



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 15, 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
Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements
Council Member Jimmy Morris
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

ABSENT

Council Member Hobson H. Milton

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mr. Nick Ard, IT Technician
Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Director of Finance
Mrs. Natrona Simmons, Public Works and Sanitation Manager
Chief William Pierce, 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

Mayor Jayroe introduced Pastor Steve Garner from Wayne United Methodist Church to render the invocation. Mayor Jayroe introduced Mr. Vernon Parker to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

None

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Chief Pierce introduced Roberta Linen and Joe Wilson for the Police Department. Mrs. Simmons introduced Laura Cipolla as the Keep Georgetown Beautiful Coordinator for the Public Works Department. Dr. Yúdice introduced David Brant as Code Enforcement Officer for Planning and Community Development Department.

6. PRESENTATION - HTC UPDATE

Dr. Yúdice introduced Von Todd from HTC. Mr. Todd stated there are three updates for Council. He said the first update is that broadband is available to all residents in the city and affordable options are available. Mr. Todd said the acquisition of Southern Coastal Cable assets in 2020 has allowed HTC to expand their business in the area. Mr. Todd introduced Mr. Carlton Lewis as the new CEO of HTC.

7. PROCLAMATION

A. Motion to approve proclamation to re-dedicate the Blue Star Memorial Byway Marker at Blue Star Park.

Mayor Jayroe and Council Member Angner presented the proclamation to Ms. Brenda Miller from the Georgetown Garden Club.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

8. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve a Resolution to appoint and commission a Code Enforcement Officer for the proper security and general welfare of the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

9. **FINANCE**

A. Motion to approve second reading of an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment to incorporate ARPA project/funding revisions to achieve goals of the FY 2023 Budget and to add up to \$500,000 from the Fund balance of the local hospitality tax fund to the FY2023 budget to partially cover the stormwater project cost overrun.

Mrs. Vermeland stated we have a \$2.5M cost overrun on the stormwater project. She said EDA is aware of the overrun and is looking for additional funds with no guarantee to increase the grand amount. She stated we need to show the City is committed to completing the stormwater project and partially covering the overrun with a cash match to EDA and a request to the state to financially assist. Mrs. Vermeland stated Council will need to amend the motion on the floor to increase the FY23 budget by \$500,000 using Fund balance from the local hospitality fund to partially cover the cost overrun.

Council Member Morris moved to amend the motion to add up to \$500,000 from the Fund balance of the local hospitality tax fund to the FY2023 budget to partially cover the stormwater project cost overrun.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jimmy Morris, Council Member
SECONDER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Smalls
ABSENT:	Milton

B. Motion to approve second reading of an Ordinance amending Sections 2-176, 2-183, 2-185, 2-186, 2-187, 2-189, 2-196, 2-197 and 2-198 of the Purchasing Regulations of the City Of Georgetown Procurement Policy and to codify Chapter 2 Article IV. Procurement of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

C. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance to create the Residential Utility Round-Up Program and the Residential Utilities Round-Up Assistance Fund.

Council Member Morris moved, seconded by Council Member Clements. Council Member Angner stated for point of record and for those listening online "I want clarification, so the round up dollars will be pooled together and those people within the community that have struggles financially paying their utility bills will benefit from this fund?" Mrs. Vermeland confirmed that is correct. Council Member Angner stated "Upon voting for this, this Council will be an essence in extending an olive branch and taking considerable effort to help those that are under served, burdened, and are in a financial strain either temporarily or permanently, is that correct?" Mrs. Vermeland explained that the program would be an opt-in from the citizens and the City would not be contributing into it. She said the City would contribute to the seed money to start up the program in FY2023. She stated \$10,000 was approved in the FY2023 budget for this program.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 1/19/2023 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Jimmy Morris, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Smalls
ABSENT:	Milton

D. Motion to approve FY2023-24 Budget Calendar

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

10. POLICE

A. Motion to approve two (2) 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe police pursuit vehicles for the Georgetown Police Department in the amount of \$75,996.00 from Love

Chevrolet and two (2) equipment packages in the amount of \$32,575.90 from Mobile Communications America Inc. using budgeted FY2023 funds.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
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ABSENT:	Milton

- B. Motion to approve and accept a grant increase in the SFY 22-23 State School Resource Officer (SRO) Program Award No. SR-05-C2202-23 from \$83,936 to \$211,113 based on the approved 2023 SRO Program Open Solicitation application submitted by the Georgetown County School District and the Georgetown Police Department to add a SRO Officer at the Howard Alternative School.**

Council Member Morris moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

11. ENGINEERING

- A. Motion to approve acceptance of permanent drainage easements at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church property (Exhibit I); LKP, LLC property (Exhibit II); and JW Robinson Family Trust property (Exhibits III and IV) in accordance with easement plat (Exhibit A).**

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jimmy Morris, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Smalls
ABSENT:	Milton

12. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

- A. Motion to approve the recommendation from UTEC to negotiate a contract for wholesale power supply with Santee Cooper as it was the lowest cost evaluated company by UTEC and recommended to us by the consultant.**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

13. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Motion to approve the Boards, Commissions, and Committees Policies, Procedures and Requirements Handbook.**

Mayor Pro Tempore moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

14. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice stated we installed stop signs at the intersection of Front and Wood streets that will begin on January 3, 2023. She stated she is preparing a memorandum to Council for the strategic priority goals for 2023-2024. She stated we submitted a funding request to CTC for the amount of \$484,345 to reconstruct Martin Street and Indigo Avenue. She said if approved, the funds will be available in FY2024 and there is no match required. Dr. Yúdice said the SC Department of Commerce notified us this afternoon that the performance period for the CDBG demolition grant has been extended to December 31, 2023.

15. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of November 17, 2022 Council Meetings.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

16. OLD BUSINESS

None

17. NEW BUSINESS

None

18. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

Mayor Jayroe stated the department monthly reports are available for review in the agenda.

- A. November 2022 Electric Department Report**
- B. Engineering Monthly Report November 2022**
- C. November 2022 Fire Report**
- D. November 2022 Fleet Service Report**
- E. GPD Monthly Report November**
- F. Human Resources/Risk Management Monthly Report**
- G. November 2022 Municipal Court Report**
- H. Planning & Community Development 2022**
- I. November 2022 Public Works Department Report**
- J. November 2022 Water Utilities Report**
- K. November 2022 Finance and IT Monthly Report**

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss appointment/reappointments to the Georgetown Housing Authority and COAST RTA.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

Executive Session adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:10pm.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

20. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to reappoint Nate Fata, Kalib Moyer, and Taneka Deas to the Georgetown Housing Authority Board.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jimmy Morris, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Smalls
ABSENT:	Milton

Motion to appoint Elijah Metherd to the COAST RTA Board of Directors as a representative for the City of Georgetown.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

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

None

22. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 01/19/23