



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 20, 2020 – 5:30 PM

TELECONFERENCE

LIVESTREAM:

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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.
Mayor Pro Tempore Rudolph A. Bradley
Council Member Tupelo Humes
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Hobson H. Milton
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

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
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

ABSENT

Mr. Tim Chatman, Streets and Sanitation Manager
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 5:30p.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. ROLL CALL

4. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

5. ANNOUNCEMENT

- A. Due To health concerns regarding COVID-19, City Council will be conducting a Regular Meeting via teleconference. If you would like to give input for the Public Comments portion of the meeting, you can email publiccomments@georgetownsc.gov or call 843-545-4090 to leave a voice message no later than 12:00pm on Thursday, August 20, 2020. If leaving a voice message, please speak clearly and identify yourself by stating your name, address, and phone number to be recorded correctly.**

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

7. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

No new employees.

8. PROCLAMATION

- A. Motion to approve a Proclamation proclaiming September 17-23, 2020 as Constitution Week in the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.**

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, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

9. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- A. Motion to proceed with four (4) complaint petitions from the Unfit Dwelling Ordinance.**

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. Council Member Milton asked if the paperwork has been completed to move forward. Ms. Rambeau stated the paperwork has been started and is still in process. Council Member Humes asked for clarification on the location of the properties. Ms. Rambeau confirmed the addresses of the properties.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

- B. Motion to approve 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 Smalls moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 9/17/2020 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Council Member Joseph asked for clarification on the approval process prior to a mural being put up on private property. Ms. Rambeau said a permit is required but there is not currently a board or committee that approves signage nor would staff. She said it would need to be approved by an art council or a group such as the Georgetown Business Association. Council Member Joseph requested to have the process to approve the mural and the named approver be added to the ordinance for second reading. Council Member Jayroe asked if murals will be allowed on historic buildings. Ms. Rambeau said historic buildings have not been excluded. Council Member Jayroe asked if the Architectural Review Board was informed of this ordinance. Ms. Rambeau said they had not at this time. Mrs. Crosby said they would need to have a further discussion prior to second reading on the concerns regarding the approval process and murals in the historic district. Mayor Barber confirmed additional information would be provided by staff prior to second reading.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 9/17/2020 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

- D. Motion to approve 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 Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 9/17/2020 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

- E. Motion to approve the demolition of a wall at 918 Front Street by the property owners, Georgetown Investments, LLC.**

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

10. ENGINEERING

- A. Motion to authorize staff to file a pre-approval application to request a grant with the CDBG- Mitigation Plans and Studies Program to study the drainage conditions at the Winyah Apartments located on Duke Street and the possibility of demolishing this apartment building and converting the area into a stormwater retention facility.**

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Humes. Council Member Humes asked for clarification of the location. Mr. Arteaga confirmed the area for the study is behind Piggly Wiggly. Mr. Arteaga said there is not a monetary match requirement from the City for this grant. Discussions followed.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

11. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Motion to approve updates to the City Employee Handbook Policies: (a) #3 Tuition Reimbursement #9 Travel and Subsistence Allowance, (b) #10 Vehicle Management Program; (c) #21 Payment of Wages and (d) add the following policies to the City Employee Handbook: #30 Teleworking Policy and Procedure, #31 Temporary Emergency Teleworking, and #32 Social Media.**

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., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

- B. Motion to approve creating a new City holiday - Juneteenth Recognition Day.**

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls
NAYS:	Jayroe

12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice said GFL Environmental is picking up the City residential trash this week and will continue through next week. She said complaints from residents regarding this matter have been forwarded to GFL Environmental and they have addressed them immediately. Dr. Yúdice said due to the pandemic, they compared Accommodations and Hospitality Tax revenues from Fiscal Year 2020 to Fiscal Year 2019. She said the state and local Accommodations Tax revenues dropped 16.24% or \$63,727.10 in Fiscal Year 2020, which ended June 30, 2020, compared to Fiscal Year 2019. She stated the local Hospitality Tax dropped 16% or \$34,553.55 during the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2020. Dr. Yúdice said Hurricane Isaias came through the City a couple of weeks ago with little damage. She said that she and Mrs.

Bivens have met and discussed the list of Capital Projects for this Fiscal Year and they are prioritizing them based on needs and collected revenue. She said the water tank project at the port is almost complete. The tank has been painted white and it will have the City logo painted on it. Dr. Yúdice said she participated in a program on August 11th called "Building a Brighter Tomorrow" in partnership with the Bunnelle Foundation along with Georgetown County Administrator, Ms. Angela Christian, Georgetown County EOC Director, Mr. Brandon Ellis, and Georgetown County School District Superintendent, Mr. Keith Price.

13. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of July 2, July 16, and July 23, 2020 Council Meetings.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls
AWAY:	Humes

14. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

15. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Milton expressed concern regarding the sand and sand bags that the City made available for self-serve to residents during the recent storm. He said as of today, there are twelve storms still forecasted for this season and the City needs to be ready. He suggested the City purchase a sand bagging machine to make it easier for everyone including the citizens. Council Member Milton said an option could be to partner with the County since they would benefit from it too. Council Member Joseph said he has been contacted by a company that is possibly interested in donating a sand bagging machine to the City. He said he will update everyone as he knows more information. Council Member Milton asked if a machine does not get donated, can the City still get one. Mayor Barber said that it is not in the budget at this time. Mayor Barber said there could be other options by checking in with the County, the EOC, and other resources that have previously provided pre-bagged sand bags when needed during storms. Discussions followed.

16. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

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

- A. July 2020 Electric Utility Department Report**
- B. Engineering**

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

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(1)(2) to discuss an appointment to the Accommodations & Hospitality Tax Committee; a reappointment to the Georgetown Housing Authority Board; the terms of an agreement for temporary services with Mrs. Debra Bivens as Interim Director of Finance; an update on the Designated Marketing Organization; and review a performance evaluation for Dr. Sandra Yúdice, City Administrator, one year anniversary.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls
AWAY:	Humes

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:04p.m.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls
AWAY:	Humes

Executive Session adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:36p.m.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

Motion to approve an agreement for temporary services of Mrs. Debra L. Bivens as Interim Director of Finance Consultant.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls
AWAY:	Humes

18. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint Pooja Karnik to the Accommodations & Hospitality Tax Committee and to reappoint Tomas Langley to the Georgetown Housing Authority Board.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls
AWAY:	Humes

19. 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 [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Milton, Smalls
AWAY:	Humes

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:40p.m.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 09/17/20