



**PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 16, 2022 – 5:30 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
2222 HIGHMARKET STREET
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA
AND LIVESTREAM:
<https://www.facebook.com/cityofgtown/>**

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
Council Member Jim Clements
Mayor Pro Tempore Al Joseph
Council Member Hobson H. Milton
Council Member Jimmy Morris
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Mr. Nick Ard, IT Technician
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Director of Finance
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mrs. Tammy Kinsley, Planning and Community Development Director
Mrs. Gladys Rutledge-Livingston, Interim Human Resources Director
Chief William Pierce, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent
Mr. Scott Whittier, Utilities & Public Works Director

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

Council Member Angner introduced Mr. Percy Strickland from All Saints Church to render the invocation and Mr. Scott W. Hutto to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. The purpose of the hearings is to allow citizens to express their views regarding (i) the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget, and (ii) the imposition of certain adjustments to building fees, planning and zoning fees, sanitation fees, stormwater fee, and rates/charges associated with the City's combined water, sewer and electric system.**

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Wesley Gibson. Mr. Gibson stated gasoline is at an all-time high and inflation is higher than it has been in forty years. He said the government is predicting a recession but the city government is raising our electric bill. He said residents especially senior citizens will have to decide if they want to pay their utility bill or buy their medicine. He said there will be a lot of shut offs once the increase takes place. He asked Council to reconsider the increase.

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Sheldon Butts. Mr. Butts said the city has a 28% poverty rate with a population of 9,800 residents. He said raising the utility rates will not help anyone because there will be more shut offs. Mr. Butts requested if Council could do something different so that it can help everyone.

- B. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow citizens to express their view regarding the proposed agreement with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) to acquire a portion of Baruch Park (639 square feet) located at 535 Black River Road, Georgetown, S.C. (TMS # 05-0019-065-00-00) in order to expand the SCDOT right-of-way for the purposes of widening Black River Road.**

None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

None

6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

None

7. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-14 Violations and Fines; and Section 14-45 Business Vehicle Loading Spaces, of the City of Georgetown Code of Ordinances.**

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Joseph. Council Member Milton asked if there is a reason we are making this amendment. Mrs. Kinsley confirmed there is a business on Wood Street that requested a loading zone. Council Member Smalls asked for clarification on their request if it is for parking

spaces for their customers or loading zone spaces. Mrs. Kinsley confirmed it is for a loading zone space. Council Member Clements said this is for safety purposes because traffic is getting busier.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]	Next: 7/21/2022 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Mayor Pro Tempore	
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Joseph, Milton	
NAYS:	Smalls	

- B. Motion to approve an amendment to the Winyah Fishing Village Planned Development District, for the 10.47 acre parcel located on the north side of Church St. at the intersection of Marina Drive, City of Georgetown, SC for the owner's, 711 Partners LLC, as submitted by their applicant/agent The EARTHWORKS Group.**

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Clements.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

8. 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 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 (FY 2023).**

Mrs. Vermeland stated the coversheet, budget ordinance, and Exhibit A reflect totals as of the first reading that was done on May 19, which was \$41,697,359. She said after May 19, the city received notification from the state that it awarded the Wi-Fi park grants for \$144,604. and we increased the budget by this amount. She said they learned yesterday that the state earmarked \$500,000 for the city. She stated they will need to increase the FY23 budget by \$300,000 to repair the stormwater pumps, which will be rebudgeted from FY22 to FY23. She stated the remaining \$200,000 is already included in the FY23 expenditures to purchase public safety and law enforcement equipment. She said they will reduce the transfer from the General Fund by \$200,000. Mrs. Vermeland stated we will need to include the additional earmarked funds by \$300,000, which makes the FY23 budget amount \$41,997,359. She stated to increase the budget by \$300,000 for the earmark funds we will need a motion from Council to amend the original ordinance approving the budget.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

Motion to amend the original budget to increase FY2023 budget by \$300,000 to include earmarked funds from the State of South Carolina to repair our stormwater pumps.

Mayor Pro Tempore Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Angner. Council Member Clements asked if repairing the stormwater pumps rather than replacing them is the most cost effective approach. Mr. Arteaga confirmed it is at this time and stated the company that produced them is no longer in business.

Mayor Jayroe stated we reached out to Representative Anderson for state assistance with this project because we did not have budgeted funds for repair and the Governor earmarked \$500,000 for public safety projects. Council Member Milton said we need to give appreciation and gratitude to Representative Anderson for working on this for us.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance to adopt a budget and raise revenue, as amended, for the City of Georgetown, South Carolina, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 (FY2023).

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT: ADOPTED [6 TO 1]
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MOVER: Jonathan Angner, Council Member

SECONDER: Jimmy Morris, Council Member

AYES: Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Joseph, Milton

NAYS: Smalls

9. **POLICE**

- A. **Motion to authorize the City Attorney, City Administration, and Chief of Police to negotiate and execute a contract with SOMA Global to the City's satisfaction for one year in the amount of \$63,040 using FY22-23 CIP funds to update the Police Departments Reporting and Operating Platform.**

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Clements.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls

10. PUBLIC WORKS

- A. Motion to approve first reading to amend the City of Georgetown Code of Ordinances, Article II Collection Regulations, Section 9-16, Establishment of a downtown sanitation district.**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 7/21/2022 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls

11. ENGINEERING

- A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance and proposed agreement with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) to acquire a portion of Baruch Park (639 square feet) for \$2,600 simple title fee in order to expand the SCDOT right-of-way for the purposes of widening Black River Road. This agreement also includes permission by the City to grant a temporary construction encroachment 15-wide along the front property line for the purposes of replacing curb and gutter, drainage pipes, and sidewalk as depicted on Exhibit A (attached plan for Tract 4), and to do this work in the City's property outside the right-of-way in consideration of a sum of \$1.00.**

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Clements.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

12. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Motion to approve Second Semi-Annual payment to SCMIRF in the amount of \$402,448.00 for Property, Liability and Vehicle Insurance and two Quarterly payments to SCMIT in the amount of \$202,290.00 for Workers Compensation Insurance.**

Council Member Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

13. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice stated Greene-Finney began an audit on FY2022 on May 23 and it will be completed by December. She reminded everyone that the offices will be closed on Monday in observance of the Juneteenth holiday. She stated the budget planning process has been a challenge and would like to thank our new Finance Director, Mrs. Vermeland and Ms. Eliza Jagger, our new Accounting Manager. She said it has been a pleasure working on the budget with the former Finance Director, Mr. John Barfield and all the department directors. She said they printed out example utility bills and said the average household will notice a 7-12% utility increase. She said adding up the total percentages is not the correct way to calculate the increase.

14. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of May 5 and May 16, 2022 Council Meetings.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

15. OLD BUSINESS

None

16. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Morris requested that Mrs. Kinsley and Mr. Whittier look at East Bay Park parking near the boat landing/launch area because there are cars parked in the boat trailer parking spaces. He suggested to put signs up so everyone is aware of where they should park and it will reduce the issuance of parking tickets.

17. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

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

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

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1)(2 and (5) to receive legal advice related to a Planning & Community Development claim 2022-CP-22-00250; to discuss the position of the City regarding potential claims and receive related legal advice; to discuss potential, proposed purchase of property for the Electric Department and other City operations and potential properties for City Hall and receive related legal advice; to discuss propose

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:27pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

Executive Session adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:50pm.

C. NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

Motion to authorize City Administrator to enter into negotiations for purchase of property and bring back any contingent contract to council.

Council Member 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, Morris, Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls

Motion to authorize the City Administrator to perform the due diligence for potential city hall property.

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, Morris, Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls

Motion to authorize the City Administrator and staff to seek a commercial real estate broker to market city properties on Fraser Street and the old Maryville Fire station.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

Motion to authorize the City Administrator and bond counsel to negotiate an incentive agreement with Winyah Hospitality Group to memorialize certain agreement terms from the previous MOU passed by Council.

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, Morris, Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls

19. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to reappoint Ms. Sally Gillespie to the Architectural Review Board.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

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

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Wesley Gibson. Mr. Gibson said public speaking is important and this council should hear from the community. He said no one is here to speak because no one wanted to stay. Mr. Gibson said even if the public comment section was moved before the Executive Session it would be more respectful to the people in the community. Mr. Gibson said he went to a new restaurant in the city over the weekend but there was no parking. He said he is concerned if someone has a heart attack the medical staff doesn't have anywhere to park. He said he spoke to Mrs. Kinsley about it and was told the city is working on it. He said this should have been done prior to the business opening.

Mayor Jayroe recognized Ms. Sharon Melton. Ms. Melton said the changes made to the Community Appearance Board to be made up of professionals no longer means it is a community appointed board. She said no one that sits on the board was informed about the upcoming changes. She said some members of the board have been serving since 2012. She said the minutes from their last meeting on February 3, 2022 are not on the city website.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 07/21/22