



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 19, 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 Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Hobson H. Milton

MEMBERS ABSENT

Council Member Tupelo Humes
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
Assistant Chief Brent McClellan, 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

GAB News - Mr. Scott Harper

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

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Janette Graham. Ms. Graham stated she was not made aware of the city considering tearing down a historical building. She said the West End needs revitalization and development. Ms. Graham said she is concerned with the homeless and veterans. She said there is no empathy for them and we need to work together to revitalize the entire city.

Mayor Barber recognized Mr. Jim Clements. Mr. Clements said the redevelopment of the City's Electric Department property is a multi-million dollar opportunity that will benefit all of us. Mr. Clements requested the city to explore opportunities in underdeveloped areas to use as a new city hall or city offices. He said this could possibly attract new development. Mr. Clements reminded Council to review the ULI report that was done in 2016 that created a masterplan for the future of Georgetown and see what it could become.

Mayor Barber recognized Mr. Willie Singleton. Mr. Singleton said leadership has made mistakes regarding the transparency on the possible sale of the Electric Department property. Mr. Singleton said the City Administrator needs to review each department and see what balances and what does not.

Mayor Barber recognized Mr. Sheldon Butts. Mr. Butts said he is concerned with the infrastructure of the bridge going south towards to Maryville. He stated going southbound on the bridge is dangerous due to potholes and loose concrete. Mr. Butts requested the South Carolina Department of Transportation give the city a timeline to fix the problems before someone is seriously injured.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Marilyn Hemmingway. Ms. Hemmingway said the county voted down zoning for affordable housing and she is surprised the county and city have not worked together to create more affordable housing. She said there is a deficit of imagination to benefit the whole city. She said town hall meetings would be helpful to come up with solutions.

5. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mayor Barber recognized former Chief of Police Kelvin A. Waites, Sr. and presented him and his wife, Mrs. Chelice Waites with a proclamation for his service to the citizens of Georgetown.

6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

None

7. **PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- A. **Motion To Approve first 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 Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 9/16/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Milton
ABSENT:	Humes, Smalls

8. **FINANCE**

- A. **Motion to approve the A/H Tax Committee Disbursement Recommendation in the amount of \$113,590 for FY 2022.**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Angner. Mr. Barfield explained the request of funds from the Georgetown High School basketball team was proposed at \$452 from the committee due to application issues, He said Council can approve, amend, or deny the recommendation of disbursement of funds. Discussions followed. Mayor Barber said the amount allocated to the Georgetown High School basketball team should be amended to \$1500.

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, Milton
ABSENT:	Humes, Smalls

- B. **Motion to ratify SC Parks and Recreation Development Fund (PARD) grant application, submitted August 9, 2021 in the amount of \$46,500 to complete improvements at the East Bay Park boat landing.**

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

- C. **Motion to approve payment to Motorola for services received by the Georgetown Police Department in the amount of \$34,299.18.**

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

9. **POLICE**

- A. **Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance amending chapter 16, Article XII of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown by replacing section 16-233 in its entirety regarding "Loitering."**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

- B. **Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 16, Article VI of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown adding section 16-111, "Noise Control."**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

C. Motion to approve the purchase and payment for one 2021 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD on State Contract.

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, Milton
ABSENT:	Humes, Smalls

10. ENGINEERING

A. Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Georgetown and The Nature Conservancy for the creation of a natural shoreline protection habitat in front of Morgan Park.

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

11. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to approve an Emergency Ordinance requiring individuals to wear face coverings or masks in city facilities.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

- B. Motion to approve the execution and delivery of the First Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement with Georgetown County School District, South Carolina; approving the execution and delivery of the First Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement with Georgetown County, South Carolina; and other matters relating thereto.**

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, Milton
ABSENT:	Humes, Smalls

- C. Motion to approve an Addendum to the October 2016 Goat Island Property Conveyance and Acceptance Agreement extending the Agreement to October 20, 2024.**

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice said the Litter Index was conducted on July 26 in residential and commercial areas of the city. She said the litter scoring is 1-4 with 1 being the least litter and 4 being the most litter. She stated the overall city wide score was 1.7 and pointed out the highest individual litter index was north of Highmarket Street with a score of 2.8. She said Maryville scored 1.1, West End scored 2, Historic District scored 1.1, and WillowBank & Country Club scored 1.3. Dr. Yúdice stated the city will continue litter pickups and trash can placement, enforce litter ordinances and clean commercial areas, resume education in the schools, and place no litter signs in high traffic areas. Dr. Yúdice said the next clean sweep will be in the Historic District

on September 20, 21, 27, 28 and in the Willowbank area on October 5 and 6. She said a detailed schedule will be published prior to these dates. Dr. Yúdice pointed out the new Open Carry Law that is included in the Police Department's monthly report and goes into effect August 15. Dr. Yúdice reported the first revenue generated from the TIF District for tax year 2020 was \$37,969. She stated this amount is earmarked to fund projects included in the TIF ordinance. She said no revenue was generated in tax year 2019 because the TIF ordinance was approved in April 2019 and no development occurred that year. She said we will need guidance from City Council on confirming or re-prioritizing the projects included in the TIF ordinance. Dr. Yúdice stated there was an issue on re-installation of Pump #2 at the old City Hall site. She said the high-pressure hydraulic oil hoses were installed incorrectly by the vendor, resulting in the pump failure on June 15. Dr. Yúdice stated our city attorney filed a notice of claim with the vendor and their insurance company. Dr. Yúdice introduced Mrs. Elise Crosby to give an update on the opioid litigation. Mrs. Crosby said in June 2018, city council voted to engage outside attorneys to represent the city to recoup losses as a result of the opioid abuse crisis. She said the agreement provided for a contingency fee only. She said the attorney recommends the city join a bankruptcy plan by affirmative vote or passive approval. Mrs. Crosby said the attorneys anticipate agreeing with the PEC's recommendation. She said the city's attorneys represent multiple local governments nationwide and they have come to the city with distribution settlement plans several times before and this is the third related to bankruptcy. Mrs. Crosby stated they have recommended the city approve the plan and will vote passive approval on September 3rd unless you vote to object.

13. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of July 15, 2021 Council Meeting.

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, Milton
ABSENT:	Humes, Smalls

14. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion requested by Council Members Carol Jayroe and Jonathan Angner regarding exploring consolidation of services with the county to generate savings, and potential action to authorize this.

Council Member Jayroe stated the city sent out a survey to residents between November 2020 and February 2021. She stated intergovernmental relations had the highest response from citizens and specifically requested the city and county work together to explore ideas to create efficiencies. Council Member Jayroe stated

this is not a request to reduce services or number of employees but to possibly cut costs. Council Member Jayroe requested for the city and county to have a conversation regarding this opportunity. Mayor Barber stated the Strategic Planning sessions that were held in 2019 are still in process. Mayor Barber said this will be included on the agenda at the next Council Meeting as an action item. Council Member Angner stated it would be to everyone's best interest to have the County and City Administrators to have a conversation to explore possible opportunities to save costs.

15. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Jayroe requested the Bailey Bill and the TIF ordinance be reviewed.

16. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

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

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

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

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, Milton
ABSENT:	Humes, Smalls

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 09/16/21