



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 – 5:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Notice of this meeting has been made in accordance with the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jack M. Scoville, Jr.
Council Member Brendon M. Barber, Sr.
Council Member Rudolph A. Bradley
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Edward S. Kimbrough, Jr.
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls
Mayor Pro Tempore Peggy Wayne

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Chris Carter, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk
Mr. Will Cook, Water Utilities Director
Mr. Glen Dixon, Fleet Superintendent
Chief Paul Gardner, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Sterling Geathers, Public Works Director
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Mr. Rick Martin, Building Official/Zoning Administrator
Mr. Tee Miller, Assistant to the City Administrator for Economic Development
Chief Joey Tanner, Georgetown Fire Department

MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Ms. Taylor Griffith

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Jack M. Scoville, Jr. 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 so as to not interrupt the meeting.

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Scoville recognized Mr. Fredrick Williams, President of the West End Citizens Council, who addressed Council concerning drainage issues on North Alex Alford Drive where yards are flooding. He has spoken with Mr. Cook and wanted to alert Council as well. Mr. Williams stated several of his constituents have expressed a desire to attend City Council meetings; however, 5:30 PM is too early for those who have jobs outside the City. He asked Council to consider moving the time forward and rotating the locations of their meetings.

Mayor Scoville recognized Ms. Harriet Hunt of 231 South Hazard Street, who addressed Council concerning large trucks in her neighborhood and stated she has complained to Council many times. She said they are tearing up the trees and homes. Her house is over 100 years old and the large trucks shake the foundation. Ms. Hunt stated signs are in place that prohibit the trucks; however, if there is not an officer near, they continue to travel in the neighborhood. When asked by Mayor Scoville, Chief Paul Gardner stated the construction on Fraser Street (17/701 project) has created more of a problem with truck traffic. He said a patrol car can be placed in the area on a more regular basis to deter the trucks from driving through the neighborhood. Council Member Bradley suggested having an officer direct the truck traffic during the heaviest time period. Chief Gardner said flyers can be placed at IP's truck terminal and enforcement will be stepped up on Hazard Street. Council Member Barber asked about using the electronic message board to inform truckers they will be ticketed if they are in a prohibited area.

Ms. Rosenia Gibson addressed Council about the flooding in her yard on North Alex Alford Drive and said something needs to be done. Her foundation is being destroyed. Mayor Scoville said Mr. Cook will look into this matter.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

None

6. WINYAH AUDITORIUM

A. Winyah Auditorium Calendar of Events

Mayor Scoville pointed out the many events taking place at the Winyah Auditorium.

7. POLICE

A. Motion to Approve Payment of \$30,000.00 to the Georgetown Drug Enforcement Unit for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

Council Member Barber moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Chief Paul Gardner stated this is the City's funding for the DEU. It is a budgeted item. Mayor Scoville asked for discussion.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

8. PUBLIC WORKS

A. Motion to approve purchase from Triple T Freightliner and payment of a Freightliner Truck with Pac Mor Body in the amount of \$163,142.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Bradley. Mr. Sterling Geathers requested budgeted funds in the amount of \$135,000 for a knuckle boom truck be used to purchase a new sanitation truck. Purchase price is \$163,142; therefore, a budget amendment will be required. Some discussion followed.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

9. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to Approve The Georgetown Partnership As the Designated Marketing Organization for the City for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. Mr. Tee Miller stated this is a continuation from last year. Pursuant to South Carolina Allocation of Accommodations tax laws, the City must select a Designated Marketing Organization to receive the special fund of A-Tax collections for marketing the City to visitors. He provided Council a packet which included detailed accounting of the FY 14/15 disbursements and expenditures as well as a proposed 15/16 budget. There is no direct cost to the City.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

Council Member Barber announced September 22nd is *Georgetown County Day of Boeing*. A community forum and expo will be held at St. Stephen AME Church at 6:00 PM. During the day, Boeing officials will be visiting four Georgetown County schools and spending time with national, state, county and local leaders, including Georgetown County Economic Development Director Brian Tucker. This event is brought to the City by the South Carolina Department of Commerce, Grand Strand

Technology Council, Horry Georgetown Technical College, Georgetown County School District and Georgetown County. Mr. Barber said this is important when talking about economic development and jobs for our young people and felt the City should be partnering also. He said we have an industry that is shut down, a port that is inactive and Boeing is coming to town and we should be at the forefront making an impact. Mayor Scoville agreed. Mr. Miller was not aware of this event.

B. Motion to add Pawleys Island Festival of Music & Art (PIFMA) as a City Sponsored Special Event for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Council Member Barber moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. Mr. Miller stated this was discussed at the last Council Workshop. By approving this request Pawleys Island Festival of Music and Art would be included on the list of 16 other organization events sponsored by in-kind City services. This event will be an asset to the community, an economic generator for local businesses and provide valuable exposure for the City. Mayor Scoville asked for comments.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

C. Motion to Approve the Proposal of TimHaahs & Associates and Payment for \$18,000 to conduct a parking study for the City's downtown.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne made a motion not approve the request, seconded by Council Member Bradley. Mayor Scoville asked Mr. Miller to explain the purpose of the motion. Mr. Miller stated this was the primary portion of the narrative of the USDA grant; the hotel study was also included...they go hand-in-hand. The cost of the Study will be fully reimbursed from the USDA Rural Development Rural Business Enterprise Grant the City was awarded last year. Six proposals were received, TimHaahs and Associates was the second lowest bid; however, their experience and scope of work exceeded the lower bidder. A parking study is critical for the City to address its current demand issues and plan for new development such as a hotel with conference facilities and the rebuild of the 700 block of Front Street. We need a professional analysis. Mayor Scoville asked Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne and Council Member Bradley why they are against the parking study. Mrs. Wayne said she never received a copy of the hotel study and was told 'it was not recommended that we do the hotel downtown.' She said everybody knows we have a parking problem and the study is not going to give a solution to employees parking on the street. Mayor Scoville asked about the hotel study. Mr. Miller said the study was favorable and showed there is a demand for a hotel and that it would not impact the existing hotels. A hotel could handle their parking on site. The conference space would require more parking. Mayor Scoville said the hotel study indicated the 700 block property was too small for a hotel but suggested the newspaper site was a possible site. Mr. Bradley recalled there being discussions on parking during the past administration. At that time, it was brought up there is no

property space to create a parking lot. He said this study will be time consuming and is questioning its validity. Mayor Scoville said he was not aware of a parking study since he has been on Council. He added this study is a very key component to a hotel. It may involve the purchase of additional property and/or meters. Council Member Barber pointed out an ESPN national bass fishing tournament will be held here bringing in thousands of people from all over the country. He said Council would be narrow-sighted not to begin planning for the future. With more events coming, other opportunities will be created. Council Members Kimbrough and Smalls agreed. Mrs. Wayne said a baseball tournament with over 144 teams will be held in Georgetown in November.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne withdrew her motion and Council Member Bradley withdrew his second. Mayor Scoville called for the question on the original motion.

Council Member Kimbrough moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

10. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Santee Cooper will hold their annual appreciation event on October 15, 2015. Mr. Carter recommended the monthly Regular Meeting be held October 22nd and the Workshop be held October 29th. There was no objection. He referred Council to a draft copy of the agenda for the September 24th Workshop.

11. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of Council Meetings dated June 25, 2015, July 23, 2015, July 30, 2015 and August 20, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne moved, seconded by Council Member Barber. Mayor asked for comments.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peggy P. Wayne, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

12. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

13. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

14. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. August 2015 PD Report**
- B. August 2015 Fire Report**
- C. August 2015 Public Works Department Report**
- D. August 2015 Fleet Services Report**
- E. August 2015 Electric Utility Department Report**
- F. August 2015 Housing & Community Development Report**
- G. August 2015 Finance and IT Departments Report**

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(1) to discuss appointments to the Keep Georgetown Beautiful Board.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Bradley.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:06 PM.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Session.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne moved, seconded by Mayor Scoville.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Peggy P. Wayne, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Jack M. Scoville Jr., Mayor
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

Executive Session was adjourned and the Regular meeting was reconvened at 6:18 PM.

Mayor Scoville announced no formal action was taken in Executive Session.

16. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint members to the Keep Georgetown Beautiful Board.

Mayor Scoville made a motion to appoint Tim Chatman, Jackie Hoelscher, Ida Thompson, Melanie Daniels, Maxine Johnson, and Jean Holland to the at-large positions to the Keep Georgetown Beautiful Board of Directors; appoint Ron Charlton and Paul Smith to the Civic appointment slots to the Keep Georgetown Beautiful Board of Directors; appoint Lisa Ballard and Patrick Causey to the Business appointment slots to the Keep Georgetown Beautiful Board of Directors and appoint Robert Quinn to the Master Gardner appointment slot for the Keep Georgetown Beautiful Board of Directors, seconded by Council Member Bradley.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jack M. Scoville Jr., Mayor
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Barber.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 10/22/15