



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 – 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

Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, 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 Gunter, Water Utilities Director
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Ms. Angela Rambeau, Director of Planning and Community Development
Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Mr. Ali Akhyari
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 5:30p.m. 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 Barber announced Georgetown County Sheriff A. Lane Cribb and Mrs. Emily Clyburn, wife of Congressman Jim Clyburn, both passed away today, September 19, 2019.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Barber opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting and recognized Mr. Andy Friedman. Mr. Friedman introduced himself as President of the Georgetown Business Association which represents eighty businesses throughout the City. Mr. Friedman requested Mayor and Council deny the rezoning request from Liberty Steel. Mr. Friedman thanked Council for their work over the past three years to change the land use element for the steel mill and adjacent properties. Mr. Friedman stated it would be a step backwards if Council were to approve the rezoning request. He stated the current zoning supports a successful steel mill in the City and the Georgetown Business Association supports the mill in its current operation and welcomes the jobs created by the reopening of the steel mill.

Mayor Barber recognized Mr. Demerrio A. Greene. Mr. Greene introduced himself to Council as the owner of Taste Lounge, a restaurant located on Highmarket Street. Mr. Greene stated Highmarket Street is one of the first streets in the City to flood during a storm. Mr. Greene said after a storm last year he spoke to Mayor Barber regarding the pick up of trash and debris he had gathered in front of his restaurant. He said Mayor Barber called someone and within five minutes someone had come to his business and picked it up. Mr. Greene said after the recent storm this year, he had trash and storm debris waiting to be picked up. After a week passed, it was not picked up so he had to call the City to have it taken care of it Mr. Greene stated another problem he has had over the last seven years with the City is a sewage issue. He had made service calls to take care of the issues that have occurred at his business but when the City workers have shown up, the issues weren't addressed. Mr. Greene stated he had to contact a Council Member to resolve the issue. Mr. Greene commented the City Police, Fire Department, and First responders do an amazing job on putting up the orange cones and marking the high water areas when Highmarket Street does flood during storms. Mayor Barber asked Mr. Greene to contact Dr. Sandra Yúdice, City Administrator, to set up a meeting.

Mayor Barber recognized former City of Georgetown Mayor, Mr. Jack Scoville. Mr. Scoville addressed Mayor and Council regarding the rezoning request from the steel mill. Mr. Scoville pointed out the steel mill was very aware and involved when they negotiated with the City on the current zoning ordinance. Mr. Scoville stated the economy forecast states within two years the nation is predicted to be in another recession with a decline in manufacturing. Mr. Scoville stated it is likely the steel mill will close down again and if it is rezoned to Heavy Industrial, it could sit empty and be closed down for a lengthy period of time. Mr. Scoville requested the zoning

does not change. He said the current zoning does not hinder them to operate successfully.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mr. Alan Loveless introduced Mr. Bradley Wimberly as a line technician for the Electric Utility Department. Mr. Tim Chatman introduced Mr. Andrew Heyward and Mr. Nortira Petitfrere in the grounds maintenance crew for the Public Works Department. Mr. Will Gunter introduced Mr. Jeromy Campbell in the water distribution crew for the Water Utility Department.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) and 30-4-70(a)(5) to discuss and receive legal advice on matters covered by attorney-client privilege concerning a contract for the proposed sale of property and to discuss matters related to the proposed location of a business on property in the City and Section 30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss appointments/reappointments to the Planning Commission.

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

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

Executive Session was adjourned and the Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:18pm.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

CITY COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

7. ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 Articles II "Compensation Of Members" And III "Compensation of Mayor" Of The Code Of Ordinances For The City Of Georgetown.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Council Member Humes said he believes the pay raise for Mayor and Council is much needed. Some members of Council are more active than other members. Some members of Council attend more meetings, especially Council Member Butts as far as attending ARB and Planning Commission meetings. Mr. Humes stated some Council members attend conventions out of town without compensation. Mr. Humes said he has asked for one item in particular to be added to the Agenda since he has been on Council. He stated that he was misled by the former City Administrator and a member of this governing body. He said that he came to Council to make a change in Georgetown. Mr. Humes said if he is not respected enough to make a change by this governing body, he doesn't see how he can demand a raise from the Citizens of Georgetown.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [3 TO 4]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts
NAYS:	Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

B. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance authorizing the sale of a portion of the City of Georgetown Operations Complex South.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes
NAYS:	Smalls

8. PROCLAMATION

A. Motion to approve Proclamation proclaiming October 6-12, 2019 as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Georgetown, SC.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Butts. Fire Chief Cribb said they will be hosting an open house on October 8, 2019 at 6:00pm. They will offer snacks, games, information on the City entities, and fire prevention information.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

B. Motion to approve Proclamation proclaiming October 6, 2019 as The Salvation Army-Georgetown Day.

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

9. PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance rezoning 13.96 acres of land, owned by the City of Georgetown, from Public Service (PS) to Limited Industrial (LI).

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Butts. Council Member Jayroe asked why the City wants to rezone all of the property, including the portion that the City is not selling at this time. Ms. Angela Rambeau stated rezoning the land to Light Industrial will give the City more options in the future.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes
NAYS:	Smalls

B. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 20, Article X, City Maritime Mooring Field, Boats, and Abandoned Vessels of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Council Member Joseph asked if there is a time frame for the Harbor Master position to be posted. Ms. Angela Rambeau said there are still steps in place and a time frame is undetermined but she will keep Council updated. Council Member Joseph stated he has received many complaints over the past several months regarding abandoned vessels in the inner harbor. Mayor Barber stated he spoke with Police Chief Waites

and he believes there may be a gap in funding for the contractor to remove the abandoned boats.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

C. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance rezoning 10 parcels, approximately 55 acres, owned by Liberty Steel Group, Inc. (LSGI) and South Carolina State Ports Authority (SCSPA) from the Redevelopment (REDD) district to Heavy Industrial (HI).

Ms. Rambeau stated the zoning request was reviewed by the Planning Commission on August 27, 2019 and they recommended denial. Staff has also recommended denial at this time. Ms. Rambeau asked Mayor and Council to postpone the vote until the next Council Meeting because representatives from Liberty Steel have requested a meeting with the City on October 3, 2019. Mayor Barber stated we are in the process of moving Georgetown forward and not going backwards because in the 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's we suffered a lot of pollution from surrounding industries. Mayor Barber stated when he became Mayor he promised to listen to everyone and is in support of listening to what Liberty Steel has to say in the October 3, 2019 meeting and then have a Special Meeting of City Council on October 10, 2019 to vote on this request.

RESULT:	DEFERRED	Next: 10/10/2019 4:00 PM
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D. Motion to postpone discussion on the rezoning of the Liberty Steel Mill and Ports Auth properties in the REDD property to the October 10, 2019 City Council Special Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley requested to make a privileged motion in light of the fact that representatives from Liberty Steel Mill have requested a meeting with the City in early October. Council Member Smalls seconded. Council Member Jayroe stated the Steel Mill was heard strongly at the Planning Commission Meeting and the Planning Commission voted 6-1 to not rezone. Since this is first reading, there is time for Liberty Steel to come to us and discuss before seconding reading. Council Member Jayroe requested Liberty Steel meet in a public forum with Mayor and Council to discuss their request. Council Member Jayroe stated she would like to move forward and not postpone the vote. Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley stated he is satisfied with the private meeting scheduled between the City and Liberty Steel. Council Member Joseph said he agrees with a professional courtesy to be heard but Liberty Steel has had two years and they had time after the Planning Commission meeting last month to get a meeting scheduled. Council Member Joseph said there has been many opportunities for this October meeting to have already happened and he would like to continue to vote on first reading. Council Member Humes said

he is not in favor of rezoning the property but he is in favor of amending the plan if the Steel Mill is going to make enhancements and repairs.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Humes, Smalls
NAYS:	Jayroe, Joseph

E. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance authorizing lease to Coastal Carolina University for mooring locations.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 10/17/2019 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

F. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance amending the City of Georgetown Zoning Ordinance Article III (Definitions), IV (General Provisions), & VII (Use Districts) to add Solar Energy Systems.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 10/17/2019 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

G. Motion to proceed with complaint petitions from Unfit Dwelling Ordinance.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

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

10. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

- A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance to add an Interim Rate for Customer-Side Renewable Generation on the Electric Utility System.**

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 10/17/2019 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

- B. Motion to Approve Interconnection Agreement to be executed with Customers Desiring to Install Solar or Renewable Generation to Operate in Parallel with the Electric Utility System.**

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

- C. Motion to approve purchase of a Ford F350 with a 9' Flatbed Service Body and Make Payment to Dick Smith Ford, Inc. of Columbia SC in the Amount of \$42,712.00.**

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

11. WATER DEPARTMENT

- A. Motion to approve second reading to amend the Pretreatment Ordinance to reflect updates as required by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control as a condition of the City's 2019 NPDES Wastewater Permit.**

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

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

12. ENGINEERING

- A. Motion to approve purchase of new Ford Explorer vehicle from Vic Bailey Ford Company under state contract for the amount of \$31,309.00 for the use of Engineering Department.**

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

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

13. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Sandra Yúdice reported the plans for the new City Hall are progressing and construction will begin by July 2020 and will be completed within 12 months or sooner. Dr. Yúdice stated they are still exploring options on financing the new City Hall. She stated they prefer not to borrow money. The City is submitting a request to FEMA for \$155,728.21 to cover the expenses during Hurricane Dorian. Dr. Yúdice said a Strategic Planning session is being planned for one to two days in November for Council to attend. She stated there will be a follow up to the Stormwater Management Plan at the next workshop meeting on October 24, 2019.

14. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of July 25, 2019 Georgetown City Council Meeting.

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

15. OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Humes requested again that Council looks into appealing or amending the R5 district on the West End. Mayor Barber said it would be included on a future Council Meeting Agenda as a recommendation or discussion. Council

Member Butts expressed importance of a PIO, Public Information Officer, for the City. Council Member Butts requested if the City can fund an individual that would communicate to the City about City issues. Dr. Yúdice said they can put it on next year's budget discussion.

16. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

17. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

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

- A. August 2019 Electric Utility Department Report**
- B. August 2019 Engineering Monthly Report**
- C. August 2019 Fire Report**
- D. August 2019 Fleet service Report**
- E. GPD August 2019 Monthly Report**
- F. August 2019 HR/Risk Management Monthly Report**
- G. August 2019 Municipal Court Report**
- H. August 2019 Planning & Community Development Report**
- I. August 2019 Public Works Department Report**
- J. August 2019 Water Utilities Monthly Report**
- K. August 2019 Finance and IT Departments Report**

18. APPOINTMENTS

- A. Motion to appoint Ms. Delores Gibson and reappoint Mr. William Johnson to the Planning Commission.**

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Butts.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

19. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting of City Council.

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

The Regular Meeting of City Council was adjourned at 7:26pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 10/17/19