



**PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
OF CITY COUNCIL
MAY 17, 2018 – 5:30 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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 Sheldon A. Butts
Council Member Tupelo Humes
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Carey F. Smith, Interim City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk
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. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Mr. Rick Martin, Building Official/Zoning Administrator
Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

ABSENT

Mrs. Suzanne Anderson, HR Manager

MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Mr. David Purtell
GAB News - Mr. Scott Harper

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Brendon M. Barber, Sr. called the Public Hearing and 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, with the exception of first responders, so as to not interrupt the meeting.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to receive citizen input concerning: an ordinance to establish an application fee for administration of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; an ordinance to adopt the South Carolina Department of Public Safety's wrecker fee schedule, as amended annually and the proposed Historic District Water System Improvements Project to be funded by a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan.**

Mayor Barber opened the Public Hearing to receive citizen input concerning: an ordinance to establish an application fee for administration of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; an ordinance to adopt the South Carolina Department of Public Safety's wrecker fee schedule, as amended annually and the proposed Historic District Water System Improvements Project to be funded by a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan.

No one appeared to speak for or against any of the items and the Public Hearing concluded.

4. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Master Evin Keith Rodgers rendered the Lord's Prayer. Fire Chief Charlie Cribb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Barber opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting and recognized Ms. Marilyn Murphy Fore, President of Horry-Georgetown Technical College. President Fore addressed Mayor and Council and thanked them for their service as public servants to Georgetown and the State of South Carolina. She provided a handout containing information about the College and students. HGTC has a Georgetown campus and major plans for that location are on the horizon. A new Georgetown Center for Advanced Manufacturing will be built, opening in August 2019.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Charlena A. Franklin. Ms. Franklin addressed Mayor and Council and expressed concerns about her neighborhood in the West End. The area needs to be cleaned up. She referred to two dilapidated trailers owned by Mr. Singleton. She also noted the road conditions.

Mayor Barber recognized Optimism Preventive Services, Inc. A member of the group addressed Mayor and Council and stated their mission is to improve the lives of young people in Georgetown County through education, mentoring and prevention programs. In March 2018 she and three other members attended *March For Our Lives* in Washington, DC. She shared the experience and how it impacted them. She invited City Council to join OPS on June 16, 2018 for their first annual *Listen To Me* Youth March. An informational handout about the event was provided.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Janette Graham. Ms. Graham expressed her concerns with the condition of Ridge Street, drainage issues in the West End and missing traffic signs. The sign at the end of Prince and Collins Streets was knocked over and never replaced. The stop sign on Rosemont Avenue turning into the Belk parking lot is gone; the pole is still there. The connection between Belk and Wal Mart is also missing the stop sign, the pole is still there as well. Mayor Barber asked Chief Waites to look into these concerns.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Bernadine Keith and Ms. LaFaye Gilliard Moultrie. Both ladies expressed their concerns for the West End, stated the trailers Mr. Singleton moved to the neighborhood are a travesty and questioned how this was allowed.

Mayor Barber recognized Brother Willie who spoke on the West End community. He said he owns nine lots in the area and plans to improve the trailers and do something for the homeless.

Mayor Barber asked Mr. Carey Smith to arrange to meet with Ms. Franklin, Ms. Graham, Ms. Keith and Ms. Moultrie, along with himself, to get the answers they are seeking.

6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

No new employees to introduce.

7. PROCLAMATION AND RESOLUTION

A. Motion to approve Proclamation proclaiming May 19-25, 2018 as National Safe Boating Week in the City of Georgetown.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Several members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary were in attendance. Mr. Karl Gettmann, the Public Affairs Officer addressed Council and expressed appreciation for their willingness to support Safe Boating Week.

Mayor Barber read the Proclamation and called for the vote.

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

B. Motion to approve a Resolution in Recognition of the Georgetown Lions Club.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Butts. Mayor Barber recognized Earnestine Williams, President, Carry Farrow, 1st Vice President, Andy Friedman, 2nd Vice President and read the Resolution recognizing the Georgetown Lions Club for their outstanding work providing humanitarian and environmental needs.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

8. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve first reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, Article I, Section 16-1 Alcoholic Beverages on Public Property of the Code of Ordinances.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Humes. Mr. Rick Martin presented the proposed ordinance that would allow public consumption of beer or wine on the public boardwalk; limited to the businesses that have a direct connection to the boardwalk. The plan is to revisit this ordinance in six months. Clear cups with the name of the business imprinted would be required. The City Attorney, Chief of Police, Risk Manager, and City Administrator were consulted in crafting the ordinance. Discussions concerning containers followed. Mr. Martin explained the ordinance contained general guidelines for first reading. Any changes Council may have can be included prior to second reading. Mayor Barber stated this ordinance will provide the restaurants on the boardwalk the same privilege as those serving on the sidewalk. Prior to second reading the businesses adjacent to the boardwalk will be contacted. Staff researched the marshwalk in Murrells Inlet; it is private and not regulated by the County. Safety was expressed as a concern for consumption on the boardwalk.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 7/12/2018 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member	
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls	

B. Motion to approve first reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 20 Article IX, Outdoor Cafe and Harborwalk Hospitality, Section 20-130 through 20-135 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. Mr. Martin explained this ordinance pertains to the previous agenda item and amends the Outdoor Café ordinance.

Mayor Barber called for the question.

RESULT:	FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 7/12/2018 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member	
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls	

C. Motion to approve first reading of an Ordinance Establishing a Fee for Harborwalk Hospitality in the City of Georgetown.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Mr. Martin stated this establishes a \$100.00 annual fee for businesses adjacent to the harborwalk that wish to utilize the harborwalk hospitality ordinance. They must apply for an annual permit in the City's Building and Planning Department.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 7/12/2018 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member	
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls	

D. Motion to approve second reading of an Ordinance Establishing an Application Fee for Administration of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Mr. Martin stated this is a 3% administration fee to recoup costs for City staff time administering and handling the reimbursement of HMGP grants that are awarded in the City.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

9. FINANCE

A. Motion to approve first 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, 2018.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley. Mrs. Debra Bivens stated after discussions during the budget workshop, a rate increase of 1.5% is proposed for the Water Fund. This would net an annual revenue of \$31,500. The impact for an average residential customer that uses 3000 gallons would be \$3.60 per year. The additional revenue would be earmarked to fund the General Fund transfer. The current plan is for this to be an annual 1.5% rate

adjustment to offset increased expenditures and infrastructure improvements.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/21/2018 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore	
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls	

B. Motion to approve first 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, 2018.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley. Mrs. Bivens stated after discussion during the budget workshop, a rate increase of 1.5% is proposed for the Wastewater Fund. The impact for an average residential customer that uses 3000 gallons would be \$4.92 per year. The additional revenue would be earmarked to fund the General Fund transfer. This will be reviewed annually.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/21/2018 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore	
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls	

C. Motion to approve first Reading of an Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Raise Revenue for The City of Georgetown, South Carolina for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019.

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. Mrs. Bivens stated the budget discussions began at the annual Budget Retreat followed by individual meetings with Mayor and Council and two budget workshops. The budget is currently balanced at \$32,848,284. The proposed budget uses approximately \$800,000 of fund balance. Longevity and merit increases are included which average 3% for employees. A 1.5% rate adjustment is included for the Water and Wastewater Funds. No tax increase is included. The budget includes \$150,000 for operations of the Kaminski House Museum and \$20,000 has been added for the climate control project for a total of \$170,000. The next budget workshop is scheduled for June 12th at 4:00 pm.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/21/2018 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member	
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls	

- D. Motion to approve second reading on Budget Amendments in the Stormwater Fund for Change Orders to the Drainage Project in the Amount of \$99,721 and for Stormwater Pump #1 and #2 Repairs in the amount of \$232,506, for a total of \$332,227.**

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls. Mrs. Bivens stated Phase I and II of the Stormwater drainage projects are going well.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
SECONDER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

10. POLICE

- A. Motion to approve payment of \$35,000 to the Georgetown Drug Enforcement Unit for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.**

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Humes. Chief Kelvin Waites stated this is an annual budgeted item for the drug enforcement unit that pays for salary, fringe and operational costs.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

- B. Motion to approve second reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 18 Article III of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown by deleting article III Sections 18-22 thru 18-31 and replacing Sections 18-22 thru 18-25 in the entirety, and reserving sections 18-26 thru 18-31.**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley. Captain Nelson Brown noted the wrecker ordinance had not been amended since 2006. Staff worked with the City Attorney to create a uniform towing fee ordinance and annually adopt the South Carolina Department of Public Safety fee schedule.

Mayor Barber called for the question.

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

11. PUBLIC WORKS

A. Motion to approve Proclamation proclaiming May 21-25, 2017 as National Public Works Week.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Humes. Mr. Tim Chatman stated the Proclamation acknowledges the contributions made by employees in Public Works, Water and Sewer Utilities and Vehicle Maintenance. Next Thursday the City will compete with the County and other municipalities in the State at the annual Backhoe Rodeo. This will be an opportunity for our skilled operators to showcase their talents.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Carey Smith recommended (1) the May 24th City Council Special Meeting/Workshop be rescheduled to May 31st at 4:00 pm. (2) He noted the City Clerk recently discovered a discrepancy in the REDD Zoning Ordinance as published by planning staff and passed by City Council. The discrepancy is in the abandonment section. The City had requested language to be included prior to second reading to ensure the one year abandonment provision regarding cessation of production at the mill would not apply if it was related to official labor action. That language was drafted and apparently was included in a working copy of the proposed ordinance. It was determined there was uncertainty about whether the language was provided to City Council. The bottom line is the Clerk's official copy of the ordinance as passed does not contain the language "**unless cessation is due to an official labor action including a labor lockout or labor strike.**" The remedy for this is simply a text amendment to include that language. With Council approval, staff recommends the proposed amendment be referred to the Planning Commission as the next step in the process. Mayor Barber directed staff to present this matter to the Planning Commission in order for them to make a recommendation to City Council for consideration.

13. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of City Council meetings dated January 18, 22, 25 and February 2, 15, 22 and 28, 2018.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

14. OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Butts stated the West End Subcommittee is working to insure the West End Redevelopment Plan of 2013 has been updated and will be submitted to the Planning Commission to be included in the Comprehensive Plan. On April 27th the South Carolina Community Planning Assistance Team came to Georgetown. They will address dilapidated structures in the West End.

15. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

16. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

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

- A. GPD April 2018 Monthly Report**
- B. April 2018 Municipal Court Report**
- C. April 2018 Fire Report**
- D. April 2018 Public Works Department Report**
- E. April 2018 Fleet service Report**
- F. April 2018 Electric Utility Department Report**
- G. April 2018 Water Utilities Report**
- H. April 2018 Engineering Report**
- I. April 2018 Housing & Community Development Report**
- J. April 2018 Finance and IT Reports**

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter Executive Session pursuant to Sec. 30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss FHEO 04-17-9419.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Meeting.

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

Executive Session was adjourned and the Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:43 pm.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

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

Regarding the proposed conciliation agreement to the FHEO Case, Mayor Barber directed staff to respond that the City of Georgetown wishes to provide whatever materials necessary in connection with the continued investigation.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 08/16/18