



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
JULY 15, 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 Tupelo Humes
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Hobson H. Milton
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
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Will Gunter, Water Utilities Director
Mr. Christopher Inglese, Planning and Community Development Director
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Mrs. Gladys Rutledge-Livingston, Human Resources Director
Deputy Chief William Pierce, Georgetown Police Department
Ms. Natrona Simmons, Public Works Manager

ABSENT

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 5:30pm 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 Pro Tempore Smalls rendered the invocation and Council Member Joseph led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Barber recognized Mr. Marvin Neal. Mr. Neal introduced himself as the President of the Local Chapter of the NAACP and stated concern over several newspaper articles that spoke about revitalizing the West End of Georgetown. Mr. Neal said he attended meetings regarding redeveloping the West End in 2017 and still believes that it is a great plan but the newspaper articles state realtors will work on the redevelopment plan and he does not believe this is a great plan. He said he is concerned with the price it will cost the citizens and the city for realtors to be in charge of the redevelopment. Mr. Neal said citizens should be asked what revitalizations they need rather than be told what revitalizations will happen by realtors.

Mayor Barber recognized Mr. Wesley Gibson. Mr. Gibson said he is speaking on behalf of Citizens for Progress. Mr. Gibson said he is bothered by meeting agenda item 11. He said he does not understand why the city is considering selling the Electric Department building instead of focusing on getting a new City Hall. Mr. Gibson said the current Electric Department building is functional and does not understand why the city would want to have to find a piece of property and rebuild. Mr. Gibson said if the city does want to sell the property they should get fair market value. Mr. Gibson said revitalization needs to happen in the West End but not by realtors.

Mayor Barber recognized Mr. Sheldon Butts. Mr. Butts said he is tired of talking about the West End and said it is time to act on something that is beneficial for the citizens of the West End and not for people with large bank accounts and who have large properties. Mr. Butts said the West End is no longer thriving like it used to be twenty years ago. He said the leadership over the city has failed for the past eighteen years. Mr. Butts said we cannot just build up certain areas such as downtown, Willowbank, and Maryville hoping that they will be the prop to hold the city together and leave out the West End. Mr. Butts referenced several plans that were developed for the West End in the past but nothing was done. He said something needs to be done now in the West End.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Mary Ann Mackey. Ms. Mackey introduced herself with the NAACP and stated concern regarding articles that state the city has a partnership with the National Association of Realtors. Ms. Mackey questioned if it is true and when and if the public was given an opportunity to provide input. Ms. Mackey said citizens would not be as concerned if they understood more about the project and if the city would be more transparent regarding it.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Jackie Williams. Ms. Williams stated she wanted to speak about the proposed revitalization plan on the West End that she read about in

the newspaper. Ms. Williams wondered if everyone on Council knew about this project and asked when the constituents would be informed. Ms. Williams said the citizens of the West End were never asked if they wanted this project and now it is being shoved down their throat. She said the city should be handling the project and not a realtors association. Ms. Williams said this is not a solution and it is passing the buck.

Mayor Barber recognized Brother Willie. Brother Willie stated a professor from the Realtor Association will be speaking to him regarding the revitalization plan on the West End. Brother Willie stated concern regarding turning over some of the city services over to the county. He said if the county would take over the electric department, city employees would lose their job.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Ms. Simmons introduced Mr. Todrick Sumpter as a Maintenance Specialist and Mr. John Barr as a Sanitation Work for the Public Works Department.

Mayor Barber recognized Council Member Al Joseph for serving five years on City Council and Mayor Pro Tempore Clarence C. Smalls for serving twenty five years on City Council.

6. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to Approve second reading of an Ordinance Rezoning Approximately 28.97 Acres, Owned by 711 Partners, LLC, Located at 3201 South Fraser Street, from General Commercial & Limited Industrial (GC & LI) to Residential (R4).

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

B. Motion to approve a Resolution committing the City of Georgetown, SC to Providing a Program Fee for the MASC Retail Recruitment Training Program in Partnership with the Retail Coach if the City is Accepted into the Program and Supporting the City's Application Thereto.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

7. POLICE

- A. Motion to approve first 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:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 8/19/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

- B. Motion to approve first 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:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 8/19/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

8. ENGINEERING

- A. Motion to (1) ratify the submission of the Intent to Apply form for a South Carolina Community Development Block Grant Program under the CARES Act for the Bobby Alford Building renovations project in the amount of \$608,200, which includes a non-required match of \$150,000 budgeted in FY 2022; (2) approve the submission of the final State CDBG CARES Act Coronavirus Funding (CDBG-CV1) grant application contingent upon receiving approval on the Intent to Apply form from the State of South Carolina; and (3) to enter into an agreement with the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments to administer the grant should the application be approved.**

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

- B. Motion to approve construction bid from Palmetto Corp. and to make payments in the amount of \$66,570.00 for the asphalt resurfacing work at the Orange Street parking lot. The work will be performed in accordance with Request for Bid (RFB) document dated 4/15/2021 and Bid dated 6/30/2021. Work is anticipated to start after Labor Day weekend.**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Angner. Council Member Milton stated for the record "We started with spending \$65,000 on a transformer and then \$10,000 on the drainage, and then you come back with \$66,000 for the asphalt work, that is \$140,000 spent on the Orange Street parking area."

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls
NAYS:	Milton

9. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

- A. Motion to Approve Purchase Order and Payment to Ricky's Tree Service of Manning SC in the Amount of \$100,000.00 for Tree Clearance Contractor Services.**

Council Member Joseph moved to table this motion until the next meeting when we receive more information. Council Member Milton seconded.

Mayor Barber requested a list of hot spots in the city of where the tree work will be done. Mr. Loveless said the longer we wait to approve this payment, the less we will be prepared for hurricane season.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 8/11/2021 4:00 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member	
AYES:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls	

B. Motion to Approve Purchase Order and Payment in the Amount of \$430,000.00 to Sumter Utilities for Distribution Line Contractor Services.

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Angner. Dr. Yúdice confirmed this is for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Council Member Milton said for the record "I'm not saying there is not a need for outside labor and like Mr. Joseph said, He did cut back \$50,000 from last year, but we aren't going to pay \$400,000 every year and I'm only asking to keep us down as much as possible and use more in house labor."

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

10. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance to approve a contract for the sale of public land, Electric Operation Complex at 800 Church Street, to include the terms contained in Ex.1 and to authorize the City Administrator to execute the contract and deed.

Council Member Angner moved to table this motion for two weeks when more information is received. Council Member Milton seconded. Mayor Barber said more information and answers are needed in order to move forward and asked Dr. Yúdice when she would have more information for Council, specifically a proposed relocation area for the Electric Department. Dr. Yúdice responded that she is supposed to have more information in two weeks and will pass it on to Council.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 8/11/2021 4:00 PM
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member	
AYES:	Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls	

B. Motion to authorize the City Administrator to sign an addendum to the 1996 Lease agreement with the Georgetown Housing Authority on the 2104 Lincoln Street property.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

11. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice stated the pump at the old city hall site is back in operation and running normal. She said as of today, the state has not requested funds for us in regards to The American Rescue Plan. She stated the city falls under non entitlement local government because the city has under 50,000 residents. Dr. Yúdice stated In order to receive funds, the state has to submit their requests first. She said the Municipal Association of South Carolina is working with legislation on getting these requests processed.

12. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of June 17, 2021 Council Meeting.

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

13. OLD BUSINESS

None

14. NEW 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 Angner said he and Council Member Jayroe would like to extend out an olive branch to the county or form a committee to look at what both the city and county are both doing and see if there are any cost savings opportunities. Council Member Angner said we are asking for support on initiating dialogue with the county to see if there is anything we are both doing that could save taxpayers money. Council Member Angner said department heads and administrators for both the city and county could have these conversations. Council Member Jayroe said in the eight years she has been on Council, there has never been a conversation between the city and county regarding this matter. She said for example, the city just paid thousands of dollars to do a Human Resources study and that may have

been an expense we could have shared with the county. Council Member Jayroe suggested we could conduct city council meetings at the county council chamber. Discussions followed.

15. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

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

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

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1)(2) to discuss appointments/reappointments for the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals and to receive a quarterly legal update from the City Attorney on pending and adjudicated cases since last update.

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

Executive Session adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:30pm.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

17. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint Ms. Tamika Genise Obeng to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Mr. Glenn Roberts to the Planning Commission.

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, Humes, Milton, Smalls

18. Motion to waive conflict to the extent necessary for the City Attorney to negotiate with the Georgetown Housing Authority regarding the 2104 Lincoln Street property.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

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, Humes, Milton, Smalls

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 08/19/21