



**PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP
OF CITY COUNCIL**

SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 – 4:00 PM

MUNICIPAL COURTROOM

2222 HIGHMARKET STREET

GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA

AND LIVESTREAM:

<https://www.facebook.com/cityoftown/>

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.
Council Member Jonathan Angner
Council Member Tupelo Humes
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Hobson H. Milton
Mayor Pro Tempore Clarence C. Smalls

MEMBERS ABSENT

Council Member Carol R. Jayroe

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. Gladys Rutledge-Livingston, Human Resources Director
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Interim Chief William Pierce, Georgetown Police Department
Ms. Natrona Simmons, Public Works Manager
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

ABSENT

Mr. Christopher Inglese, Planning and Community Development Director

MEDIA

GAB News - Mr. Scott Harper

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Brendon M. Barber, Sr. called the Special Meeting of City Council to order at 4:00pm 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 is to receive citizen input concerning an ordinance authorizing the sale of the City of Georgetown Electric Department Operations Complex located at 800 Church Street in Georgetown, South Carolina.

Mayor Barber opened the Public Hearing to receive citizen input concerning an ordinance authorizing the sale of the City of Georgetown Electric Department Operations Complex located at 800 Church Street in Georgetown, South Carolina.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Tracey Miller. Ms. Miller said she is in support of the sale. Ms. Miller said it will be good to renovate the Electric building and the revenue increase will provide funds to much needed projects throughout the entire city.

Mayor Barber recognized Mr. Steve Harms. Mr. Harms requested Mayor and City Council exercise their leadership rights and stated he supports and believes the city will benefit with the sale of the Electric Building.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Janette Graham. Ms. Graham stated she and others in the West End was unaware of the proposed sale of the Electric Building and this meeting. Ms. Graham requested more effort be made to make the public aware of meetings and meeting times should be later so people who are working can attend.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Ede Graves. Ms. Graves said she wanted to remind Council that they are not just voting for the sale of the Electric property but they are voting for an opportunity that could bring much needed revenue and opportunities to the city. Ms. Graves said the city population has decreased over the last few years and if the city sold this property it would attract more developers to our area.

Mayor Barber recognized Brother Willie. Brother Willie said the facts and mathematics will benefit the entire city including the West End. He stated emotions need to be left out on this decision.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Jackie Williams. Ms. Williams asked who is going to benefit from this sale. Ms. Williams said if this brings minimum wage jobs to the area that will not fix the problems. Ms. Williams said because of the imbalance this will not benefit citizens of the West End.

Mayor Barber recognized Mr. Greg Metcalfe. Mr. Metcalfe said he and his wife operate three businesses in the area. He said he and his wife volunteer at Friendship Place and help feed residents in the West End. Mr. Metcalfe said it is citizen's responsibility to check online and contact City Hall to find out about

meetings and meeting agendas. Mr. Metcalfe said he supports the sale of the property to help the city grow and generate much needed tax dollars to distribute throughout the entire city.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Marilyn Hemmingway. Ms. Hemmingway said Mayors and Council have made decisions in the past that did not benefit the city. She said it only benefited people who had money or access to money. Ms. Hemmingway said that is why the West End is where it is now. Ms. Hemmingway said she is not in favor of the sale because of the unknown consequences. Ms. Hemmingway asked if the city had conducted an environmental impact or if an economic study had been done. She requested that the project be put on hold until they have been done and all citizens are satisfied.

Mayor Barber recognized Mr. David Kossove. Mr. Kossove said he has been working with the city to help resolve issues such as flooding and burying power lines. Mr. Kossove said this project will bring money to the city and requested support for the project.

4. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance to approve a contract for the sale of public land, Electric Operation Complex at 800 Church Street, to include the terms contained in Ex.1 and to authorize the City Administrator to execute the contract and deed.**

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Barber Sr., Joseph, Milton, Smalls
NAYS:	Humes
ABSENT:	Jayroe

- B. Motion to move forward with consideration of consolidating city and county services for cost savings opportunities as requested by Council Member Carol Jayroe and Council Member Jonathan Angner.**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [2 TO 4]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Joseph
NAYS:	Barber Sr., Humes, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Jayroe

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Special Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 10/21/21