



PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 15, 2023 – 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
Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements
Council Member Hobson H. Milton
Council Member Jimmy Morris
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

ABSENT

Council Member Tamika Williams-Obeng

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mrs. Cindy Thompson, Public Information Officer
Mr. Nick Ard, IT Technician
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Chief William Pierce, Georgetown Police Department
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Robert Cox, Interim Director of Planning and Community Development
Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Director of Finance
Mrs. Natrona Simmons, Public Works Streets and Sanitation Manager
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent
Mr. Scott Whittier, Deputy City Administrator

MEDIA

Mr. Mike Woodel, Georgetown Times

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

Rev. Dr. Elsa Synbad from Dickerson AME Church rendered the invocation and Mr. Ernest Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

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

- A. A resolution for the purpose of considering the designation of a State Cultural District in the City of Georgetown and the proposed District Designation Map.**

None

- B. An ordinance to adopt a budget and raise revenue for the City of Georgetown, South Carolina, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 (FY 2024) and the imposition of certain adjustments to sanitation fees, stormwater fee, and rates/charges associated with the City's combined water, sewer, and electric system.**

None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

None

6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mr. Robert Cox introduced Ms. Brittany Powell for the Planning & Community Development Department.

7. RESOLUTION

- A. Motion to approve a Resolution designating a State Cultural District and a District Designation Map in the City of Georgetown.**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

8. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 17, Article IV - Arts & Cultural Commission.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

B. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Georgetown and The Growers Market.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

9. FINANCE

A. Motion to amend the current motion from first reading to increase the FY2024 budget by \$132,047.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

- B. Motion to amend the original FY2024 budget as presented for first reading and increase the budget by \$132,047 to include additional revenues and expenditures in the stormwater fund, additional salary increases, Baruch Park restrooms, Harborwalk maintenance, additional TIF proceeds, and increase in the transfer from the city hall fund balance.**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

- C. 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, 2024 (FY 2024).**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

10. POLICE

- A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 16, Article V of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown by replacing Article V "Handbills" in its entirety with a new Article V "Rights-of-way and Public Place Restrictions."**

Council Member Morris moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

11. PUBLIC WORKS

- A. **Motion to adopt second reading of an ordinance to amend Code of Ordinances to Chapter 9 Garbage, Trash & Weeds.**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 2]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe
NAYS:	Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Obeng

12. ENGINEERING

- A. **Motion to ratify the CDBG-Mitigation Infrastructure Grant Application for the N. Merriman-Congdon Street Stormwater System Improvements project estimated at \$3,326,511; and to authorize the City Administrator to accept grant, if approved.**

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, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Obeng

13. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

- A. **Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance to amend the miscellaneous utility fees for after-hours restoration to after-hours Turn-On/Turn-Off.**

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 2]	Next: 7/20/2023 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Jimmy Morris, Council Member	
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe	
NAYS:	Milton, Smalls	
ABSENT:	Obeng	

14. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice reported partial demolition of the Bobby Alford building and restoration of the existing gym facilities into an open air picnic pavilion at East Bay Park started on May 30th and should last approximately six months. She said we anticipate completion of this project will be early December. Dr. Yúdice stated a letter was sent to the EDA requesting additional funds to cover the shortage for the stormwater project and we are awaiting a response very soon. She said the EDA approved awarding the construction bid contract to Green Wave and we will present the bid documents for Council approval in July, depending on the EDA's funding decision. Dr. Yúdice stated a tree fell over on Kaminski Street recently and it is important as the trees are getting older we need to inspect them to ensure their health. She stated thorough inspection can be done in phases starting in FY2025. She said currently the tree crews contact the state forester to provide an assessment and recommendation on how to proceed when they see signs of decay in the city's trees. Dr. Yúdice said we have taken a few trees down this past year due to liability issues. She said we will discuss a partnership with IP to replace trees. Dr. Yúdice stated we have discussed options with our bond counsel and financial advisor to finance the local match required for the 2nd water sedimentation basin project and the SCIIP grant award to replace the main sewer pump at the old city hall site and the sewer main between the site and the water treatment plant. She said the anticipated total is \$2.7M and we expect to bring the ordinance before Council at the July meeting for first reading. Dr. Yúdice stated this morning the First Presbyterian Church preschool children surprised our sanitation employees with a banner that said "We love our sanitation crew" and they handed out goodie bags and took pictures with them.

15. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of April 6, April 20, May 4, May 12, May 18, and May 25, 2023 Council Meetings.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

16. OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements requested an update on dilapidated houses and stated we are half way through the year and they need to be completed by the end of the year. Dr. Yúdice stated there are two houses that still require signatures. She said that is the most challenging step because most of the owners reside out of state. She said they will expedite the process once this is completed because if we don't use the grant money by the end of the year, it will go back to the state.

17. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Angner requested information about additional public dockage opportunities along Cannon, Wood, Orange, and Front Streets to be presented in a future Council Workshop. Council Member Milton stated for the last two months the public has come here to speak out about the Juneteenth Parade. He requested that we discuss making the parade a city sponsored or co-sponsored event in a future workshop. Council Member Milton stated the Juneteenth parade is this Saturday at 11am. Council Member Milton stated we have a lot of power outages and especially in the Maryville area and requested an update on the status. Mr. Scott Whittier stated some recent occurrences have been outside of the city's control because they were on the Santee Cooper side. He stated another issue is the trees can sometimes be a factor.

18. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

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

- A. Electric Department Monthly Report May 2023
- B. Engineering Monthly Report-May 2023
- C. Fire Department May 2023 Report
- D. Fleet Service Report May 2023
- E. GPD - Month of May 2023
- F. Human Resources/Risk Management May 2023 Report
- G. May 2023 Municipal Court Report
- H. Public Works May 2023 Report
- I. Water Utilities May 2023 Report
- J. Planning and Community Development May 2023 Reports

K. May 2023 Finance and IT Monthly Report

19. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CITY SERVICES, BUSINESS,

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Kim Robb. Mr. Robb stated he is here to speak about the proposed rezoning on Cannon Street. He said he doesn't understand how the application can go through the process because it is incomplete. He said he is not in favor of a gated community because it takes away from the historic district character of open and friendly.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(1) and (a)(2) to discuss incident to contractual arrangements and purchase of property and receipt of related legal advice; to discuss and receive legal advice relating to a pending claim; to discuss an appointment for the City's Boards and Commissions; and to discuss employment, compensation, promotion, demotion, or release of employees.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

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, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Obeng

Executive Session adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:15pm.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

21. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint Pat Johnston and Brittany Gibson to the Keep Georgetown Beautiful Board.

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, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Obeng

22. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 07/20/23