



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 15, 2019 – 5:30 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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 Sheldon A. Butts
Council Member Tupelo Humes
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Carey F. Smith, Interim City Administrator
Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mrs. Suzanne Anderson, HR Manager
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Director of Finance
Mr. Tim Chatman, Streets and Sanitation Manager
Mr. Will Gunter, Water Utilities Director
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Ms. Angela Rambeau, Director of Planning and Community Development
Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Mr. Ali Akhyari
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 5:30p.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. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Butts rendered the invocation. Council Member Joseph led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Barber opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting and recognized Minister Willie. Minister Willie addressed Mayor and Council to speak about manufactured homes in the West End. Minister Willie stated he is not asking for Mayor and Council to vote in either direction, he asked for them to vote to know where each one stands in regards to the West End and that issue. He also requested that the title "West End" be removed from the TIF for the West End Redevelopment out of respect for the community. Minister Willie stated they requested Alex Alford Street be included in the TIF but it was not included. Minister Willie stated that the West End Redevelopment was just a theory over the last ten years. He said the condemnation process was not being done properly by the City. Mayor Barber requested a meeting be setup with Minister Willie, Dr. Sandra Yudice, City Administrator, and the City Planning Director.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mr. Carey Smith introduced Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice as the new City Administrator.

6. PROCLAMATION

A. Motion to approve Proclamation proclaiming September 2019 as Airbag Recall Repair Month.

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, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

7. PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance rezoning 13.96 acres of land, owned by the City of Georgetown, from Public Service (PS) to Limited Industrial (LI).

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 9/19/2019 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

- B. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 20, Article X, City Maritime Mooring Field, Boats, and Abandoned Vessels 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: 9/19/2019 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

8. POLICE DEPARTMENT

- A. Motion to approve service agreement and payment to Saint Frances Animal Center in the amount of \$75,000 for fiscal year 2019-2020.**

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

9. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

- A. Motion to Approve General Consulting Agreement with Coastal Structures**

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

10. WATER DEPARTMENT

- A. Motion to accept proposal and allow staff to enter into contract with McKim & Creed for the year three upgrades of the existing SCADA system for the not to exceed amount of \$160,000.00**

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

- B. Motion to approve first reading to Amend the Pretreatment Ordinance to reflect updates as required by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control as a condition of the City's 2019 NPDES Wastewater Permit.**

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 9/19/2019 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

11. ENGINEERING

- A. Motion to approve resolution authorizing SCDOT to proceed with Black River Road Widening project.**

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:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

12. ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

- A. Motion to Approve first reading of an ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 Articles II "Compensation Of Members" And III "Compensation of Mayor" Of The Code Of Ordinances For The City Of Georgetown.**

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Butts. Council Member Jayroe stated that for the first time Council approved a balanced budget but if this is approved we will no longer have a balanced budget and she is not in favor

of an increase to compensation. Council Member Joseph stated that he cannot support an increase in compensation. Council Member Butts stated that it takes a leader more time than attending one meeting and one workshop a month to lead people. He said Georgetown does not fit in the same category as other cities for compensation. Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley stated the sacrifice elected officials make for their time is out of love for Georgetown and wanting to see something positive happen. He also said the small increase in compensation is deserving and justified. Mayor Barber stated the data and research that was done by staff supports a fair compensation increase and nothing extravagant. He stated the time spent working not only in the City but with the County and other State legislation that this an appropriate time for this to be decided.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 3]	Next: 9/19/2019 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore	
SECONDER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member	
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Humes	
NAYS:	Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls	

13. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Sandra Yúdice reported the City received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the twenty ninth year in a row. Dr. Yúdice recognized Mrs. Debra Bivens, City Finance Director, for her leadership and her staff in achieving this Certificate. Mr. Carey Smith gave an update on the new City Hall and stated that reviewing financing options has been the focus. This item will be on the agenda at the next workshop on August 22, 2019 to keep this process moving. Mr. Smith stated on September 9, 2019 the credit card usage fees will be in effect. The fee will be 2.75% for Utility customers and 2.9% for other City customers. By passing on the credit card fees to customers, the City will save \$53,000 annually. Mr. Smith said an action item requiring Council to vote will be on the August 22, 2019 City Council Special Meeting/Workshop Agenda to receive Grant funds for Fire equipment and new Fire Truck. Mr. Smith stated Lee Electrical will begin contract work for service improvements downtown in September. He said this project will also satisfy the needs for the new hotel development and they are planning to begin construction during the first quarter of 2020.

14. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from Council Meetings dated June 20 and June 27, 2019.

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

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, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

15. OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley stated concern for the need of an ordinance to determine the depth of a drain pond. He said when a pond overflows it stops the flow of water and results in street flooding and creates traffic problems. Council Member Butts stated concern with patches that SCDOT put down to repair pot holes on the bridge going to Maryville. Council Member Butts requested if the City can demand a more permanent fix from SCDOT on this heavy traffic area bridge because of the danger and potential accident that may happen. Council Member Butts asked for an update on the paint project for the water tank that is by the Maryville bridge. Mr. Smith commented that staff is reviewing color options and then they will move forward with getting it painted. Council Member Butts said there is still safety concern with traffic when the fire trucks are leaving the new fire station in Maryville. He said that when the lights and sirens are going off as they leave the station, traffic does not yield or slow down. Mr. Smith said staff has spoke with SCDOT and they are considering putting up a flashing yellow light by the station. The City has requested a traffic signal and agreed to pay for it. Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley requested an update for a traffic light at the Highmarket and Lafayette Streets intersection. Mr. Smith stated Police Chief Kelvin Waites has put together a task group and has spoke to SCDOT to keep the project moving forward. He said training has started for the new School Guards. Mayor Barber stated State Representative Carl Anderson has been informed of the request and has offered support for the City to get approval of a traffic light at that intersection.

16. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

17. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

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

- A. July 2019 Municipal Court Report**
- B. July 2019 Electric Utility Department Report**
- C. July 2019 Engineering Monthly Report**
- D. July 2019 Fire Report**
- E. July 2019 Fleet service Report**
- F. July 2019 Housing & Community Development Report**
- G. July 2019 Monthly Report**

- H. July 2019 Public Works Department Report
- I. July 2019 Water Utilities Monthly Report
- J. July 2019 Finance and IT Departments Report

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1)(2) to discuss appointments to Community Appearance Board, Construction Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, and ARB and to discuss the DMO contract with the Chamber.

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, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

Executive Session was adjourned and the Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:05pm.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

19. FINANCE

- A. **Motion to Approve Memorandum of Understanding naming Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce as the City's Designated Marketing Organization for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.**

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

20. APPOINTMENTS

- A. Motion to reappoint Ms. Debra Smalls to the Architectural Review Board, Mr. Winfred Pieterese to the Planning Commission, Mr. Zannie Graham to the Construction Board of Appeals, and Ms. Sharon Jones to the Community Appearance Board.**

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

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, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

21. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting of City Council.**

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

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, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

The Regular Meeting of City Council adjourned at 7:08pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 10/17/19