



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 – 5:30 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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.
Mayor Pro Tempore Rudolph A. Bradley
Council Member Sheldon A. Butts
Council Member Tupelo Humes
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Carey F. Smith, Interim City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk
Mrs. Suzanne Anderson, HR Manager
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Director of Finance
Mr. Tim Chatman, Streets and Sanitation Manager
Mr. Will Cook, Water Utilities Director
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Mr. Rick Martin, Building Official/Zoning Administrator
Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Mr. David Purtell
GAB News - Mr. Scott Harper

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Brendon M. Barber, Sr. 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, with the exception of first responders, so as to not interrupt the meeting.

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Rick Martin rendered the invocation. Council Member Al Joseph led the Pledge

of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Barber opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting and recognized Ms. Vertrell Gardner and Ms. Ebony Alford who live in Tri County apartments behind the Piggly Wiggly. Ms. Alford stated she and others received a letter today giving a three day notice to vacate the premises because of health issues cause by flooding. She asked what resources are available to help the residents. The Mayor explained this portion of the meeting is for Council to receive public comments and advised Ms. Alford to speak with the City Administrator and the Building and Planning Department to identify resources that can assist during this time.

Mayor Barber recognized Mr. Charlie Ball. In reference to the above issues, Mr. Ball said Friendship Place is trying to find a community response to assist our neighbors in crisis. It could be 90 to 100 days before rebuilding is complete.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Jeanette Ard. Ms. Ard acknowledged the City Fire Department and their community outreach. Her three year old had a birthday party on Labor Day and the Fire Department brought a fire truck to the party as part of their outreach community building program. All 17 children now want to become a fireman or policeman.

Mayor Barber recognized Brother Willie. He expressed his concern with the building department and referenced two storage buildings on Highmarket Street. He said it is illegal for a storage building to become a home or commercial building. Referencing the buildings he moved to the West End to help out young people by charging no rent, only light bill, he questioned why the City if requiring him to submit an engineer's report when it is not required. Brother Willie stated he gave the engineer the right footage for the building and the engineer gave him a false report which he provided to the City and they okayed it. He said the building department doesn't know what they are doing. The City Attorney called Point of Order. Mayor Barber informed Brother Willie to be general. Brother Willie said this is selective prosecution. He told Council Members they only have voting power, not administrative power. Members can be sued if they go outside the scope of their official duty.

The Public Comments portion closed.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Chief Kelvin Waites introduced Officer Michelle Schoenfeld, previously employed by the Georgetown Sheriff's office and Mr. Cameron Maguire, a veteran in the Marine Corps, who will be attending the Criminal Justice Academy. Mr. Isaac Williams introduced Mr. Wally Gibson, mechanic in Fleet Services. Mr. Tim Chatman introduced Mr. James Turner, maintenance specialist in the Public Works Department.

6. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Barber thanked all City employees involved during the preparation of Hurricane Florence. He announced the only factual information concerning the upcoming flooding event will be on the Georgetown County website. We are to follow the map they post. Mr. Carey Smith stated the City is working cooperatively with the Georgetown County Emergency Operations Center and county government preparing for the predicted flooding, analyzing the DNR map. The model and map are what we have to act on and make decisions. Over the next few days, the County EOC will determine information on evacuation. Sandbag distribution operation will began tomorrow at the old City Hall and Eagle Electric. Rising water is expected by Tuesday and will be a slow moving process. It is possible information on the map will change. The bridges coming from the beach and the approach to the Sampit River Bridge are threatened. Based on the model the Electric Department, Public Works and Fire Station headquarters will have to relocate. The School District has agreed to provide a location. We are not certain of the impact this will have on the City. We are doing our best to be ready and engaged to help in whatever way is needed.

7. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance annexing part of U.S. Highway 17 into the corporate limits of the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.

Mayor Pro Tem Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. Mr. Rick Martin presented the ordinance for first reading. He noted Applecool Storage was recently annexed into the City. DOT suggested in the future we annex the street right-of-way into the corporate limits when annexing adjacent property. This will help for the expansion and annexation of other property across the highway in the future.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 10/18/2018 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore	
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member	
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls	

B. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance annexing .23 acre off South Fraser Street, for 711 Partners, LLC, into the corporate limits of the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley. Mr. Martin stated this is the small tract of land south of Applecool Storage and part of a property transfer between the two property owners. The owner has requested this .23 acre be annexed in the City.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore	
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls	

- C. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance to rezone approximately .23 acre, owned by 711 Partners, LLC, located off South Fraser Street near the edge of city limits, from Residential (R1) to General Commercial (GC).**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley. Mr. Martin explained when property is annexed into the City it is zoned R1. The property is adjacent to South Fraser Street and surrounding zoning is General Commercial.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 10/18/2018 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore	
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls	

8. FINANCE

- A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance for a State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan for the Historic District Water Project not to exceed \$1,650,000.**

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Mrs. Debra Bivens noted Council previously granted permission to apply for the loan application for this project which will replace approximately 8700 linear feet of existing lines in the Historic District. The loan is for 20 years with an interest rate of 1.60% and quarterly payments of \$24,150 which begin April 1, 2019.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 10/18/2018 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member	
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls	

- B. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance for a State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan for the West End Sewer Rehabilitation Project not to exceed \$2,460,281.**

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Humes. Mrs. Bivens stated this loan is for a project helping to maintain the existing system by restoring the structural integrity, improve the quality of the gravity and replace manholes in the West End area of the City. The loan is for 20 years with an interest rate of 1.60% and quarterly payments of \$36,000 which will begin October 1, 2019. When asked,

Mr. Will Cook projected the longevity of the rehabilitation to be 30-40 years.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 10/18/2018 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member	
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls	

Council Member Smalls expressed his concern with the length of the loans. Mrs. Bivens said if we are in a financial position to make additional payments, the SRF loans can be paid off early. Our debt ratio to our funds available is very good at this point. This is monitored from a financial standpoint to insure we have not overextended the City's funds.

9. FIRE

A. Motion to approve Proclamation proclaiming October 7-13, 2018 as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Georgetown, SC.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Humes. Assistant Fire Chief Brent McClellan presented the Proclamation for approval and said the entire week will focus on educating the public and school children on fire safety.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

10. WATER UTILITIES

A. Motion to approve proposal and allow staff to enter into Contract with WK Dickson for Engineering Services for the WTP generator & high service drives project for the not to exceed amount of \$96,600.00.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. Mr. Will Cook stated this project will replace the existing generator and high service starter equipment installed in the 1970s. RFQs were submitted by three engineering firms and WK Dickson was chosen by staff's individual evaluation.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

- B. Motion to accept bid and allow staff to enter into Contract with Professional Pump and Well, Inc. for the King Well Rebuild Project in the amount of \$185,878.00.**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley. Mr. Cook noted this project was approved in August to the low bidder; however, that contractor is a subcontractor on a project under construction that we have had some issues with claims; therefore, he is recommending Professional Pump and Well, Inc. There is a \$3700 difference between the two bids. The King well became inoperable at the end of 2017. It will be rebuilt by installing a new stainless steel liner, repacking and new pump.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

11. ENGINEERING

- A. Motion to make payment to WK Dickson for additional engineering services associated with the development and implementation of the Stormwater Management Plan Phase 2 for a not to exceed amount of \$180,000.00.**

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. Mr. Orlando Arteaga noted WK Dickson was selected previously as the consultant on this project. Phase I was appropriated in last year's budget. The consultant will continue with Phase II of the Stormwater Management Plan outlined in their Statement of Qualifications and the City's RFQ.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

- B. Motion to approve bid and to make payments to Layne Inliner, LLC for the West End Sewer Rehabilitation Project in a not to exceed amount of \$2,092,184.00.**

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls. Mr. Arteaga

noted Mrs. Bivens discussed this project in her earlier presentation. The work involves the lining of 17,000 linear feet of sewer pipe and 1400 feet of sewer pipe replacement and paving restoration. This contractor is the lowest qualified bidder. The project duration should be nine months.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
SECONDER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley asked about the drainage project. Mr. Arteaga said there has been a delay and the contractor has not been back to work. This is being assessed and the City should have a definite completion date soon. Installation of the drainage pipes was stopped half way on Lynch Street. There is a logistical issue due to accessibility of the supermarket. This is being addressed.

12. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 17 Planning, Article IV Economic Development Incentive Program, Sections 17-31, 33, and 34 of the City of Georgetown Code of Ordinances.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley. Mr. Smith presented the ordinance for second reading.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

13. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

No additional reporting.

14. OLD BUSINESS

Referring to a matter brought to attention during Public Comments, Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley requested staff begin to create a 'rental ordinance' which would affect the renters. This would hold the landlords/owners responsible. Mr. Smith requested Mr. Bradley meet with himself and the city attorney to address his concerns.

15. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Barber received a request from Mr. James Sanderson with the United Steel Workers of America for support of the Port. Still in effect, the City has a 2007 Resolution, 2009 Resolution, 2011 Resolution and 2014 Resolution supporting the

Port. The Mayor said it would be fruitless for us to continue approving resolutions when we already have four that are in effect. Council agreed. For the record, Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley added the real player in this scenario is the State. All efforts need to be directed toward the State.

Council Member Smalls stated a tree limb is hanging over Merriman Road (near Arnette Church) and needs to be removed.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley requested the City consider removing trees that need to be cut. He is concerned with the amount of money spent trimming trees.

16. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

Mayor Barber noted the department reports are included in the agenda for review.

- A. GPD August 2018 Monthly Report**
- B. August Municipal Court Report**
- C. August 2018 Fire Report**
- D. August 2018 Public Works Department Report**
- E. August 2018 Water Utilities Report**
- F. August 2018 Engineering Report**
- G. August 2018 Housing & Community Development Report**
- H. August 2018 Finance and IT Departments Report**

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss appointment/reappointments to the Architectural Review Board and the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and return to Regular Session.

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:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

Executive Session adjourned and the Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:04 pm.

18. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint Mr. Jerry Miller to the Architectural Review Board.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

Motion to appoint Ms. Ede Graves to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

The Regular Meeting of City Council adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 12/20/18