REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 20, 2014 – 5:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Notice of this meeting has been made in accordance with the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

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 P. Wayne

ALSO PRESENT
Mr. Chris Carter, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Finance Director
Major Johnnie Deas, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Jonathan Heald, Public Services Director
Mr. Alan Loveless, Electric Utility Manager
Mr. Rick Martin, Building Official/Zoning Administrator
Mr. Tee Miller, Assistant to the City Administrator for Economic Development
Chief Joey Tanner, Georgetown Fire Department

MEDIA
Georgetown Times - Ms. Taylor Griffith

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Peggy Wayne rendered the invocation. Mayor Scoville recognized the Coastal Elite 8th Grade AAU Basketball Team and asked them to come forward and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The team is the Southeastern Division National Champions and went undefeated this past summer in Orlando to win the championship.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Scoville noted twelve individuals have signed up to speak. Because 30 minutes is set aside for public comments, each speaker will have three minutes. Mayor Scoville recognized Mr. Jeff Smith, Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Smith addressed City Council on behalf of the Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees and approximately 600 businesses the Chamber represents and respectfully requested Council unanimously vote to approve the Community Development Block Grant funding to assist in the redevelopment of the 700 block of Front Street for the purposes of creating additional jobs. Mayor Scoville recognized Ms. Karen Newton; she was not present. Mayor Scoville recognized Mr. Kevin Jayroe. Mr. Jayroe addressed City Council on behalf of Karen Newton and himself. He has two businesses on Front Street and urged Council to help secure the COB funding to build back the infrastructure and bring residents and workers back to Front Street. Mayor Scoville recognized Lisa Haas. Ms. Haas from Green Bean Consignment Boutique on Front Street said she is hopeful that the City will accept the grant. Mayor Scoville recognized Wanda Rogers. Mrs. Rogers asked Council to make a request for the federal Community Development Block Grant that has been offered from the Governor's Commerce Department for the purpose of helping with the flood-proof foundation in the 700 block. She and her husband owned the Harbor walk Book Store and made that dwelling their home. They are ready to proceed forward to restore the blank space left as a result of the fire. Mayor Scoville recognized Ginger Gray. Mrs. Gray said her business was affected by the fire and has relocated on Front Street. She told Council it would be detrimental to leave the area as is and encouraged Council to accept the grant in order to rebuild. Mayor Scoville recognized Mrs. Lauren Joseph. Mrs. Joseph, the Tourism/Marketing Director for Georgetown County, said since the fire she has been hearing from other tourism individuals from all over the State asking what is going on in Georgetown and what they can do. She encouraged Council to accept the grant to help rebuild the 700 block and revitalize Georgetown.

Mayor Scoville recognized Dr. Jerry Crosby. Dr. Crosby addressed City Council concerning funding for the Winyah Auditorium. He provided an updated schedule of events and noted from the end of October 2014 through the end of December 2014 there will be more events in the auditorium than the previous 24 months combined. The new Board which was appointed several months ago has been working diligently to produce results for the auditorium. Council was previously provided a copy of the auditorium's proposed budget with projected income which indicates a shortfall. This was the reason for the Board's request to Council last month for funding support for a portion of the shortage. Since that meeting the Board has attempted to clarify any questions or issues Council may have had. He referenced an upcoming four-day event, "Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames" that was recently featured in an article in the Georgetown Times. The Elsie Blackwell Pollock Festival Choir will present the Messiah on December 18th. This was held on the Waccamaw Neck last year. This group plans to build stage risers specific to the Winyah Auditorium in order to perform again next year. Dr. Crosby said the impact of these events being held at the Winyah Auditorium is immense. The Board has indicated its willingness and ability to manage the auditorium.

Mayor Scoville recognized Mr. Al Joseph. Mr. Joseph said great strides have been made in the last several years in the promotion and marketing of Georgetown. He stated the fire brought first-time visitors to Georgetown and now people who come ask about the big hole on Front Street. He said this funding is a gift and the City has been asked to be a conduit. He asked Council to do the right thing for Front Street and the City of Georgetown. Mayor Scoville recognized Mr. Peter Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell addressed City Council concerning Broad Street and the Community Development Block Grant. He said the Broad Street project has been vetted carefully and he hopes it might include some savings to invest in the Fraser and Front Streets gateway. The CDBG is an opportunity to make an investment that has a terrific return on investment and he hopes Council views this as the beginning of a variety of investments throughout the City. Mayor Scoville recognized Mr. Ron Rader. Mr. Rader said he and his wife own the Coffee Break Café on Front Street and he is in favor of the block grant. When asked, he explains to his out of town customers about the fire and tells them when all is said and done we're going to be bigger and better than we ever have been. Mayor Scoville recognized Ms. Michele Overton. Ms. Overton, owner of Clocktower Books at the corner of Screven and Front Streets, agreed with Mr. Rader asked Council to vote yes…it would be great for the entire City of Georgetown.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Major Johnnie Deas introduced Officer Ian Anderson. He is a certified police officer and lives in Georgetown.

Item 8B was moved forward on the agenda.

8B. Motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the City to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds to assist in the redevelopment of a portion of Front Street for the purposes of creating additional employment opportunities for Georgetown residents.

Council Member Bradley made a motion to forego the Resolution with the understanding that the City will pursue the CDBG grant properly through the COG and let them take the lead, also direct our Engineer to create a phase plan for the redevelopment of the West End west of Fraser Street and north of Highmarket Street that will entail applying for a CDBG grant given to the COG and provide verification of proof from PRT that they approve the City using the $12,000 in the manner in which it was asked. Seconded by Council Member Barber. Mayor Scoville asked Chris Carter to explain the relationship between the COG and the grant. Mr. Carter said Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments is the lead agency in Community Development Block Grant funding. He stated if the Resolution passes it would authorize the City to work with the COG to perfect an application to the South Carolina Department of Commerce under its business development program. In addition, the Resolution would front the funds necessary to perform a soil test to begin a design of the foundation. The City would be obligated to work with the COG to obtain appropriate easements and the assurance (of employment) of low and moderate income individuals, and help complete the environmental review. The application will be in the City of Georgetown's name. Last year, the City received a PRT $20,000 grant to help cover the cost of the South Carolina National Guard making the second effort to clean up river debris. The estimated cost of their stay was less than the PRT allocation. Mr. Maceo Nance with the Department of Commerce asked the City to use the remainder of those funds, $12,000, to advance the soil borings for that test. The City must receive permission from PRT to use the money. Mayor Scoville referenced Mr. Bradley's motion regarding the provision for the engineering study, etc. and said this would be a fairly complex project. Council Member Bradley said he was trying to avoid a long drawn out controversy and understands this would be in phases. He stated he is trying to avoid the apparition of an imbalance of how Council serves its constituents…*we have been talking and saying and never do anything.* He finds it prudent and appropriate at this time to do it and if the motion is passed then Council and staff would be obligated; there will be no more talking. Mayor Scoville asked for other comments. Council Member Barber said he is upset with the communication. He said the grant is not a gift, it is a process; the property owners have to meet all the requirements and assurances. The City can request the COG, along with Mr. Brian Tucker, to take over. Mr. Barber stated Mr. Bradley, in one step, is trying to have another process in place to take care of the CDBG, in the future, for the other part of the City. Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne said she was invited by both Mr. Carter and the COG, individually, to meet with them concerning any questions she had. She said it is important that we all work together to make it work; this will bring in 100 jobs in Georgetown. Referencing Mr. Bradley's motion she asked "what does the West End want…we've never heard it". She also asked Maryville what they want. Mayor Scoville recognized Council Member Jayroe. Mrs. Jayroe said she has read the Resolution very carefully and recommends Council vote to adopt the Resolution. Council Member Kimbrough stated we are all here to improve our City; we were elected to lead so let's do what we were elected to do and lead Georgetown forward. Mayor Scoville recognized Council Member Smalls. Mr. Smalls said if he had been given the right information in the beginning, this matter would have moved forward more quickly. Mayor Scoville recognized Mr. Barber who stated he met with Mr. Brian Tucker and the COG. They advised him to ensure the Resolution states the COG will take the led as administrator and overseer of the grant. Council Member Bradley stated he wants the record to reflect and he wants the citizens to know "had this been presented to us in the proper way, the controversy would have not have occurred. Since I've been on Council, when we apply for CDBG grants the COG always takes the lead and it presents itself to us. Yes, Council Members should get out and talk with the people; I see them every day. But when you gonna have secret meetings, and thanks to the Georgetown Times that's how I heard about it, there's no way in the world we could have known what was going on---since I've been on Council we were requesting things and never got it." He noted the drainage in the West End is poor, sidewalks are terrible and a plan has been requested for funding for people who are willing to repair their homes. Mayor Scoville stated the proposed Resolution was worked out with the COG. He said there was no secret meeting. Maceo Nance came to Georgetown to discuss the CDBG grant and requested to meet with staff alone. A couple of council members attended on their own; anyone else could have attended if they wanted to. Everything that came out of the meeting was shared with City Council. He has no problem with developing a master plan for the West End but does not think it should be tied into the matter today and urged Council to vote no on Mr. Bradley's motion. Mayor Scoville called for the question. Scoville, Jayroe, Kimbrough and Wayne voted against. Barber, Bradley and Smalls abstained; which is a yes vote. The motion failed 3-4.

Mayor Scoville moved on the main motion, seconded by Council Member Barber. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [6 TO 1]**
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne
NAYS:	Brendon M. Barber Sr.

6. PRESENTATION

A. Presentation of Broad Street Improvement Conceptual Design.

Mrs. Susan Krowka said she has met with all stakeholders on Broad Street; homeowners, churches, the GBA and conducted a public stakeholder meeting. She presented the proposed design to Council which included new wayfinding signs, new landscaping at Church and Broad Streets, new stamped, decorative crosswalks, single globe lights in the 300 and 400 blocks and two lights at intersections, a new sidewalk section along Beth Elohim Cemetery and benches as requested by the churches. Future landscape improvements at the Broad and Front Street intersections are proposed. SCDOT may provide some additional sidewalk and curb repairs. The footprint of the street will not change…no islands, no round-about and no left turn at Church. Parking will remain the same, the street will be restriped and handicap ramps will be upgraded. In conclusion, Mrs. Krowka pointed out these improvements will provide an enhanced gateway at the corner of Church and Broad, define crosswalks for better pedestrian safety, offer handicap ramp upgrades to improve City's accessibility and improve lighting at intersections for safety. The left hand turn off of Church on to Broad Street was not favorable and met with much homeowner opposition.

Council Member Barber thanked Mr. Carter, Human Resources, Engineering, Police Department, Fire Department and Finance for participating in the Rosemary Middle School Career Day on Tuesday.

7. PUBLIC SERVICES

A. Motion to approve Task Order #2 and payment under the Master Professional Services Agreement with Jacobs Engineering for the design of modifications to the Headworks at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount not to exceed one-hundred and ten thousand, eight-hundred and eighty-five dollars ($110,885.00).

Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls. Mr. Jonathan Heald stated this item and the following agenda item have been prompted by the City's continuing negotiations with DHEC concerning the Consent Order with violations at the wastewater treatment plant. He detailed the Consent Order and indicated its finalization will be on the December agenda.

Mayor Scoville asked for discussion. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

B. Motion to approve Task Order #3 and payment under the Master Professional Services Agreement with Jacobs Engineering for the design of modifications to Sequential Batch Reactor # 3 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount not to exceed four hundred and ten thousand, one-hundred and forty-six dollars ($410,146.00).

Council Member Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. Mr. Heald stated the Capital Improvement Plan budgeted the headworks modifications at the wastewater treatment plant. Depending on the final schedule for DHEC's Consent Order, staff may request a budget amendment to use funds budgeted for the headworks modifications to fund this project. Anticipating that DHEC will want the City to move very quickly, Mr. Heald said he is being proactive by setting up the contracts. Discussions followed.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

8. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to approve a $250 Safety Bonus for Employees.

Mayor Scoville moved, seconded by Council Member Barber.

Mayor Scoville asked for discussion. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Chris Carter noted there will not be a workshop this month. Georgetown will be in the South Carolina Main Street Program effective January 1, 2015 and a media event will be held mid-January. Mr. Carter met with County Administrator Sel Hemingway concerning the pacing of the projects that were approved by the November 4th the referendum. Dredging of Georgetown Port was at the top of the list. Mr. Hemingway indicated the paving of 53 streets in Georgetown is a high priority. Mr. Carter said we will have to evaluate these streets and determine if the underground utilities need to be upgraded. Council Member Bradley asked if the County referenced utilization of the road user fee in connection with paving of the 53 streets. Mr. Carter stated that was not mentioned. He understands those fees will always be dedicated for unpaved roads.

10. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of Regular Meeting of City Council dated October 21, 2014 and Special Meeting/Workshop dated October 30, 2014.

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

Mayor Scoville asked for discussion. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

11. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss potential funding for Winyah Auditorium Board.

Mr. Carter said requests for funding are normally discussed at the City Council retreat. He suggested Council review the Winyah Auditorium Board's proposed lease and prepare to discuss it at their retreat. Mayor Scoville said the lease should be reviewed by the City Attorney. They are requesting $25,000 a year. Council Member Bradley stated he realizes the importance of Winyah Auditorium and cultural development; however, he has not seen any revenue generated. Mayor Scoville said the new board raised funds for the delinquent taxes. Dr. Crosby said anyone who uses the auditorium generates funds. At a previous Council Meeting a list of projected expenses and revenues for the year was provided to Council. He said he can provide the specific fees. Council Member Barber stated he went along with the quick fix to save the building by turning it over to the Tillers. Some promises were not kept and we lost the other support that we would have had. Struggling and committing to additional funding, in lieu of the last lease, we had a three year lease and paid a certain amount annually. He said this is a private entity at this time, they need to find other sponsors and corporate partners and he will not support any additional funding from the City for the Winyah Auditorium. Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne stated events at the auditorium generate money for

Georgetown and Council needs to review and discuss the lease to determine how they can help. Council Member Jayroe said the new energized board has produced a lot in a short time and agreed Council needs to discuss the request and consider funding in next year's budget. Council Member Bradley said this entity serves as cultural development and is revenue generated. He has not seen the bottom line retained dollar amount and for that reason finds it difficult to approve funding. He asked the record to reflect he is not against supporting Winyah Auditorium. Mayor Scoville stated if the prior board had been as active as this new board the circumstances would be different. He commended the current board.

B. Motion to approve an ordinance authorizing division of City Department of Public Services into two departments: "Water Utilities" and "Public Works."

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls. Mayor Scoville asked for discussion. Council Member Bradley questioned if this would be cost effective with two divisions, department heads and the pay scale. Mr. Carter said he did not envision any changes in that occurring at all. Council Member Barber said as a result of several workshops there was a plan to bring those departments under one manager or director. A number of projects had been implemented before the new director was hired. He does not think the structure of the department was given a chance. He questioned if the daily operational work will be expedited by dividing the department. Mr. Carter said by having an individual devoted to capital projects, it could expedite the completion. This could possibly expedite the ongoing day to day operations of the departments. There would be one less level of supervision communication. This is a question of trying to break up some of the work to make it more obtainable. As currently defined, it is a very broad function with six or seven discernible activities under the management of one individual. This ordinance would revert back to the previous arrangement.

Council Member Jayroe called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [6 TO 1]**	**Next: 12/18/2014 5:30 PM**
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member	
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne	
NAYS:	Barber Sr.	

13. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

A. GPD October 2014 Monthly Report

B. Public Services September 2014 Monthly Report

C. Housing & Community Development October 2014 Monthly Report

D. Finance and IT Department Monthly Reports for October 2014

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss appointments to the Accommodation/Hospitality Tax Board, discuss pending legal action 2014-CAP-22-1049 and receive legal advice.

Council Member Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and return to Regular Session.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Barber.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, 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 reopened at 7:52 PM.

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

15. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint Ginger M. Gray and Wendy Carraway to the Accommodation/Hospitality Tax Board subject to residency status and openings they will fill.

Mayor Scoville moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

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

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 12/18/14