



**PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 30, 2020 – 4:00 PM
TELECONFERENCE**

LIVESTREAM:

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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 Tupelo Humes
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Hobson H. Milton

MEMBERS ABSENT

Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Director of Finance
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Will Gunter, Water Utilities Director
Mrs. Gladys Rutledge-Livingston, Human Resources/Risk Manager
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

ABSENT

Ms. Angela Rambeau, Director of Planning and Community Development
Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Brendon M. Barber, Sr. called the Public Hearing & Special Meeting of City Council to order at 4:00 p.m. 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. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to receive citizen input concerning an Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Amendment for FY2019/2020 in the Stormwater drainage Utility Fund in the amount of \$80,000 for the US 17 Drainage Project Cost Overrun Settlement Costs with the SC Department of Transportation and an Ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to Business License Fees contained in the City Clerk's Official Record, as approved in the FY2020 Budget.

Mayor Barber requested Ms. Buccione read citizen input that was received through email or by telephone message regarding these items. Ms. Buccione stated the City received input from one citizen, Ms. Ede Graves, through email. Ms. Buccione read Ms. Grave's email that stated it is the worst time to increase fees for businesses and instead the City should consider waiving fees for a period of time to help businesses get back on their feet following the closings from COVID-19.

Mayor Barber closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

5. FINANCE

- A. Motion to Approve Second Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Amendment for FY2019/2020 in the in the Stormwater Drainage Utility Fund in the Amount of \$80,000 for the US 17 Drainage Project Cost Overrun Settlement Costs.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Mrs. Bivens stated this Budget Amendment is being requested because the settlement was made after the budget was approved. For payments going forward over the next two years, the amount will be budgeted. Mayor Barber stated this is a reduction of the original amount owed to SCDOT. Mrs. Bivens confirmed and said the original invoice from SCDOT was a little over a million dollars but they were able to negotiate it down to \$400,000, which made the City's portion \$240,000.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

- B. Motion to Approve Second Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to Business License Fees contained in the City Clerk's Official Record, as approved in the FY2020 Budget.

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Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Humes. Mrs. Bivens stated an 8% increase in the Business License Fees was approved last June with the approval of the Budget, which would generate \$160,000 in revenue for the General Fund and used to balance the budget. Mrs. Bivens said in January 2020 the rate changes were being made in the system and it was discovered that the City Clerk's Records were not updated. This motion is only to update the Clerk's Records as the rate increase was already approved with the Budget in June 2019.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Special Meeting adjourned at 4:16pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 05/21/20