



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 – 5:30 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
2222 HIGHMARKET STREET
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA
LIVESTREAM:**

<https://www.facebook.com/cityoftown/>

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
Chief Charlie Cribb, 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

MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Ms. Demi Lawrence

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 Ms. Jeanette Ard. Ms. Ard said she is the owner of Colonial Florist. Ms. Ard referenced a lawsuit she had with the city years ago regarding a loading zone. Ms. Ard stated she is not in favor of the proposed changes to the loading zone ordinance.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Marlene Herbert. Ms. Herbert said she owns the shaved ice and lemonade stand downtown. Ms. Herbert said she enjoys talking to her customers and would appreciate if her rent was not increased.

Mayor Barber recognized Mr. Brandon Brown. Mr. Brown said in response to a video posted online that involved name calling between members of City Council that he has hope for the future and believes we can do better. Mr. Brown said this needs to be resolved now and not in the future.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Ashley Woodruff. Ms. Woodruff said she is in support of Ms. Herbert's vendor business downtown and does not favor the rate increase for street vendors.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Brittany Gibson. Ms. Gibson said in reference to a video posted online she believes an apology is owed to the citizens of Georgetown from a Council Member that disrespected the Mayor and his position.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Janette Graham. Ms. Graham asked where the one cent sales tax money that was passed by the voters in 2014 has been used. Ms. Graham stated there are citizens who do not know they have a refund from the Santee Cooper settlement and asked how they will be notified. Ms. Graham asked what plans the city has for funds received from the sale of the Church Street property. Ms. Graham requested more means be used to announce public meetings.

Mayor Barber recognized Mr. Wesley Gibson. Mr. Gibson referenced a video that was posted online and said the name calling and screaming at the Mayor needs to stop. Mr. Gibson said it was unacceptable to the citizens of Georgetown and requested an apology.

Mayor Barber recognized Mr. Sheldon Butts. Mr. Butts said nothing has been done since the last time he approached Council a few months ago regarding the dangerous condition of the southbound lane on the Maryville bridge. He asked the

Mayor and each Council Member to contact the SCDOT representative to get something resolved immediately.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Jackie Williams. Ms. Williams referenced a video that was posted online and said the citizens of Georgetown cannot have people that represent us to launch and attack when they don't get their way. Ms. Williams said that does not represent the people of Georgetown and it is not acceptable.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Marilyn Hemmingway. Ms. Hemmingway said there is a disconnection between Council Members and the people they serve. Ms. Hemmingway said public meetings need to be scheduled after 5:00pm to accommodate work schedules. Ms. Hemmingway said the city should notify the general public of meetings through a printed newsletter. Ms. Hemmingway said the city needs to hire a Public Information Officer. Ms. Hemmingway said Council Meeting schedules should be shared with churches, beauty salons, and store fronts. Ms. Hemmingway said we need to invest in the people of Georgetown.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

None

6. PROCLAMATION

A. Motion to approve a Proclamation proclaiming October 3-9, 2021 as Fire Prevention Week 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:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

B. Motion to approve a Proclamation proclaiming October 2021 as National Crime Prevention Month in the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.

Council 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

7. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- A. Motion to approve second reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 20, Section 20-13 Street And Sidewalk Vendors, Of The City Of Georgetown Code Of Ordinances.**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

- B. Motion to approve first reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Article III, Section 14-45 Business Vehicle Loading Zones of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown.**

Mayor Barber said Dr. Yúdice requested this item be removed from the agenda for further review.

RESULT:	NO ACTION TAKEN
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- C. Motion to approve a Resolution committing the City of Georgetown to providing a local match in the amount of \$9,000.00 for a Municipal Association of South Carolina Hometown Economic Development Grant totaling \$25,000.00 and following its Procurement Policy when securing services and products with grant funds. The match is funded through a public/private partnership: City's portion: \$5,000 from the Corridor Enhancement and A/H Tax budgeted line items in FY 2022 and \$4,000 from a grant from Santee Cooper.**

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

- D. Motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Library Loan Agreement to temporarily hold three (3) City of Georgetown Ordinance Books.**

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

8. FINANCE

A. Motion to approve first reading of an Ordinance for Business License Standardization.

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 Resolution to Receive American Rescue Plan funds.

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

C. Motion to approve the Regional Waste Water Treatment Plan True Up Payment to Georgetown County Water and Sewer District (\$98,533) and the Town of Andrews (\$51,600) for a total of \$150,133.00.

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:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

D. Motion to approve acquisition of a vactor truck for \$406,725.16 from Jet-Vac Equipment Company, LLC and authorize the City Administrator to execute a Lease/Purchase financing arrangement.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

9. POLICE

- A. Motion to approve first 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.**

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 10/21/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

10. WATER UTILITIES

- A. Motion to approve proposal and make payment to Green Wave Contracting Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$92,750.00 for the repairs to the North Hazard Street sewer line.**

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

11. ENGINEERING

- A. Motion to approve consulting services agreement with WK Dickson as the engineer of record for the EDA Stormwater System Improvements Project #4015 in the Historic District and to make payments in the not-to-exceed amount of \$567,200. Consultant's work includes surveying, pre-design, design, bidding, construction management, construction inspections and testing, and closeout services.**

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. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

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

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 1]	Next: 10/21/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore	
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member	
AYES:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes	
NAYS:	Milton	
AWAY:	Smalls	

13. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to authorize City Administrator to enter into a contract with the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments in the amount of \$41,200.00 to administer the CDBG grant #4-CI-21-008 for the West End District Water Upgrade project.

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton
AWAY:	Smalls

B. Motion to authorize the City Administrator to sign the revised addendum to the 1996 Lease Agreement with the Georgetown Housing Authority on the 2104 Lincoln Street property.

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

14. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice stated the American Lift station project is on hold until November because the only proposal received was twice the amount budgeted. Dr. Yúdice announced the next dates for the Clean Sweep Program and they will be focused on the East Bay Park, Willowbank, and the Country Club areas of the city. Dr. Yúdice stated they will have a public meeting regarding the ARPA funds and to discuss how the funds will be utilized along with getting recommendations.

15. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of the August 11 and August 19, 2021 Council Meetings.

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

16. OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tempore Smalls said the Maryville bridge needs attention by SCDOT.

Council Member Humes asked for clarification on an ordinance that prohibits fishing and crabbing from the boat dock at East Bay Park. Dr. Yúdice said the ordinance was approved years ago and needs to be enforced.

17. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Angner asked Dr. Yúdice about reopening City Hall. Dr. Yúdice said they are working on safety precautions for city employees and residents and hope to reopen in a few weeks. Council Member Angner asked for clarification on the credit card fees passed to residents and Dr. Yúdice confirmed the fees are passed to the customer from the processing company.

Council Member Joseph said he was approached by a business owner to have permission to cook food outside. He said there are several ordinances that prohibit that but there are known people around the city who violate those ordinances. Council Member Joseph requested there needs to be consistency on enforcing these ordinances and that they should be reviewed for possible revisions.

Council Member Humes requested a public meeting regarding zoning laws on the West End to give citizens an opportunity to give input regarding this matter.

Council Member Milton requested the zoning ordinances in the West End be reevaluated.

18. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

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

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

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss appointments/reappointments for the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Community Appearance Board.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

Executive Session adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:14pm.

C. NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

20. APPOINTMENTS

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

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls
NAYS:	Milton

Council Member Milton requested to be informed when there are openings on the boards so that every citizen has the opportunity to serve. Council Member Milton stated for the record that anytime a board authorizes you to do something, you need to carry it out because that is what we do and this is wrong and should never happen to us again.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

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:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 10/21/21