



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 21, 2014 – 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 P. Wayne

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Chris Carter, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Finance Director
Chief Paul Gardner, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Jonathan Heald, Public Services Director
Mr. Alan Loveless, Electric Utility Manager
Mr. Rick Martin, Building Official/Zoning Administrator
Mr. Tee Miller, Economic Development Director
Chief Joey Tanner, Georgetown Fire Department

MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Ms. Taylor Griffith
Michael Walter - WMBF TV
Matt Alba - WCBD TV

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 Rudolph Bradley rendered the invocation. Mayor Scoville called the Georgetown County Dixie Belles forward. This team won the 2014 South Carolina State Championships in the Dixie Belles Division and advanced to the

World Series held in Louisiana where they placed fifth overall. At the National World Series, these Georgetown girls on the South Carolina Championship team were awarded the Sportsmanship Award amongst all the participating teams at the series. Mayor Scoville asked the team to lead the Pledge of Allegiance after which he presented them with the Sportsmanship Award trophy.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Scoville opened the Public Comments section of the meeting and recognized Mr. Dan Stacy. Mr. Stacy said he was present to answer any questions Council may have regarding agenda Item 10A concerning the Georgetown Memorial Hospital.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mr. Jonathan Heald introduced Mr. Vishal Rai, a graduate of Clemson University who has been hired as an Assistant Engineer.

Mrs. Debra Bivens introduced two new Customer Service Representatives. Ms. Michelle Jordan was previously with South Carolina Federal Credit Union and Ms. Latonya Bluefort came to us from J P Morgan.

Chief Paul Gardner introduced Officer Floyd Truss, Officer Seth Johnson and Officer Andrew Burgess.

6. PROCLAMATION

A. Motion to approve Proclamation proclaiming September 2014 as Support Local Business Month.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wayne, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

7. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve first reading of an Ordinance Amending the City of Georgetown Zoning Ordinance Article VII: Section 703, and Article IV: Section 439, to Conditionally Allow Mining in the Limited Industrial (LI) & Heavy Industrial (HI) Zoning Districts.

Mayor Scoville stated before he entertains a motion he understands the property owner wants to withdraw the request. Mr. Hucks (one of the owners) confirmed. Mayor Scoville said with the consent of the property owner we would withdraw the motion. Council Member Bradley questioned if the motion should be entertained because it is on the agenda as an action item. Mayor Scoville asked the City Attorney. Mrs. Crosby stated it was an action item; however, the questioned was not

called for. It can be withdrawn from the agenda unless there is some dispute among Council and the agenda can be amended. Mayor Scoville asked if there was any objection. Council Member Bradley's concern was, what would preclude this request from coming back again. Mayor Scoville said he/they would have the right to ask that it come back. This is one reason for withdrawing the request. If it was denied, they would have to wait a year. Council Member Bradley said if an item is on the agenda there has to be some procedure in place not to entertain the action. Mayor Scoville asked if Council wants to pursue the agenda item. There was no consensus to do so. Council Member Bradley asked the record reflect through a process of general consensus that action was not to be entertained.

B. Motion to proceed with the Complaint Petitions from the Unfit Dwelling Ordinance.

Council Member Kimbrough moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Mr. Rick Martin referenced a booklet previously given to Council listing 35 dwellings unfit for human habitation. The City would like to proceed with the process in order to demolish these dwellings. Each site has been investigated by Mr. Martin and there is a draft complaint petition. The Ordinance requires staff present the draft complaint petition to City Council for approval to proceed. Mayor Scoville called for comments or discussion. Council Member Bradley questioned if the City is applying liens on properties we demolish. Mr. Martin said in the past two years no liens have been applied. The Ordinance checklist does include liens; however, this would have to be approved by Council. Council Member Jayroe said if someone has a hardship paying for the City's cost of demolition, it does not have to be paid until the property is sold. It is not creating a hardship on the individual at that time. Her recommendation is to treat everyone in the City the same and file a municipal lien against each property as stated in the Ordinance. Mayor Scoville said we are not at that stage yet and Council can discuss this on a case by case basis. Thirty-five dwellings were removed last year. Staff is currently sending letters to the owners of unfit dwellings asking them to repair or demolish the structure. The demolition cost to the City is roughly \$5,000 per structure. The budget includes \$75,000 for this expense. Council Member Barber said he receives a lot of complaints about a structure located in the 200 block of South Merriman Road where the old Flagler was situated. He asked for an update on this structure. Mr. Martin said he has asked Mr. Singleton to please remove the structure. This property has been tied up in a lawsuit. Mr. Barber is concerned that this is a safety hazard. Mayor Scoville asked staff to look into this and report back to Council.

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

- C. Motion to approve purchase and payment to Vic Bailey Ford for a Ford Explorer for the Housing & Community Development Department in the Amount of \$25,793.**

Moved by Council Member Smalls, seconded by Council Member Barber. Mayor Scoville asked for discussion. Mr. Martin answered Council Member Bradley's question stating this vehicle is for his department.

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

8. POLICE

- A. Motion to approve purchase and payment to Motorola for thirty (30) APX6500 7/800 MHZ mobile radios and related equipment in the amount of \$113,522.03.**

Council Member Barber moved, seconded by Council Member Bradley. Chief Gardner said homeland security has established a new P25 standard for all radios and communications between Public Safety. The radios being replaced will not be operable on our system by the year 2016. This is a must do. The old radios will be placed on GovDeals. The City is receiving the absolute best price by tagging on to Horry County's contract; they are buying over 900 radios.

Mayor Scoville asked for questions. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

Council Member Bradley asked Chief Gardner about the cameras on Rainey Drive. Chief Gardner stated during the power outage, someone took advantage of the Housing Authority cameras causing about \$10,000 worth of damage. It is an active case being worked by the Georgetown Police Department. He said some have already been replaced.

9. FIRE

- A. Motion to approve purchase and payment to Motorola for 7 Motorola APX6000 700/800 Model 2.5 Portable Radios and related equipment in the amount of \$24,933.06.**

Moved by Council Member Bradley, seconded by Council Member Barber. Chief Joey Tanner stated these are hand-held radios for firefighters going inside buildings. To begin the process of complying with the new P25 standard the Fire Department will

purchase five to seven radios a year.

Mayor Scoville asked for questions. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

Council Member Barber asked Chief Tanner to look into the NIMS training for Council Members who have not been through the process as well as a tour of the EOC. Chief Tanner said he will work with Mr. Carter on this.

10. PUBLIC SERVICES

- A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance to vacate the Memorial Drive right-of-way in accordance with approved road conveyance and acceptance agreement with Georgetown Memorial Hospital, and to close the abandoned street.**

Council Member Barber moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne. Mr. Jonathan Heald told Council Mr. Dan Stacy, representing Georgetown Memorial Hospital, and Mrs. Crosby have drafted an ordinance to vacate Memorial Drive. This has been requested by the Hospital as part of their expansion. We have received the right-of-way from the Department of Transportation and are preparing to convey it to the Hospital. City Council previously voted on the agreement between the City and Georgetown Memorial Hospital to prevent the City from being stuck with the right-of-way. Mr. Heald said the City is serving as a conduit from the State to the Hospital so they can get the right-of-way. There will be easements associated with the right-of-way vacation.

Mayor Scoville asked for comments. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 8/28/2014 4:00 PM
MOVER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Council Member
SECONDER:	Peggy P. Wayne, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne

- B. Motion to approve the grinding and removal of debris associated with Winter Storm Pax and payment to Ricky's Tree Service in the amount of nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000).**

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Bradley. Mayor Scoville asked for comments or questions. Council Member Kimbrough asked if request for bids were sent out. Mr. Heald said we solicited quotes from thirteen local contractors and received two responses. Because this expense is associated with Winter Storm Pax we are eligible for reimbursement from FEMA. Mr. Heald said once the contractor begins, it will take no more than a couple of weeks.

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

11. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

A. Motion to approve payment of invoice in the amount of \$27,850.27 to Utility Technology Engineers and Consultants.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Bradley. Mr. Alan Loveless stated this represents our consultants work in June related to the design of peak-shaving generation for the Electric Utility Department.

Mayor Scoville asked for questions. 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

B. Motion to approve MOU with Santee Cooper for the purpose of providing assistance to the City with energy audits and energy efficiency loans.

Council Member Barber moved, seconded by Council Member Bradley. For several years the City has been looking for ways to help our residential customers improve their energy efficiency, lower their consumption and lower their utility bill. When the wholesale power agreement was approved last November it included a provision that Santee Cooper would make their energy efficiency programs available to our customers under certain conditions. This Memorandum of Understanding spells out the conditions. Mr. Loveless listed items that qualify under the programs. Highlights of the programs include an energy audit performed at the customer's home to identify areas of possible energy loss, rebates for qualifying energy efficiency improvements and a low-interest loan program to assist customers with making qualifying efficiency improvements. Applications and paperwork will go through the City and Santee Cooper will administer the program. They are providing the initial funding for the loans and rebates. The City will collect payments from the customers on their utility bills and then pay Santee Cooper. Mr. Loveless reviewed the administrative fees which will be the City's responsibility. Mayor Scoville asked for questions. Council Member Bradley asked if a heating and air conditioning system would qualify rather than just a heat pump. Mr. Loveless said that evaluation would be made during the audit and the customer will discuss it with the contractor, who must be approved by Santee Cooper. If a customer defaults on the loan the City is responsible for the amount owed Santee Cooper. Council Member Barber requested an assessment on his home and said it was extremely thorough. He thinks this will be beneficial to the seniors and those on fixed income. Santee Cooper has offered to come to community events and set up a booth to

provide literature and information to spread the word. Discussions continued.

Mayor Scoville asked for further comments. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

C. Motion to approve Lease and payments to Blanchard Power Systems for Temporary Peak-Shaving Generation Units.

Council Member Kimbrough moved, seconded by Council Member Barber. The general service agreement with Santee Cooper executed last November permits the City to install up to 3,600 kw of generation to be used to reduce our demand on their system at peak times each month. The City anticipates bringing in two generating units on tractor trailers; one will be placed at the Water Treatment Plant and one at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. These generators will be used in conjunction with Santee Cooper's system peak to reduce our system peak at the same time they are hitting their system peak. This helps Santee Cooper reduce the amount of power they generate and helps us reduce the amount of power we have to purchase from them. If we hit that peak each month we have the potential to save approximately \$54,000 each month on wholesale power purchases. These leased units will be installed for approximately 18 months while permanent units are procured and installed. Mr. Loveless noted the lease agreement in the agenda has been revised to name Blanchard Power Systems as a loss payee, not an additional insured.

Mayor Scoville asked for questions. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

12. ADMINISTRATION

Motion to accept appointments of Dr. Jerry Crosby, Ms. Linda Mathis Lauro, Ms. Bonnie Miller Mercer, Ms. Michelle Randolph and Ms. Debby Johnson Summey to the Winyah Auditorium Board of Directors presented by the existing Board.

Mayor Scoville stated under the by-laws of the Winyah Auditorium Board City Council approves their appointment of members. Mayor Scoville moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Scoville asked for comments or questions. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

B. Motion to approve an Agreement between the SCDOT and the City of Georgetown for first push and debris removal in the event of a South Carolina emergency operations plan declaration.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. Mr. Chris Carter referenced the agreement with DOT approved in February 2014. This agreement presented tonight includes services that were in the February agreement and is for future events that may result in a great deal of debris removal from the roadway. DOT wants to have a standing agreement to operate under. He said they have not been involved in debris removal in the past.

Mayor Scoville asked for comments or discussion. 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

C. Motion to approve retaining Walsh-Krowka Architects for the Phase 1 Conceptual Design of Broad Street improvements in accordance with the proposal submitted under date of July 15th.

Council Member Barber moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. Mr. Carter said the Hospitality Tax Budget includes funding for the conceptual design and initial implementation using Broad Street as an entry corridor into the Front Street area. In the past the Clemson Charrette included this proposal in some very conceptual designs. Proposals were solicited from several landscape architect firms. Mr. Carter recommended Walsh-Krowka Architects whose proposal was \$19,800 for the conceptual design and \$10,300 for a topographical survey.

Mayor Scoville asked for comments or questions. Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne said, personally, she did not see the need to change Broad Street as the main entrance to downtown Georgetown. The road needs paving, the sidewalks are in good shape, the current landscaping is in good shape and the trees have grown. Council Member Jayroe recommended continuing forward with Broad Street. Council Member Smalls noted there are three churches on Broad Street and expressed concern about parking when services and events are held. Mr. Carter said Mrs. Krowka is offering to contact each individually affected party and discuss ways her design could minimize the effect of any kind of improvements on Broad Street. Council Member Kimbrough said Broad Street is the natural entry into the City being the widest

street from Church Street to Front Street. Mayor Scoville said the very earliest plat of the City has Broad Street being the entryway and we owe it to the community for the long term development to at least explore it. Council Member Barber said at this point it is necessary to get a true assessment. Working in partnership with the South Carolina Department of Transportation, the churches and neighbors, with their input, will make this a great entrance. Whether or not the streetscape is implemented, we need to emphasize the need for a light at the corner of Broad and Church Streets. Mr. Carter said Broad Street is scheduled to be repaved next year. The plan would be to coordinate our work with any resurfacing of Broad.

Mayor Scoville asked for comments or questions. Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls
NAYS:	Wayne

D. Motion to approve The Georgetown Partnership as the Designated Marketing Organization for the City for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Council Member Bradley moved, seconded by Mayor Scoville. Pursuant to South Carolina Allocation of Accommodations Tax Revenues Code of Laws, the City must assign a Designated Marketing Organization to receive the special fund of A-tax collections for marketing the City to visitors. The Memorandum of Understanding is the same as what was approved by Council in March for FY 2013/2014. Mayor Scoville asked for questions or comments. Council Member Barber asked what amount is being requested. Mr. Miller indicated it could be after the fiscal year before the amount is known, which is based the State's allocation formula.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

13. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Carter reported effective September 1, 2014 Coast RTA will relocate the Exchange Street stop to the intersection of Lynch and Highmarket Streets. He noted a draft copy of the August 28, 2014 Special Meeting/Workshop was provided to Council.

14. MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion to approve minutes of Special Meeting/Workshops dated May 22, 2014, May 30, 2014, June 26, 2014 and Public Hearing/Regular Meeting dated June 19, 2014.

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

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

15. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

16. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Kimbrough said we are approaching a year from the fire downtown and nothing has been done about fire safety on the boardwalk. He would like to open for discussion the most economical and feasible way to protect the rear of the buildings as well as the boardwalk. Mayor Scoville said this could be a topic for a workshop. Council Member Bradley suggested the Mayor direct the first responders to pursue this and present to Council at a regular meeting rather than discussing it in a workshop.

17. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. Finance & IT Monthly Report for July 2014**
- B. PD- Monthly letter July 2014**
- C. July 2014 Fire Report**
- D. Electric Department Monthly Report**
- E. Housing & Community Development July Monthly Report**

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss board appointments to the Architectural Review Board and Georgetown Housing Authority, receive legal advice and discuss proposed contractual arrangements and economic development matters.

Mayor Scoville moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reopen Regular Meeting.

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

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

Executive Session was adjourned and the Regular Meeting was reopened at 7:42 PM.

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

19. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint Jean M. Davis to the Georgetown Housing Authority Board.

Mayor Scoville moved, seconded by Council Member Bradley.

Mayor Scoville asked for comments. 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

20. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council

Council Member Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

The Regular Meeting of City Council was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 09/18/14