



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 18, 2021 – 5:30 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
2222 HIGHMARKET STREET
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA
LIVESTREAM:**

<https://www.facebook.com/cityoftown/>

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 Tupelo Humes
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Hobson H. Milton
Mayor Pro Tempore Clarence C. Smalls

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
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

ABSENT

Mrs. Gladys Rutledge-Livingston, Human Resources Director

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

Council Member Joseph rendered the invocation. Mayor Pro Tempore Smalls led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Barber recognized Mr. Dwight McInvaill from the Georgetown County Library. Mr. McInvaill thanked Mayor and Council for supporting the rezoning ordinance for land owned by Georgetown County that is up for second reading tonight.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Marlene Herbert. Ms. Herbert stated concern of the misunderstanding of the ordinance that was previously passed and would no longer allow her to sell shaved ice and lemonade at her stand downtown. She said she spoke with Council Member Humes and asked for the ordinance to be reconsidered because she loves being downtown and doesn't feel this interferes with other restaurants downtown. She asked for reconsideration of the ordinance so that she can stay in business downtown selling shaved ice and lemonade.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Jacqueline Williams. Ms. Williams stated the last public meeting held at the Howard Center regarding the ARPA funds plan was poorly attended because most people did not know about the meeting. She said she applauds the equal distribution of funds to all sections of the city but she doesn't think \$950,000 should be going to underground projects when grants can be used for those projects. She requested reconsideration of this plan and to use funds to rescue people in need.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Marilyn Hemmingway. Ms. Hemmingway stated concern with the last election. She said direct mail pieces were disturbing and contained misleading information. She said there was a lack of morals, humility, and character.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mr. Will Gunter introduced Mr. Kelly Brown for the Water Department. Mr. Alan Loveless introduced Mr. Mark Tisdale for the Electric Department.

6. PRESENTATION

A. KAMINSKI HOUSE YEAR-END REPORT 2021

Ms. Robin Gabriel, Executive Director of the Kaminski House Museum, stated the museum is owned by the City of Georgetown. Ms. Gabriel presented information from last fiscal year that ended in June. Ms. Gabriel said the museum was closed to the public for 14 months due to the pandemic. She said they moved many events to virtual and online. She said participation was surprisingly good. She said during the pandemic downtime, historical research was completed and their website has been updated with this information. Ms. Gabriel said they are in process of installing a

new air system to help preserve collectibles. She said they did many fundraiser events over the past year and ended the fiscal year in good shape.

7. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance rezoning six (6) parcels, approximately .83 acres of land, owned by Georgetown County, from General Commercial (GC) to Planned Development (PD), and furthermore amend the Judicial Center PD to incorporate said parcels into the district boundaries.**

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

- B. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance repealing Section 11-51 through 11-52 of Division 5 Health Board, Article II Public Health Nuisances, Chapter 11 Health and Sanitation, of the City of Georgetown Code of Ordinances.**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

- C. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 20, Section 20-13 Street And Sidewalk Vendors, of The City Of Georgetown Code of Ordinances.**

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]	Next: 12/16/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore	
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member	
AYES:	Angner, Barber Sr., Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls	
NAYS:	Jayroe	

8. FINANCE

- A. Motion to approve second reading of an Ordinance Amending Sections 2-181, 2-182, and 2-189 of the Purchasing Regulations of the City Of Georgetown**

Procurement Policy, Previously Chapter 2, Article IV "Procurement" of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown.

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

B. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance for issuance of Short-term General Obligation Note for \$725,000 to finance FY2021 budgeted capital expenditures.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls
RECUSED:	Barber Sr.

C. Motion to approve \$56,000 to provide the 2021 calendar year bonus pay to employees. The total is budgeted in FY 21-22.

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

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, Humes, Milton, Smalls

9. PUBLIC WORKS

A. Motion to approve staff to execute an annual janitorial service agreement and make payment to Jani King in the amount of \$66,941.12 for the remainder of FY 2022.

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, Humes, Milton, Smalls

10. ENGINEERING

- A. Motion to approve Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. to perform the water, wastewater, and electric utility rates study for the City of Georgetown for a total fee of \$74,640. The work will be performed in accordance with the City's RFQ dated 9/8/2021 and Raftelis Proposal dated 10/6/2021.**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls
NAYS:	Humes

11. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

- A. Motion to Amend General Services Agreement with Coastal Structures for the Purpose of Extending the Agreement for One Additional Year.**

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice said SCDOT announced the southbound lane project over the Sampit River Bridge has been delayed until warmer weather, which will probably be in March. She said the repairs on the Orange Street parking lot have been delayed but work will start on the week of December 6th. Dr. Yúdice said the inspector from CSX was here today and looked at the needed repairs at the railroad crossing on Alex Alford Street. She said Mayor Barber and her discussed the input received from the November 9th community meeting and revised the ARPA Spending plan to include a city-wide household assistance program. She said this program would be for home repairs and weatherization improvements for low to moderate income households.

Dr. Yúdice said she recommends including \$100,000 for this program and she has spoken with Ms. Laura Gasler, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity, to contract with the City to develop, administer, and implement the program for a 10% administrative fee. Dr. Yúdice stated that the admin fees to Habitat for Humanity will total \$10,000 and \$90,000 for household assistance. She said with this revision to the ARPA plan, each area in the City will have \$925,538 instead of \$950,000 for water and sewer infrastructure projects. She said Congress approved the Infrastructure Bill that may provide funding for our local infrastructure projects but it is expected that the funds would be provided through a competitive grant process that would require a cash match that the city may not be able to do if needed.

13. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of October 21 and October 28, 2021 Council Meetings.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

14. OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Milton asked about the status of a sand bag machine he requested a while ago. Dr. Yúdice stated the machine was purchased and resides at the Public Works Department. Council Member Milton requested reconsideration for people that want to fish by the boat landing at East Bay Park. He suggested a small dock be placed in the area for people who want to fish. Dr. Yúdice said they would consider it for next year's budget.

Mayor Pro Tempore Smalls asked for clarification on the allocations for the Accommodations & Hospitality funds. Mayor Barber requested Mr. Barfield follow up to Council with that information.

Council Member Joseph thanked all the fire departments who responded to the fire at Tuscany Bistro this morning.

15. NEW BUSINESS

None

16. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

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

- A. October 2021 Electric Utility Department Report**
- B. Engineering Monthly Report_October 2021**
- C. October 2021 Fire Report**

- D. October 2021 Fleet service Report
- E. GPD October 2021 - Monthly Report
- F. October 2021 HR/Risk Management
- G. October 2021 Municipal Court Report
- H. October 2021 Planning & Community Development Report
- I. October 2021 Public Works Department Report
- J. October 2021 Water Utilities Report
- K. October 2021 Finance and IT Reports

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 12/16/21