



**PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 21, 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 Clarence C. Smalls

MEMBERS ABSENT

Council Member Jimmy Morris

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
Mr. John Barfield, Director of Finance
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Will Gunter, Water Utilities Director
Mrs. Tammy Kinsley, Planning and Community Development Director
Mrs. Gladys Rutledge-Livingston, Interim Human Resources Director
Deputy Chief Nelson Brown, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent
Mr. Scott Whittier, Utilities & Public Works Director

MEDIA

GAB News - Mr. Scott Harper

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

Bishop John Smith, Jr. from The Greater Bibleway Church rendered the invocation and Commander Franklin E. Rutledge from Low Country Veterans Group led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

A. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to receive citizen input concerning an ordinance authorizing a second Budget Amendment for FY 2021/2022 appropriations and expenditures.

None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Boris Gibson. Mr. Gibson requested information on the plan for the 40% utility bill increase that is being considered and how are the lawyers for the Planning & Zoning Commission getting paid per the Freedom of Information Act. Mr. Gibson said he is concerned the money may be coming from taxpayers who may not want to be in the fight. Mr. Gibson is asking for the plan to be revised and that everyone is included in the revised plan.

6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mrs. Kinsley introduced Ms. Margaret Murray as the new Zoning Administrator and Planner and Mr. Cameron Howard as the new Code Enforcement Officer for the Planning & Community Development Department

Mr. Barfield introduced Ms. Karen Stone for the Finance Department.

Mr. Whittier introduced Mr. Anthuan Simmons and Mr. Mark Williams for the Water Department and Mr. Nate Miller for the Electric Department.

7. INTRODUCTION OF MR. ANTHUAN MAYBANK

Mayor Jayroe introduced Mr. Anthuan Maybank, a 1996 Olympic gold medalist from Georgetown, South Carolina. Mr. Maybank is home to attend several events in the City honoring his accomplishments.

8. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion To Approve Second Reading of An Ordinance Amending The City Of Georgetown Zoning Ordinance Article XVI, Section 1600 Establishment Of The Board Of Architectural Review And Section 1600.2 Powers And Duties Of The Board Of Architectural Review.

Council Member Clements moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Joseph. Ms. Carol Coleman from the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments presented to Council.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

B. Motion to appoint new Code Enforcement Officer - Cameron Howard for the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.

Mayor Pro Tempore Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Clements. Mayor Jayroe gave the Oath of Office to Mr. Howard.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

C. FIRM & FIS Appeal Period April 7 2022 - 90 Days

Mrs. Kinsley reviewed the revisions made by FEMA regarding the flood maps in the County.

9. FINANCE

A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance to further amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (FY 2022) Budget (Second Amendment) for the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.

Council Member Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls
NAYS:	Milton
ABSENT:	Morris

B. Motion to approve 3rd and final payment of \$80,000 to SCDOT related to the US17 Drainage Project settlement.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

C. Motion to approve payment up to \$130,000 for Tyler Tech/New World for ERP System

Mayor Pro Tempore Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Clements. Mr. Barfield said they recently got notice that New World will eventually be phased out so the City will need to look at replacing this software.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

10. POLICE

A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 3, Article II, Section 3-23 (Dogs, Cats, and Pets) of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

B. Motion to Approve First Reading of An Ordinance amending article I of chapter of 20 of the code of ordinances for the City of Georgetown at section 20-12 "Activities from Public Ramps and Docks at East Bay Park."

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 5/19/2022 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Morris

11. PUBLIC WORKS

A. Motion to approve Proclamation proclaiming May 15-21, 2022 as National Public Works Week in the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.

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, Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Morris

12. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

A. Motion to ratify the City Administrator's approval to issue a purchase order on March 25, 2022 above the \$25,000 City Administrator's procurement threshold to buy fuel under emergency procurement to keep the peak shaving plant functioning efficiently.

Council Member Clements moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Joseph. Mayor Jayroe confirmed this was a one-time purchase. Council Member Milton asked how many truck loads we purchase a year, Mr. Whittier stated we purchase 3-4 truckloads a year.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls
NAYS:	Milton
ABSENT:	Morris

B. Motion to approve purchasing of fuel for the Peak Generation Plant, not to exceed the amount of \$30,000.00 with FY2021- 2022 funds

Council Member Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Angner. Mr. Whittier explained this is necessary due to the increase in fuel prices. Mayor Jayroe explained this is for fuel only and it should be short term. Council Member Clements asked if these funds are in the current budget, Mr. Whittier confirmed the funds are in the budget and will be reallocated if this is approved.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls
NAYS:	Milton
ABSENT:	Morris

13. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to amend the City Administrator's contract by deleting the language in "Section 6: Automobile" and replacing with "Section 6: Transportation. The Employer agrees to reimburse Employee for mileage for using her personal vehicle as a means of transportation on official city trips or business, which will be logged noting dates, purpose, and beginning and end mileage. Employer agrees also to furnish a City vehicle in case of emergencies such as hurricane, floods, etc. for transportation to conduct city business during such emergencies."

Council Member Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

14. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice reminded Council that next Thursday at 5:00pm is the Budget workshop and if there are any questions to email John Barfield and herself. She reported the Clean Sweeps will be starting next week. She said on Monday and Tuesday will be the Highmarket area and then the West End. She said the following week will be Willowbank, Maryville and South Island areas for the Clean Sweep. Dr. Yúdice stated at the Budget workshop next week there will be a briefing on the demolition of dilapidated houses on the West End. She said they have contacted Congressman Tom Rice to assist in finding federal grants to assist with the City's infrastructure repairs.

Council Member Clements stated only 1 resident attended the Clean Sweep in the West End area and wanted to know if there is a better way to communicate with the citizens. Dr. Yúdice said a few days before the event, the City placed signs in the area where the Clean Sweep will be held. Council Member Milton clarified the Clean Sweep is for the entire City and not just the West End.

15. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of March 17, 2022 Council Meeting.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Clements.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

16. OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tempore Joseph requested an update at the next workshop or meeting on the Mooring Buoys.

17. NEW BUSINESS

None

18. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

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

Council Member Clements thanked the Chief of Police and the Police Department for tagging 88 abandoned vehicles and helping to clean up the City.

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

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss potential utility claims and receive related legal advice; to have a discussion of negotiations incident to proposed sale of property on Duke Street and Cleland Street and receipt of related legal advice; to discuss potential proposed purchase of property for the Electric Department operations, potential properties for City Hall and receive legal advice; and to receive quarterly legal

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, Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Morris

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Clements.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

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

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

Motion to authorize the City Administrator to negotiate the purchase of property, receive operations, and obtain required abrasives and documents.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Clements.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

Motion to approve the donation of property located on Merriman Road to Habitat for Humanity of Georgetown.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

Motion to authorize the advisement of the City Administrator to release the contracted sale of property on Cleland Street as the City cannot deliver a clear title and return the earnest money.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

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

Mayor Jayroe recognized Ms. Jacque Williams. Ms. Williams said it is ridiculous to put the public comment section on concerns from citizens after Executive Session and before the Adjournment of the Council meeting. She stated her concern is with Liberty Steel and that there are members of Council who have relatives that serve on the Zoning Board. She asked why Mr. Christopher Inglese stated Dr. Yúdice was not authorized to send the letter in reference to the agreement between the mill and the City at the Zoning Appeals Board meeting. She said this Council is not what was anticipated and she or members of the community will not be pushed aside.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Clements.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 05/19/22