



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 – 5:30 PM
TELECONFERENCE
LIVE STREAM:**

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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 Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Hobson H. Milton
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tempore Rudolph A. Bradley
Council Member Tupelo Humes

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Director of Finance
Mr. Tim Chatman, Streets and Sanitation Manager
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Will Gunter, Water Utilities Director
Mrs. Gladys Rutledge-Livingston, Human Resources/Risk Manager
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

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. ROLL CALL

4. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barber rendered the invocation. Council Member Joseph led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Barber opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting and announced no one submitted any Public Comments. The Public Comments portion was closed.

6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Chief Waites introduced Mr. Raekwon Sumpter and Mr. Tracy James for the Police Department. Mr. Gunter introduced Mr. Lawrence Gilbert for the Water Department.

7. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance enacting the reversion of approximately 5.66 acres, owned by Richmond Realty Co., from Residential (R4) back to General Commercial (GC) zoning.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

B. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance amending the City of Georgetown Zoning Ordinance Article X, Section 1007 (Definitions) & Sections 1008 (Exempt Signs).

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls. Ms. Rambeau stated murals are included in the sign ordinance and will be approved by staff to confirm they have a permit and are not putting up anything prohibited in section 1009 in the City's sign ordinance.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

C. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 5, Section 5-18 (Modular Units) and Section 5-61 (Permits Required) of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

- D. Motion to approve the submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for \$450,000 to remove dilapidated housing in the City of Georgetown and a Resolution for the required 10% match for \$45,000 in cash and/or in-kind services.**

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Barber stated the language of the motion should be revised.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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- E. Motion to amend agenda item 7. D. to state "Motion to approve the submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for \$450,000 to remove dilapidated housing in the City of Georgetown and a Resolution for the required 10% up to \$45,000 in cash and/or in-kinds services.**

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

- F. Motion to approve the submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for \$450,000 to remove dilapidated housing in the City of Georgetown and a Resolution for the required 10% up to \$45,000 in cash and/or in-kinds services.**

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

- G. **Motion to approve the submission of a Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) Hometown Economic grant application in the amount of \$25,000 for façade improvements to businesses located on two gateway corridors (Fraser and Highmarket streets) and a Resolution for the required 10% grant match for \$2,500 in cash.**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

8. **POLICE**

- A. **Motion to approve a Proclamation proclaiming October 2020 as Crime Prevention Month in Georgetown, South Carolina.**

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:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Bradley, Humes

9. **FIRE**

- A. **Motion to approve a Proclamation proclaiming October 4-10, 2020 as Fire Prevention Week in Georgetown, South Carolina.**

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

10. PUBLIC WORKS

A. Motion to approve annual janitorial service agreement and make payment to Jani King in the amount of \$23,052.51.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

B. Motion to approve COVID-19 Emergency Contracting Services for garbage pickup services and make payment to GFL Environmental in the amount of \$33,695.00.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. Mr. Chatman stated these services were needed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and should be recovered under the South Carolina Cares Act.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

Mayor Barber recognized Mrs. Debra Bivens for her years of service with the City and thanked her for her dedication and extended gratitude and appreciation from all of City Council for all that she has done for the City. He congratulated her and wished her well as she transitions into retirement.

11. ENGINEERING

- A. Motion to approve The Wooten Company to provide engineering design and consulting services for the Maryville School Lift Station project and to make payments in the not-to-exceed amount of \$52,816.**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Barber called for the vote

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

12. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

- A. Motion to Approve first reading of an Ordinance to Allow an Interim Rate for Customer Renewable Generation.**

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 2]	Next: 10/15/2020 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member	
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph	
NAYS:	Milton, Smalls	
ABSENT:	Bradley, Humes	

- B. Motion to Approve Interconnection Agreement for Customer-Owned Renewable Generation Systems and to Authorize the Director of Electric Utility to Execute These Agreements on Behalf of the City.**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 2]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph
NAYS:	Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Bradley, Humes

C. Motion to Approve Purchase of Distribution Transformers and Payment to Anixter Power Solutions in the Amount of \$52,079.00 (plus tax).

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

13. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice stated the port water tank project is completed and back in service as of Saturday September 12, 2020. She said the Public Works crews have been picking up debris throughout the City in preparation of the heavy rain. Dr. Yúdice stated one of the things Council requested is to have an improved website. She said since digital communication with the public is essential, a new website committee has been formed. She said a new solicitation for professional services for the development of a new website went out today. Dr. Yúdice stated when it is ready, the web developer will present the new proposed website to Council at a future workshop. She said she projects the website would go live within six months of the notice to proceed to the selected vendor. She stated the City should have a new website by the spring of next year. Dr. Yúdice said it has been a successful transition bringing the marketing services to the City. She said there has been contact with all of the marketing vendors that were working with the Chamber to promote the City as a tourist destination so we can continue marketing the City as a tourist destination. She said all invoices have been paid for the new Highway 17 billboard and website monthly fees. She said marketing brochures have been sent out to welcome centers and a new add was submitted to South Carolina Parks, Recreation, and Tourism site to be featured in the October newsletter. She said the website has been transferred to the City and we are in the process of getting a new contract signed for maintenance. She stated an email discovergeorgetown@georgetownsc.gov has been created to communicate with the public and potential visitors. Dr. Yúdice stated revised options for Council's consensus on how to move forward will be presented at the October workshop so a path can be initiated soon after and brought to Council for approval. She stated the City received a grant from the South Carolina Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department for \$23,875. She said the City is required to spend \$47,750 in advertising which is budgeted in the current fiscal year. She said this grant was initiated by the previous Destination Marketing Organization. Dr. Yúdice said DHEC is having a COVID-19 testing site at the old City Hall site tomorrow, September 19 from 10am-2pm and the City has promoted it through the City website and Facebook page.

Mayor Barber extended a Thank you to Ms. Casey Fields from the Municipal Association of South Carolina for coordinating with DHEC on providing free COVID-19 testing sites in our area. Mayor Barber confirmed there will also be a testing site at Andrews High School on Saturday from 10am-2pm at their High School.

14. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of August 20 and August 27, 2020 Council Meetings.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

15. OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Milton asked for clarification on the City purchasing one transformer for \$65,000. Mr. Loveless said \$65,000 is not only for a transformer nor is it to service only one customer. He stated the fee includes all of the underground work involved and it will service all of the 900 block of Front Street. Council Member Milton asked if the work will be done by the City or contracted out. Mr. Loveless responded that most of the work will be done by the City. Council Member Milton asked for an update on a sandbag machine. Mayor Barber and Dr. Yúdice stated there is no update at this time. Council Member Milton asked Council Member Joseph if there is any update on a sandbag machine being donated to the City. Council Member Joseph stated there has been discussion but no further details at this time. Council Member Milton asked Dr. Yúdice for a follow up soon due to the potential upcoming storms for the hurricane season. Dr. Yúdice confirmed she will have an update soon. Mayor Barber stated if there are needs in the City due to major storms, they are met by the entire team of the Federal Government, FEMA, both Chief Cribb and Chief Waites, and the Georgetown County Emergency Operations Center if we are at an emergency level within the state. He said equipment and ready-made sandbags are provided during those times. Council Member Milton stated it is still important for the City to have their own sandbag machine for residents to use at any time it is needed.

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 2020 Electric Utility Department Report**
- B. Engineering Monthly Report_August 2020**
- C. August 2020 Fire Report**
- D. August 2020 Fleet service Report**
- E. GPD August 2020 Monthly Report**
- F. August 2020 Human Resources/Risk Management Report**
- G. August 2020 Municipal Court Report**
- H. August 2020 Planning & Community Development Report**
- I. August 2020 Public Works Department Report**
- J. August 2020 Water Utilities Report**
- K. August 2020 Finance and IT Reports**

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(1) to discuss an appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

Executive Session adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:03pm.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

19. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to approve Mr. Jonathan Blake Badger to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

20. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

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:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Bradley, Humes

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 10/15/20