



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 21, 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 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
Assistant Chief Brent McClellan, 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

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Barber recognized Mr. Dwight McInvaill. Mr. McInvaill introduced himself as the Director of the Georgetown County Library. Mr. McInvaill requested approval of the rezoning of 6 parcels which is agenda item 8. A. for tonight's meeting so the library can do a much needed expansion. Mr. McInvaill stated they have \$2.7 million set aside for the project.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Janette Graham. Ms. Graham referenced different options that can be used with the American Rescue Plan funds that is not included in the city's current plan. Ms. Graham asked if there is a rule for Police Officers to be able to take their patrol cars home. Mayor Barber asked Interim Police Chief Pierce to follow up with Ms. Graham.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mr. Loveless introduced Mr. Qhaleike McCants for the Electric Department.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss and receive legal advice on General Obligation Bonds, a capital lease purchase transaction, and matters covered by attorney-client privilege concerning negotiations for a lease extension.

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, Humes, Milton, Smalls

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:43pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

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

Executive Session adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:05pm.

C. NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

7. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve first 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 Angner.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 11/18/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

B. Motion to approve first 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:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 11/18/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

C. Motion to approve a Resolution to Appoint and Commission Code Enforcement Officers for the proper security and general welfare of the City of Georgetown.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes
NAYS:	Milton, Smalls

D. Discussion item concerning R5 for the West End Community.

Mayor Barber stated this item was requested by Council Member Humes and Council Member Milton. Mr. Inglese reviewed the R4 and R5 districts. Mayor Barber announced this item will be moved to the October 28, 2021 Special Meeting/Workshop.

8. FINANCE

A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance for Business License Standardization.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

B. Motion to approve first 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:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]	Next: 11/18/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member	
AYES:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls	
NAYS:	Milton	

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

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Mayor Barber executed a recusal statement due to the fact that he is a member of the Board of Directors for Truist Bank.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]	Next: 11/18/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member	
AYES:	Angner, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls	
RECUSED:	Barber Sr.	

D. Motion to approve a resolution approving the lease/purchase financing terms with Truist Bank in an amount not to exceed \$420,000.00 to purchase a Vector Truck.

Mayor Pro Tempore Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Angner. Mayor Barber executed a recusal statement from voting due to the fact he is a member of the Board of Directors for Truist Bank.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls
RECUSED:	Barber Sr.

9. POLICE

A. Motion to approve second reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 20, Article VIII of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Georgetown, to provide for a prohibition of the open carry of firearms during pickets and permitted special events on public property.

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

10. ENGINEERING

A. Motion to approve a 10-year lease extension with Hazzard Marine, LLC. for a portion of Meeting Street and the riparian rights associated therewith.

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

- B. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance and proposed agreement with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) to acquire a portion of Baruch Park (553 square feet) for a \$2,300 simple title fee in order to expand the SCDOT right of way for the purposes of widening Black River Road. This agreement also includes permission by the City to replace curb and gutter, add new drainage pipes, and replace sidewalk during construction between stations 8+30 and 9+64 as shown on the attached plan (tract 4) and to do work on the City's property outside the right of way in consideration of a sum of \$1.00.**

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

11. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

- A. Motion to approve second reading of an Ordinance to Ratify Easement for HTC in Orange St Parking Lot.**

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

- B. Motion to Approve a General Services Agreement with Utility Technology Engineers-Consultants (UTEC)**

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, Humes, Milton, Smalls

12. ADMINISTRATION

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

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

13. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice stated City Hall will reopen on November 1st. She said SCDOT will be conducting repairs to the bridge going to Maryville and they will be completed by the end of the year. She stated the city launched their new website yesterday. She said the Orange Street parking lot will be repaved in November.

14. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of September 2, 16, and 23, 2021 Council Meetings.

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, Humes, Milton, Smalls

15. OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Humes said he has had discussions regarding the lady who runs the lemonade stand on Front Street and would like to revisit the ordinance and possibly make changes. Council Member Milton said he has also had conversations regarding this and would like to revisit the ordinance that was passed last month. Council Member Milton said we don't get enough time to review materials in the agenda before we have to make decisions.

16. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Angner stated concern regarding the status of payment to the St. Frances Animal Center and that the city was two months behind. Dr. Yúdice said the new service agreement is being reviewed by their Board of Directors.

17. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

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

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

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1)(2) to discuss appointments/reappointments for City Boards and Commissions and to receive a quarterly legal update from the City Attorney on pending and adjudicated cases since last update;

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

Executive Session adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:30pm.

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 the proposed settlement agreement and release resolving 2013-CP-22-1062.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

19. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint Ms. Gwen Heusel, Ms. Jackie Hoelscher, and Ms. Angie Kohl to the Keep Georgetown Beautiful Board.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

Motion to appoint Mr. Stephen Woody Truluck to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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

Motion to appoint Mr. William Davis Bourne III and Mr. Nick Robinson to the Community Appearance Board.

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, Humes, Milton, Smalls

20. 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 7:35pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 11/18/21