



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 17, 2015 – 5:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jack M. Scoville, Jr.
Council Member Brendon M. Barber, Sr.
Council Member Rudolph A. Bradley
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Edward S. Kimbrough, Jr.
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls
Mayor Pro Tempore Peggy Wayne

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Chris Carter, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk
Miss Suzanne Abed-El-Latif, HR Manager
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Director of Finance
Mr. Will Cook, Water Utilities Director
Interim Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Glen Dixon, Fleet Superintendent
Chief Paul Gardner, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Sterling Geathers, Public Works Director
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Mr. Rick Martin, Building Official/Zoning Administrator
Mr. Tee Miller, Assistant to the City Administrator for Economic Development

MEDIA

Georgetown Times

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Jack M. Scoville, Jr. called the 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 so as to not interrupt the meeting.

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Carol Jayroe rendered the invocation. Ms. Belinda Ford's second grade class from Kensington Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mr. Chris Carter introduced Mr. Orlando Arteaga, the City's full time Engineer. He has recently been a professor in the Civil Engineering Technology program at Horry Georgetown Technical College. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering and Master's Degree in Engineering Management from New Jersey Institute of Technology and a Master's Degree in Business Administration. He is a Certified Professional Engineer in South Carolina, New Jersey and North Carolina. Mr. Arteaga thanked City Council for the opportunity to work for the City.

6. GEORGETOWN COUNTY REQUEST CONCERNING BASSMASTER ELITE SERIES TOURNAMENT

A. Motion to approve a request by Georgetown County to provide support and co-sponsor the Bassmaster EliteSeries tournament in April 2016.

Council Member Barber moved, seconded by Council Member Bradley. County Administrator, Mr. Sel Hemingway addressed Council concerning the event. Georgetown has been selected to host a Bassmaster Elite Series Tournament April 7-10, 2016. This event will have a tremendous economic impact on our community and will have residual benefits for our area due to the international television coverage (ESPN2 and the Outdoor Channel) associated with the event. There will be an opportunity to showcase Georgetown during commercial breaks. Participants will fill the hotel rooms and restaurants and spend money. In order to host the Elite Series Tournament the community is required to hold a two-day festival in coordination with the event. Organizers of the Winyah Bay Heritage Festival were contacted and have agreed to hold their festival in conjunction with the fishing tournament. The cost associated with hosting this event is approximately \$100,000. Mr. Hemingway requested the City assist with the hosting by providing (1) 24-hour security at the Carroll A. Campbell Marine Complex for the event. This would require the presence of police officers during the weigh-in and after hours to insure the safety of the participants' equipment and displays, (2) a 1" water service to the site from the existing water main on Venture Drive to the staging area and (3) an appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 from accommodations and hospitality taxes to assist in funding the costs, which include but are not limited to, marketing, accommodations for B.A.S.S. personnel, a meal for participants and host fees. Discussions followed. Council Member Barber said this is a prime opportunity as far as marketing. He questioned the requested amount and asked if that would be enough. The Mayor wants to know the cost of the water line before Council considers amending the amount. There are 110 participants. Each one of the boats and anglers have to have a marshal on board every day. Local bass fishermen and bass club members could be identified as one of the 110 marshals, as well as

providing boats for the B.A.S.S. cameramen, handling weigh-ins and other opportunities.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

7. FINANCE

A. Motion to Continue Banking Relationship with Wells Fargo. A total of three (3) proposals were received.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Mrs. Debra Bivens stated the City has been doing business with Wells Fargo for 25 plus years. The City recognizes the need to examine its banking relationship periodically to ensure that we receive the best services and values and improve cash management and customer service capabilities. An RFP for banking services was advertised and three proposals were received from TD Bank, First Citizens Bank and Wells Fargo. After significant time spent analyzing and comparing costs, staff's recommendation is to remain with Wells Fargo.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peggy P. Wayne, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

8. WATER UTILITIES

A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance to amend the Pretreatment Ordinance to reflect changes to the Local Limits and Waste Hauler Rates.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. Mr. Will Cook stated the Pretreatment Ordinance was updated in 2014. The City completed a Long Term Monitoring Plan which sampled all influents into the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Recommendations for the Plan included revising the local limits to include Ammonia, Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons and Chemical Oxygen demand. The local limits are imbedded in the Pretreatment Ordinance. The current waste hauler rates are \$5.00 per 500 gallons. The waste haulers deliver septic waste, portable restroom waste, to the Wastewater Plant and we treat the waste. Earlier in the year a survey was conducted; not many plants accept the waste. Grand Strand Water and Sewer charges \$30 per 500 gallons, the City of Florence charges \$41.50 per 500 gallons and Wilmington charges \$65 per 500 gallons. Staff's recommendation is to raise this to \$30.00 per 500 gallons. The City has collected \$8,000 in revenue from January to October. If the \$30.00 had been in place, it would

have amounted to \$40,000 more.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/21/2016 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member	
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne	

B. Motion to Approve Contract and Payment to Coastal Asphalt, LLC for Asphalt Resurfacing of Merriman Road, Bonds Street, and Martin Street and Asphalt Surfacing of C Street in the amount of \$117,380.91.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Bradley. Bids were opened on December 2nd. Merriman Road is associated with the sewer main replacement between Winyah Street and Railroad Street. Bonds Street is associated with the sewer main work the City completed as part of the 17/701 utility relocation project. Martin Street and C Street are associated with the Public Works resurfacing the surfacing project. Completion date for all projects is the end of March 2016.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

9. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to approve first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 11, Article II, Section 11-26 of the City Code establishing additional conditions under which commercial properties may be deemed a nuisance.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. Mr. Chris Carter stated at last month's meeting an ordinance was presented, and given first reading, amending Chapter 11, Article II that would add additional criteria to judge if a commercial building can be deemed a nuisance. After reviewing the proposed ordinance, it was decided to only amend Section 11-26, by adding the additional 22 criteria as it relates to commercial buildings. Because the structure of the ordinance was changed, first reading was set aside and a new proposed ordinance is presented for first reading tonight. Commercial is defined as anything non-residential.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	FIRST READING [6 TO 1] Next: 1/21/2016 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne
NAYS:	Bradley

Council Member Bradley asked the record to reflect his comments. He asked Council to remember there was a time when Georgetown was considered 'not business friendly.' Going forward with this ordinance, he asked them to be careful and also recall the historical era in the Country, and to enlighten others who are not aware, called the Industrial Revolution. That which made America economically viable, put money into the working man's pocket that he could take care of his families and friends. People like Andrew Kornegay, Dunbar Buick and Henry Ford: remember hamburgers cannot build houses.

10. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Carter informed Council the tide gate installation project is ongoing. Three have been installed. Four will be at Constitution Park, one at Cannon and Front and one at Highmarket and Bolick. Council Member Bradley said if we can create a drainage system where the flow of the water would be equivalent to the magnitude of the rainfall, the water will not settle on the surface, it will flow. Mayor Scoville noted sometimes the water gets so high it comes in over the banks of the river (on Front Street). The tide gates should prevent a lot of the flooding.

Staff is preparing to advertise for RFPs for the new Maryville Fire Station. Mr. Carter said the processes laid out require a review of the proposals, based on the qualifications of the design team (the architect and the contractor.) He, Mrs. Infinger and Chief Cribb are associated with the project. He asked if any members of Council were interested in serving on the selection committee. Council Members Jayroe and Bradley offered to serve. Council Member Kimbrough offered if a third person is needed.

Mr. Carter asked Council to agree on a date for the Council Retreat. After discussions, January 23, 2016 was set as the date.

Council Member Smalls asked what DOT was doing on Fraser Street. Mr. Carter indicated they have hired an outside contractor to replace a collapsed storm drain.

11. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of Regular Meeting of City Council dated November 19, 2015.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Mayor Scoville.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jack M. Scoville Jr., Mayor
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

12. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

13. NEW BUSINESS

On a personal note, Council Member Barber addressed Council Members Bradley and Wayne and said it has been a pleasure serving with them and they will be greatly missed. Mayor Scoville said on behalf of the people of the City, we appreciate your time, you have been major contributors.

14. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. November 2015 Georgetown Police PD Report**
- B. November 2015 Fire Report**
- C. November 2015 Public Works Department Report**
- D. November 2015 Fleet Services Report**
- E. November 2015 Electric Utility Department Report**
- F. November 2015 Water Utilities Report**
- G. November 2015 Housing & Community Development Report**
- H. November 2015 Finance and IT Departments Report**

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(1) to discuss appointment(s) to the Georgetown Housing Authority Board and Employee Grievance Committee and pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property known as Goat Island.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and return to Regular Session.

Council Member Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Barber.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
SECONDER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

Executive Session was adjourned and the Regular Meeting was reconvened at 6:48 PM.

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

16. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint Ms. Betty A. Wilson to the Georgetown Housing Authority Board.

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

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
SECONDER:	Peggy P. Wayne, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

Motion to appoint/reappoint Natrona Simmons, Debra Grant, Charles W. Cribb, Cindy McDaniel, Nereo Parreno, Shane E. Ard and Nelson E. Brown to the Employee Grievance Committee.

Council Member Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Barber.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
SECONDER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

17. ACTION

Motion to approve property conveyance and acceptance agreement between the City of Georgetown and Irene H. and John G. Blackmon as contained in the document reviewed by Council in Executive Session subject to Mr. Blackmon agreeing to extend the time for closing beyond the first of the year in order for us to work out any issues with DHEC concerning voluntary cleanup.

Mayor Scoville moved, seconded by Council Member Bradley.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Jack M. Scoville Jr., Mayor

SECONDER: Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member

AYES: Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

Mayor Scoville moved, seconded by Council Member Bradley.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Jack M. Scoville Jr., Mayor

SECONDER: Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member

AYES: Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 01/21/16