



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 16, 2021 – 5:30 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
2222 HIGHMARKET STREET
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA
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.
Council Member Jonathan Angner
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Hobson H. Milton
Mayor Pro Tempore Clarence C. Smalls

MEMBERS ABSENT

Council Member Tupelo Humes

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
Mr. Christopher Inglese, Planning and Community Development 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

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Brendon M. Barber, Sr. 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

Mayor Barber rendered the invocation. Council Member Joseph led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Barber recognized Mr. Rocky Lewis. Mr. Lewis stated concern with plans of putting up a basketball court at 1620 Front Street which is beside his residence. He said when the City took over the property, a tennis court was put up and there was an agreement that stated it will always remain a tennis court. Mr. Lewis said he objects to changing it to a basketball court and is concerned with the governing of it to prevent misconduct among the teenagers it may attract.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Jeanette Ard. Ms. Ard referenced the loading zone ordinance that is on the agenda tonight for first reading and a lawsuit she had with the City several years ago that was settled at the same the current ordinance was written. She said due to flooding she had to relocate her business and the current ordinance should apply to her business Colonial Florist and not the address it used to reside.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Sharon Melton. Ms. Melton thanked Mayor Barber for doing his job as Mayor of the City.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Janette Graham. Ms. Graham shared a packet with Council Members of pictures of ditches in the West End that had stuff dumped in them. She stated the ditches are disgusting and requested that sidewalks be put up in place of the ditches. Ms. Graham said the West End is the last to be notified or to receive anything. She said she wants her community to be recognized in the historical part of Georgetown.

Mayor Barber recognized Brother Willie. Brother Willie said he feels the relationship with the City is why the West End was destroyed. He said if these things continue, the entire City will be destroyed.

5. RECOGNITION

Council Member Joseph recognized Mayor Barber for devoting 24 years of public service to the City. Council Member Joseph said it is an incredible sacrifice to serve and presented Mayor Barber with a plaque to commemorate his dedication, leadership, and commitment as Mayor of the City of Georgetown from 2018-2021.

6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Ms. Natrona Simmons introduced Mr. Ervin Knox and Mr. Alex Miller for the Public Works Department.

7. **PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- A. **Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 20, Section 20-13 Street and Sidewalk Vendors, Of the City of Georgetown Code Of Ordinances.**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

- B. **Motion to amend agenda item 7. C. to remove item (B)(4) stating a 2 hour parking limit from the ordinance amending Chapter 14, Section 14-45 Business Vehicle Loading Spaces, of the City of Georgetown Code of Ordinances.**

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Humes

- C. **Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 14, Section 14-45 Business Vehicle Loading Spaces of the City of Georgetown Code of Ordinances.**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 1/20/2022 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Humes

- D. **Motion to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the extension in the fourth Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); and other matters, relating to Project Vista.**

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

8. FINANCE

- A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 (FY2022) budget for the City of Georgetown, South Carolina, in the amount of \$2,176,075.95; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds of the American Rescue Plan Act 2021 funds shall be expended; and to provide for other matters relating thereto.**

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 1/20/2022 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Humes

- B. Motion to approve the submission of a grant application to the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, for the Secondary Sedimentation Basin at the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$3,856,500 and appropriate \$428,500 from the Capital Reserve Fund to cover the 10% cash match.**

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

- C. Motion to approve FY2022-23 Budget Calendar.**

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

9. ENGINEERING

A. Public Works Building Improvements - For Information Only.

Mr. Arteaga stated Council approved funds to renovate the Public Works building. He said the original plan was to expand the space with the renovations but we only received two bids and the lowest was \$447,109. This amount exceeds the amount budgeted. Mr. Arteaga said the building is 30 years old and needs major improvements internally. He said an alternative would be to revise the renovation and only upgrade the necessities and do not expand at this time.

10. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to approve an extension to an Emergency Ordinance requiring individuals to wear face coverings or masks in City facilities.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [3 TO 3]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Barber Sr., Milton, Smalls
NAYS:	Angner, Jayroe, Joseph
ABSENT:	Humes

11. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice stated the work on the Orange Street parking lot has been completed. She stated the tennis court on Front Street will be researched further with the COG to make sure there wasn't Community Development Grant funds used to build the tennis court at that time.

12. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of the November 18, 2021 Council Meeting.

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., Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Humes

13. OLD BUSINESS

None

14. NEW BUSINESS

None

15. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

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

- A. November 2021 Electric Utility Department Report
- B. Engineering Monthly Report_November 2021
- C. November 2021 Fire Report
- D. November 2021 Fleet service Report
- E. GPD November 2021 Monthly Report
- F. November 2021 HR/Risk Management Report
- G. November 2021 Municipal Court Report
- H. November 2021 Planning & Community Development Report
- I. November 2021 Public Works Department Report
- J. November 2021 Water Utilities Report
- K. November 2021 Finance and IT Department Reports

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1)(2)(5) to discuss employment and compensation; to receive legal advice related to a pending multi-district opioid litigation and to a Planning & Community Development claim; and to discuss appointments and/or reappointments to City Boards & Commissions.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

Executive Session adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:59pm.

C. NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

Motion to authorize the City Administrator to execute documents to participate in the proposed settlements and enter into an agreement with the State on behalf of the City concerning the allocation of opioid settlements with the State, as negotiated.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

17. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to remove Mr. James Dozier from the BZA.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

Motion to appoint Mr. William Michael Bryant and Mr. Donald Gilliard to the BZA, reappoint Mrs. Kristina McManus to the ARB, and to appoint Mr. Harry Tiller, Jr. to the CBA.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 01/20/22