infrastructure and help our one-man IT Department. The nonappropriation clause will be added to the HTC contract.

Mayor Scoville asked for comments or questions. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

9. PUBLIC SERVICES

A. Motion to authorize staff to enter into an agreement with SC DOT for the installation of Mast Arm Traffic Signals in coordination with the US 17/701 Improvement Project.

Council Member Barber moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne. Mr. Jonathan Heald stated the City has taken the option to go with powered coated steel mast arms consistent with those installed at the Front and Fraser Streets intersection to provide a uniform appearance along the Fraser Street corridor. The City is required to pay the cost difference between the standard galvanized, provided by SCDOT with this project, and the powered coated mast arms. Mr. Heald said utility relocations should begin in the fall and winter months with road construction beginning late this year or early 2015. The cost difference should not exceed $20,000. Mr. Bradley expressed concern about the two lanes of traffic headed south on US 17 turning left at the five points intersection. Mr. Heald said he has previously brought this conflict to DOT's attention and will again reiterate the City's concerns. The City is working closely with the same design firm DOT is using on the project to ensure coordination, which should result in cost savings.

Mayor Scoville asked for comments or questions. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Council Member
SECONDER:	Peggy P. Wayne, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

10. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to Approve 2014 Safety Resolution

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. Miss Suzanne Abed-El-Latif stated June is deemed National Safety Month by the National Safety Council. The Municipal Association of South Carolina urges municipalities every year to adopt June as their National Safety Month. The City is dedicated to working with the MASC to continue to keep Georgetown a safe and hazard free environment for its employees and residents and to continue to improve and promote a successful safety program. The importance of approving this resolution is to portray that safety support comes from the top and this reiterates the National Safety Council's theme this year which is, "it takes all of us." The City's safety committee is successful in its purpose in reviewing safety concerns and accidents and ensuring we are in safety compliance.

Mayor Scoville asked for comments or questions. 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., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

B. Motion to approve a Resolution amending City of Georgetown's Section 125 plan, also known as the Cafeteria Plan, regarding Flexible Spending Accounts.

Council Member Barber moved, seconded by Mayor Scoville. Miss Abed-El-Latif stated Flexible Spending Accounts are designated accounts that our employees can open to contribute pre-tax money from their paychecks in order to save money for future medical expenses which, in turn, they are then reimbursed from these accounts. Currently any money that is left in an FSA at the end of the plan year (6/30) is lost. The IRS has made a provision to change this rule to allow up to $500 of left over money to be carried over to the next plan year. This will greatly benefit our employees that are currently enrolled in the FSA plan and should increase participation.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Council Member
SECONDER:	Jack M. Scoville Jr., Mayor
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

C. Motion to approve South Carolina Municipal Insurance Risk Fund 2014 First Semi Annual Payment in the amount of $262,363.00.

Council Member Barber moved, seconded by Council Member Bradley. Miss Abed-El-Latif stated the City issues two semiannual payments to the South Carolina Municipal Insurance Risk Fund for property, liability and auto insurance. The City received a check in the amount of $36,650.05 for participation credit to be used towards both semiannual payments.

Mayor Scoville asked for comments or questions. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

D. Motion to Approve South Carolina Municipal Insurance Risk Fund 2014 Second Semi Annual Payment in the amount of $262,362.00.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Bradley. Miss Abed-El-Latif stated this is the second semiannual payment to SCMIRF.

Mayor Scoville asked for comments or questions. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

E. Motion to approve South Carolina Municipal Insurance Trust (SCMIT) 1st & 2nd Quarter 2014 Payments in the amount of $28,092 each.

Council Member Barber moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough.

Mayor Scoville stated this is payment for Workers Comp and asked for any comments or questions. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

F. Motion to Approve South Carolina Municipal Insurance Trust (SCMIT) 3rd Quarter 2014 Payment in the amount of $28,092.

Council Member Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Scoville stated this is payment for Workers Comp and asked for any comments or questions. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

11. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Carter reported (1) the FEMA public assistance request for the Pax Storm relief has been perfected and the City should recover between 75-85% of costs. (2) The workshop agenda has been provided to Council. (3) He asked for feedback on the design-bid verses design-build. Council has authorized projects included in the Capital Improvements Plan and he needs a consensus. After discussions among Council and staff the consensus was design-bid.

12. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion to approve minutes of meetings/workshops dated 4/22/14, 4/24/14 and 5/6/14.

Council Member Kimbrough moved, seconded by Council Member Bradley. Mayor Scoville asked for any additions, comments or corrections. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

13. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve Independents Week Proclamation.

Mayor called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

Council Member Kimbrough asked about the issue Ms. Sanders presented regarding the vendors. Mayor Scoville said that will need legal review before being presented to Council.

15. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

Mayor Scoville noted the Department Reports are included in the agenda.

A. **Finance & IT Monthly Report - May 2014**

B. **Georgetown Police Department Monthly Report May 2014**

C. **Fire Department Monthly Report - May 2014**

D. **Public Services Monthly Report - April 2014**

E. **Electric Department May Monthly Report**

F. **Housing & Community Development May Monthly Report**

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to Enter Executive Session to discuss appointment to the Architectural Review Board and receive legal advice.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Motion to adjourned Executive Session and return to Regular Session.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
SECONDER:	Peggy P. Wayne, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

Executive Session was adjourned and the Regular Meeting was reopened at 8:21 PM.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

17. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint Linda Abate to serve as a core commercial member on the Architectural Review Board.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jack M. Scoville Jr., Mayor
SECONDER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

18. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 08/21/14