



**PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 18, 2020 – 5:30 PM
TELECONFERENCE**

LIVESTREAM:

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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 Brendon M. Barber, Sr.
Mayor Pro Tempore Rudolph A. Bradley
Council Member Tupelo Humes
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Hobson H. Milton

MEMBERS ABSENT

Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Director of Finance
Mr. Tim Chatman, Streets and Sanitation Manager
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Will Gunter, Water Utilities Director
Mrs. Gladys Rutledge-Livingston, Human Resources/Risk Manager
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Ms. Angela Rambeau, Director of Planning and Community Development
Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department

ABSENT

Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Brendon M. Barber, Sr. called the Regular Meeting of City Council to order at 5:30p.m. 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. ROLL CALL

4. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

5. PROCLAMATION

Mayor Barber read a Proclamation declaring Friday, June 19th as "Juneteenth 2020 Day" in Georgetown, South Carolina.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Barber opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. There was not any citizen input received through email or by telephone message regarding the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget or the Utility rate adjustments for Water and Wastewater. Mayor Barber closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Barber opened up the public comments portion of the meeting and requested Ms. Buccione read public comments that was received through email or by telephone message. Ms. Buccione read an email from Ms. Lisa Whitley Ackerman who is the Director of Bond Referendum Construction & Procurement with the Georgetown County School District. Ms. Ackerman explained the reasons for their zoning request changed on a portion of the Howard Campus property that is owned by the School District. Mayor Barber closed the portion of the Public Comments.

8. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mrs. Bivens introduced Ms. Kathy Vermeland for the Finance Department. Chief Waites introduced Mr. Jayme Delacruz for the Police Department.

9. PRESENTATION

A. Unveiling of City of Georgetown Video: Thank you to First Responders and Front Line Workers.

Mr. Nick Ard presented the City of Georgetown: Thank you to First Responders and Front Line Workers video.

B. Hurricane Season Update from Brandon Ellis, Georgetown County EOC.

Mr. Brandon Ellis stated the National Hurricane Center is forecasting a 60% chance of an above average season for this year. Out of the forecasted 13-19 named storms, 6-10 storms are forecasted to be hurricanes and 3-6 storms are forecasted to be major hurricanes. Mr. Ellis said they have created a plan for staffing the emergency center due to COVID-19 if a hurricane would arise. Mr. Ellis reviewed the evacuation routes and said emergency shelters would have a reduced capacity due to social distancing with the COVID-19 pandemic but would still be able to meet the needs of the public.

C. Winyah Auditorium Presentation by Dr. Michelle Lusardi.

Dr. Michelle Lusardi thanked Mayor Barber, Council Members, and Staff for the last five years of support of the Winyah Auditorium. Dr. Lusardi said they have been closed since mid-March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She said the auditorium is down approximately \$16,000 in revenue. She stated they have accomplished everything the City has asked them to do. She said they had a second very clean audit this year, their bookkeeping practices are up to par, and they removed any mention of the City of Georgetown from their bylaws. Dr. Lusardi said they filed papers with the Secretary of the State to change their name to The Historic Winyah Auditorium. Dr. Lusardi stated they established a grants program and have received \$5,000 in grants thus far. Dr. Lusardi said they are asking for the \$25,000 that is in the current fiscal year's budget but they are not asking for new funding in next year's budget. Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley asked Dr. Lusardi how the \$25,000 in funds would be utilized. Dr. Lusardi said even though they are not currently open to the public, there is still a cost associated with keeping things running day to day so the majority of the funding would be used for those expenses. She said they would like to purchase a monument sign to make it easier for people to find them. Dr. Lusardi said they may be able to open to the public in September depending on the COVID-19 pandemic. She said they have been conducting live stream concerts for the community during the COVID-19 pandemic and some of the funds would be used to continue to offer these type of concerts for the public. Dr. Yúdice confirmed that the funds for the Winyah Auditorium are budgeted and available in this year's budget but when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the City along with City Council decided to postpone any non-essential services. Mayor Barber asked Dr. Yúdice to share a recommendation with Council Members.

10. RESOLUTION

A. Motion to Approve 2020 National Safety Month Resolution.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

B. Motion to approve a Resolution for support of the National League of Cities "Cities Are Essential" Campaign.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

11. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve second reading of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Section 2-41, Ordinances Required for Certain Actions, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

B. Briefing Document and Discussion on the Dilapidated Structures Process for the City of Georgetown.

Ms. Rambeau said after taking in consideration and suggestions from last month's Council Workshop along with feedback from Staff she is presenting the recommendations for the dilapidated housing process. She said there are three changes in their recommendation. The first suggestion was to handle the demolition process in house. Ms. Rambeau confirmed with the City's current position, this process could not be done in house. Ms. Rambeau stated the recommendation would be to pre-qualify demolition contractors and rotate them when needed. She said this would cut 1-2 months off of the process. Discussions followed. Council Member Humes questioned how the demolition process used to be done and why the City can no longer do demolitions. Mr. Chatman said there are currently several City employees that were here over twenty years ago when the City did the demolitions in house and they said at that time the department had approximately 34 employees so they had the manpower to do the demolitions. Mr. Chatman said back then there were no stipulations regarding asbestos or lead paint. He said there was no guidelines for debris separation so everything was loaded into a dump truck and hauled to the landfill. Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley and Mayor Barber requested that staff come back to Council with a workable solution that is cost effective for both the City and the residents. Ms. Rambeau stated the City currently takes the lowest bid to do the demolitions. She said either way the demolition process is done, the City pays for title and landfill fees. Ms. Rambeau said Council needs to decide if they want to pay for the demolitions or if they want to put the sole responsibility on the property owner. She said if Council doesn't want to put any liens on the properties it would speed up the process.

C. Motion to Approve First Reading of an Ordinance Rezoning Approximately 4.16 Acres of Land, Owned by Georgetown County School District, from Residential (R2) to Public Service (PS).

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Council Member Milton questioned the exact property location. Mayor Barber confirmed it is the Howard Campus.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 7/16/2020 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

D. Motion to Approve First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 17, Planning, Article III, Economic Development Incentive Program, Sections 17-31 & 34 of the City of Georgetown Code of Ordinances.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 7/16/2020 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

12. FINANCE

A. Motion to Approve Second Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Raise Revenue for The City of Georgetown, South Carolina, for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Milton. Mrs. Bivens stated the budget is balanced and presented at \$32,161,817. She said this is very different from the budget that was presented in March due to the unknown economic impact of COVID-19. She said the budget was reduced 5.3%. She stated the biggest change from the first reading of the budget was the reduction of the retirement funds. Mrs. Bivens stated in the General Fund there is a surplus of \$75,128. She confirmed the budget does not include any property tax increases, any salary increases, or any new positions or vehicles. She said these items would be reviewed in January 2021 as the economy rebounds. Mrs. Bivens confirmed the budget does include a water and wastewater rate increase of 5%. She said there are not any rate increases for the Electric or Stormwater departments. Council Member Milton asked for clarification on salary increases. Dr. Yúdice stated they will be reviewed in January 2021. If the economy improves, they will bring it to Council for approval and to decide if the increases should be retroactive to go back to July 2020 or should be effective as of January 2021. Mayor Barber said because of the

conscious spending and proper budget cuts, we have been able to keep all employees working while other municipalities have had furloughs.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

B. Motion to Approve Second Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Wastewater 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, 2020.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

C. Motion to Approve Second Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Water 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, 2020.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

D. Motion to Approve Second Reading of an Ordinance Restricting the use of Certain Funds of the City to the Construction of a New City Hall Facility.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

13. POLICE

- A. Motion to approve the grant application to SC Department of Public Safety for SC Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program for a Pandemic Response Vehicle and Cleaning/Sanitation supplies and services.**

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Milton. Council Member Jayroe asked if the funds could be used for any expenses outside of the pandemic. Chief Waites confirmed the funds could be used for other expenses if needed.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

14. ENGINEERING

- A. Motion to Approve Second Reading of a Revised Ordinance for Chapter 23-Drainage Ordinance.**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

15. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Motion to Approve Second Semi-Annual Payment to SCMIRF in the Amount of \$378,851.50 for Property, Liability and Vehicle Insurance and Two Quarterly payments to SCMIT in the Amount of \$231,282.00 for Workers Compensation Insurance.**

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley asked if any improvements have been made in regards to Worker's Compensation. Ms. Livingston stated so far this year, the City has seven Worker's Compensation claims. She said in 2019, the City had a total of 17 Worker's

Compensation claims. Ms. Livingston said the City is focused on safety and offers both on-site and on-line safety training courses for employees. She said the City also has an employee safety committee.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls
AWAY:	Humes

16. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice said at the June 9th County Council meeting, they approved the 2nd reading of the ordinance to set aside \$6 million from the penny referendum for the dredging project. She said this amount will be held in a separate account until the federal, state, or local authorities approve the expenditures. She said this ordinance also includes the funding for Phase II of the Inner Harbor study that is being conducted by Coastal Carolina for the amount of \$200,000; the \$841,353 grant match for the Economic Development Administration for the Stormwater projects on Front, Orange, and Queen Streets; and the Constitution Park Bulkhead. Dr. Yúdice said the grant match will only be disbursed if the Economic Development Administration approves the grant application. She said the 3rd reading of this ordinance will take place next week at their meeting on June 23rd. Dr. Yúdice said in previous Council Meetings, there was a consensus to suspend approval of special events permits due to COVID-19 until further notice. She said as of yesterday, SCDHEC announced 22 new confirmed cases in Georgetown County, which brings the total of positive and confirmed cases to 202 with 3 deaths within the County. She said there are 1,241 estimated cases for a total possible of 1,443 cases. She said for the entire state of South Carolina, the new cases per day increased from 436 on June 8th to 801 on June 12th. She said these numbers show a drastic increase in COVID-19 cases in just four days. She stated as of yesterday, the total number of positive cases is 20,551 and 617 deaths for the entire state. Dr. Yúdice stated with the increasing number of cases, unless directed otherwise, the City will continue with the suspension of event permit approvals.

17. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of May 5, May 7, May 21, and May 28, 2020 Council Meetings.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls
AWAY:	Humes

18. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

19. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Barber reminded everyone to complete the 2020 Census and to vote for Georgetown in the USA Today's 'Best Coastal Small Town' competition.

20. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

Mayor Barber announced the department monthly reports are included in the agenda for Council's review.

- A. May 2020 Electric Utility Department Report**
- B. Engineering Monthly Report_May 2020**
- C. May 2020 Fire Report**
- D. May 2020 Fleet service Report**
- E. GPD Ma 2020 Monthly Report**
- F. May 2020 Human Resources/Risk Management Report**
- G. May 2020 Municipal Court Report**
- H. Planning & Community Development May 2020 Report**
- I. May 2020 Public Works Department Report**
- J. May 2020 Water Utilities Report**
- K. May 2020 Finance and IT Departments Report**

21. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(1)(2) to discuss and receive legal advice to an addendum to an employment agreement pursuant to Section 16 and Section 7(A) of agreement and to review Section 2-88 of the Code of Ordinances in the City of Georgetown.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls
AWAY:	Humes

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

Executive Session adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:41pm.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

Motion to approve First Addendum to Employment Agreement between City of Georgetown and Dr. Sandra E. Portillo De Yúdice.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

22. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Al Joseph, Council Member

SECONDER: Tupelo Humes, Council Member

AYES: Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 07/20/20