



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 18, 2022 – 5:30 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
2222 HIGHMARKET STREET
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA
AND LIVESTREAM:**

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**Notice of this meeting has been made in accordance with the
South Carolina Code of Laws as amended.**

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 Carol Jayroe
Council Member Jonathan Angner
Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements
Council Member Hobson H. Milton
Council Member Jimmy Morris
Council Member 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
Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Director of Finance
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mrs. Tammy Kinsley, Planning and Community Development Director
Mrs. Gladys Rutledge-Livingston, Interim Human Resources Director
Chief William Pierce, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent
Mr. Scott Whittier, Utilities & Public Works Director

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Carol Jayroe 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

Rev. Ross Chellis from Duncan Memorial Methodist Church rendered the invocation and Mr. Charles Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE TO SERVE REMAINDER OF TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2023.

A. Open Nominations

Mayor Jayroe opened the floor for nominations. Council Member Morris nominated Council Member Angner and Council Member Smalls nominated Council Member Milton to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. Council Member Angner declined the nomination for himself and nominated Council Member Clements.

B. Close Nominations

Mayor Jayroe closed the nominations.

Motion to approve Council Member Hobson H. Milton to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore for a term that will expire on December 31, 2023.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [2 TO 4]
AYES:	Milton, Smalls
NAYS:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe

Motion to approve Council Member Jim Clements to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore for a term that will expire on December 31, 2023.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 2]
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe
NAYS:	Milton, Smalls

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

None

6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mrs. Kinsley introduced Mr. Al Joseph as the Main Street Coordinator. Chief Pierce introduced Mr. Cedric Geathers as a Patrol Officer.

7. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance rezoning .39 acre parcel owned by Virgil Winn, Winn Holdings LLC, from the R1 District (Low Density Residential) to the GC District (General Commercial) and include the subject property within the boundary map of the Urban Core Overlay District (UCOD).

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Clements. Council Member Milton asked why the rezoning is being requested now and stated

for the record "I understand what they doing because the property beside it is zoned commercial."

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 1]	Next: 9/15/2022 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore	
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Smalls	
NAYS:	Milton	

- B. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance rezoning three parcels owned by Daniel Madison Floyd, Jr. from GC District (General Commercial) to the R1 District (Low Density Residential) and change the Boundary of the MCOB to include the entire parcel TMS- 05-0047-008-02-00.**

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 9/15/2022 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member	
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls	

- C. Motion to award contract for asbestos testing to Summit Engineering Laboratory, and Testing PC in an amount not to exceed \$28,380.00 under the West End Neighborhood Demolition CDBG grant Number: 4-CE-20-007.**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

8. FINANCE

- A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article II, "Business Licenses" of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown by replacing Article II in its entirety.**

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 9/15/2022 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jimmy Morris, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

9. POLICE

- A. Motion to approve payment to SOMA Global in two installments: the 1st payment is for \$53,164.00 and the 2nd payment is for \$9,876 to update the Police Department's Reporting and Operating Platform.**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

10. WATER UTILITIES

- A. Motion to approve purchases of (4) four 2022 Ford F150 pickup trucks from Vic Bailey Ford for the Water Department in the amount of \$122,852.00.**

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Jimmy Morris, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton
NAYS:	Smalls

11. ENGINEERING

- A. Motion to approve awarding a contract to Associates Roofing and Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$48,759 for the East Bay Park Boat Landing Improvements project.**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

- B. Motion to approve the Picnic Pavilion at East Bay Park conceptual plan as presented by Rosenblum Coe Architects during workshop meeting on June 25, 2020.**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

12. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

- A. Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$100,000.00 to Xylem Tree Experts for tree clearance contractor services for the Electric Department.**

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jimmy Morris, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

- B. Motion to approve purchase of one Ford F150 pickup truck from Vic Bailey Ford for the Electric Department in the amount of \$26,636.00.**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

13. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance setting a Special Election in the City of Georgetown, South Carolina on Tuesday, December 27, 2022 to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Pro Tempore Al Joseph.**

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 9/15/2022 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jimmy Morris, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

14. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice stated in June, she informed Council about efforts to continue addressing litter issues on our streets. She said we developed the "Adopt a Street" program through KGB and Ms. Cindy Thompson is leading these efforts. She stated we sent out flyers in the utility bills to reach out for volunteer organizations and we have received ten applications thus far. Dr. Yúdice stated we will continue to reach out to the community for volunteers and appreciate any assistance from Council members on getting the word out. Dr. Yúdice stated last week the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services provided information on how the opioid settlement funds may be invested. She stated Attorney General, Alan Wilson, worked with counties and 43 eligible municipalities to allocate more than \$360 million to South Carolina over the next 18 years. She stated 92% of the funds will be used to directly address the opioid crisis. Dr. Yúdice reported the city will receive 0.26% of the Guaranteed Political Subdivision Subfund but the exact amount is yet to be determined. She stated the funds must be spent on one or more of the approved opioid remediation strategies. Dr. Yúdice reported we awarded the Environmental Site Assessment Phase I to Terracon and they anticipate completing the report by August 30, 2022.

15. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of July 21 and July 28, 2022 Council Meetings.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Clements. Mayor Jayroe stated there is a matter that needs to be discussed after reviewing the July 21st meeting minutes that is up for consideration tonight. She stated "Council Member Milton is on the record after Executive Session and I am quoting verbatim "When we leave out that back, the decision was made that Donald Gilliard would be re-appointed. They had their little private meeting, it had to be two minutes after we walked out of there. That was not the decision we made in the back." Mayor Jayroe stated "I want to take a moment of personal privilege to clear up a couple of misconceptions. This Council does not take a vote in Executive Session. In the event there is any misconception by the public that this Council voted to take action in Executive Session, we did not. In the event there is any misconception that members of Council had a "secret meeting" after we left Executive Session, we did not. In fact, because the first vote we took filled the only open seat, Mr. Gilliard's application was brought to a vote as a courtesy." Mayor Jayroe stated "After I read the minutes, I debated how to address Mr. Milton's statement that a decision was made "in the back." We do not have a city ordinance on how to handle breaches of

confidentiality. The Municipal Association has recommended making it "unlawful for any member of Council to disclose a matter discussed in Executive Session." She said "This Council never wanted to go that far. However, if we believed it was important enough to close our meeting to discuss, it is important enough to point out that it is a breach of confidentiality for one of us to publish those discussions. I am the Mayor of this city and Mr. Milton is my fellow Councilmember. I am intentionally not offering a motion of Censure, but I want this to go on the record, for our citizens that Council did not make a board appointment in Executive Session and we did not hold a secret meeting after Executive Session. The open seat was filled by Council's vote after we reconvened. I would ask the Clerk to record my comments for the record." Mayor Jayroe stated she did not have any exceptions to the minutes.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 2]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe
NAYS:	Milton, Smalls

16. OLD BUSINESS

None

17. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Milton stated for the record "I know for a fact that we do not vote in the back, I did not say we vote in the back. I said we discuss in the back like we always do. Everyone knows we discuss in the back who we are going to put on the board before we come back up here and then we vote. I did not say we vote on it, I said we discuss it, agree on it, and then we come up here and they change it. I'm going to say it again, they had a private little meeting in the corner after we leave. We say people have to be qualified to serve on a board but what makes you qualified. Common sense, think and use common sense is what makes you qualified to serve on a board, not education."

18. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

Mayor Jayroe stated the department monthly reports are available for review in the agenda.

- A. July 2022 Electric Department Report**
- B. Engineering Monthly Report- July 2022**
- C. July 2022 Fire Report**
- D. July 2022 Fleet Service Report**
- E. GPD - Monthly report July**
- F. Human Resources/Risk Management Monthly Report**
- G. July 2022 Municipal Court Report**
- H. Planning & Community Development 2022**

- I. July 2022 Public Works Department Report
- J. July 2022 Water Utilities Report
- K. July 2022 Monthly Finance and IT Reports

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) and (5) to discuss potential, proposed purchase of property for the Electric Department, to receive an update on pending cases 2022-CP-22-420 and 2019-CP-22-0583, and to discuss appointments/reappointments for the City's Boards and Commissions.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Jimmy Morris, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

Executive Session adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:50pm.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

Motion to authorize the City's Administrator and Attorneys to negotiate and execute a purchase/sale agreement and close the purchase of property described therein for relocation of Public Works, the Electric Department, and Fleet Services

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

20. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint Mr. Graham Osteen and Mr. Glenn Roberts to the Planning Commission.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 2]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe
NAYS:	Milton, Smalls

21. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CITY SERVICES, BUSINESS, OR OTHER CITY MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

22. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 10/20/22