REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
JULY 13, 2017 – 5:30 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Notice of this meeting has been made in accordance with the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Mayor Jack M. Scoville, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tempore Brendon M. Barber, Sr.
Council Member Sheldon A. Butts
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Edward S. Kimbrough, Jr.
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

ALSO PRESENT
Mr. Paul A. Gardner, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk
Miss Suzanne Abed-El-Latif, HR Manager
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Director of Finance
Mr. Tim Chatman, Streets and Sanitation Manager
Mr. Will Cook, Water Utilities Director
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Major Johnnie Deas, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Mr. Rick Martin, Building Official/Zoning Administrator
Mrs. Gloria Bromell-Tinubu, Economic Development Director

ABSENT
Mr. Glen Dixon, Fleet Superintendent
Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department

MEDIA
Georgetown Times - Mr. David Purtell
GAB News - Mr. Scott Harper

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Jack M. Scoville, Jr. called the Regular Meeting of City Council to order at 5:30 PM and requested all cell phones or electronic devices be turned off or placed on mute so as to not interrupt the meeting.

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Carol Jayroe rendered the invocation. Mayor Scoville led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Scoville announced nine individuals have signed up to speak during Public Comments and read the following procedures for this section of the meeting. *It is expected that all persons attending a meeting of city council will be honorable and conduct themselves with courtesy for other individuals. In the event a person displays disruptive behavior, the mayor or presiding officer shall warn the person to refrain from such behavior. If the person continues to behave in a disruptive manner, the Mayor shall order the person removed from the meeting. Disruptive behavior includes, but is not limited to: ignoring the time limits established for speaking, ignoring rules established regarding filming/video and audio taping of the meeting, engaging in personal verbal attacks or speaking without being recognized by the presiding officer.*

Public Comments allows 30 minutes; therefore, Mayor Scoville opened the Public Comments and stated each person will have a maximum of 4 minutes. He recognized Mr. Jim Moody. Mr. Moody (Pyatt Street in Country Club Estates) addressed City Council and urged them to deny the rezoning request by Dr. Miller (Item 8A). He stated the 100 foot buffer strip between this property and his does not reduce the noise or light pollution from commercial areas close by.

Mayor Scoville recognized Mr. Bob Martin. Mr. Martin (Pyatt Street in Country Club Estates) stated he has lived in the neighborhood for 34 years. He said the traffic on 701 is very busy and it is difficult to pull on to this road from Pyatt Street and any additional commercial buildings will increase the traffic. He encouraged Council to deny the request.

Mayor Scoville recognized Mr. Kevin Jayroe. Mr. Jayroe addressed City Council concerning the location of the gazebo donated by the Georgetown Lions Club (Item 13A). He is a member of the Architectural Review Board and their mission is to uphold the Design Guidelines of the District. This was brought before the Board as a conceptual; no action was taken. He expressed his respect for the Lions Club and the gift but stated Francis Marion Park is not the proper location for the gazebo. He said it would be much better fitted somewhere like East Bay Park.

Mayor Scoville recognized Mr. Dan Stacy. Mr. Stacy addressed City Council on behalf of Magnolia Commons and Dr. Miller concerning Agenda Item 8A. A request was brought before the Planning Commission in May to potentially rezone a piece of property owned by Dr. Miller that had been previously zoned Conservation Preservation. A large turnout of Country Club residents was opposed to the rezoning. The request was withdrawn and in June a proposal to rezone the Planned Development to General

Commercial leaving the 100 foot buffer zone in tact in its Conservation Preservation state was presented. Mr. Stacy provided a map to Council outlining offices and stores surrounding the site. He thanked Council for their consideration and offered to answer any questions when the item is discussed.

Mayor Scoville recognized Mr. Andy Friedman. Mr. Friedman addressed City Council on behalf of the Lions Club and thanked them for consideration of allowing them the proposal to donate the gazebo to the City which meets one of their objectives in fulfilling the community requirement as part of the Lions Club 100 year anniversary legacy project. The Club was excited when the suggestion was made to consider a gazebo in Francis Marion Park. He said this is a well utilized location and the gazebo would be located near the back of the Park and could replace temporary tents set up for events. This would leave space in front of the gazebo for large tents. The Lions Club has voted to do this project in Francis Marion Park. Should Council welcome the idea of the donation but not in that location it would have to be presented to the Club. If that be the case, he requested they receive direction on why the City may want another location and would it be utilized in the same manner. The Club's desire is for the gazebo to be used and not recognized as something pretty that isn't used.

Mayor Scoville recognized Mr. Nolan Lundy. Mr. Lundy (716 Huger Drive in Country Club Estates) addressed City Council concerning Item 8A. The neighborhood is quiet with no thru-traffic. He asked Council to consider the residents who live there and are opposed to this rezoning.

Mayor Scoville recognized Mr. Paige Sawyer. Mr. Sawyer said the Russel Wright Plan was developed in the early 70's in an effort to make Georgetown more attractive for visitors and tourists and have the waterfront available and accessible to the people. Later Clemson University brought a group to Georgetown that agreed: make Georgetown more pedestrian friendly, open up the waterfront, create a harborwalk and it will attract visitors. He noted what Mayor Joe Riley said at Howard Auditorium about Georgetown; open up the waterfront, create a park were the steel mill is located and it will attract people. In the 80's the City followed some of the plans. Mr. Sawyer feels the gazebo will create an obstacle in Francis Marion Park and suggested Council take the Lion's Club generous gift they are offering and place the gazebo in another location.

Mayor Scoville recognized Mr. David Jayroe. Mr. Jayroe (904 Pyatt Street in Country Club Estates) addressed City Council concerning Item 8A. He stated the Pyatt Street exit onto 701 is one of the main exits out of the neighborhood and expressed concerns with the current traffic flow as well as the increased amount of traffic if this rezoning is approved.

Mayor Scoville recognized Mr. Jerry Miller. Mr. Miller provided pictures of Francis Marion Park with a tent that was temporarily erected for a concert. He stated the size and mass of the proposed gazebo will change the focus of the Park from Georgetown and the waterfront to the gazebo. He suggested either East Bay Park or Carroll Campbell Park would be a wonderful place to locate the gazebo.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES/EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Fire Chief Charlie Cribb introduced Firefighter Charles McGirt. Mr. McGirt graduated from Georgetown High School in 2013 and lives in Georgetown. He will attend the Fire Academy for 8 weeks beginning August 6th.

Mr. Will Cook recognized his entire department. On June 7th a 20 inch sewer force main that travels from City Hall (120 N Fraser St.) to the Wastewater Plant on Ridge Street experienced a significant leak at the corner of Front and Seaboard Streets. He said all crews came together and worked for 16 hours to repair the leak.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Certificate to City from Muscular Dystrophy Association

Mayor Scoville announced presentation of a Certificate to the City from Muscular Dystrophy Association has been continued due to illness of the presenter.

B. Richard C. Campbell Award

Fire Chief Charlie Cribb stated the Richard S. Campbell Award recognizes fire departments for excellence in public fire safety education. The award is granted by the South Carolina State Association of Fire Chiefs and is presented annually at the South Carolina Fire Rescue Conference. The purpose of the award is to recognize the fire service commitment and dedication to public education in fire and life safety for the citizens of South Carolina. An independent panel of professional educators judge the submitted applications and five winners are chosen based upon their type of department and population. Applications are judged on innovation, creativity, program evaluation, planning, implementation, community support, media involvement and program strategy. Chief Cribb offered Mayor Scoville the 2017 Richard S. Campbell Award for Excellence in Public Fire Safety Education that was presented to the Georgetown City Fire Department. He thanked City Council for their support.

6. MARTY TENNANT - AZAR OPINION

Mayor Scoville stated Item 6 has been withdrawn.

7. FINANCE

A. Motion to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Imposition of a Transfer Policy of Funds from the Enterprise Funds to the General Fund.

Council Member Kimbrough moved, seconded by Council Member Butts. Mrs. Debra Bivens stated this was discussed in depth at the last workshop. She recognized Mr. Lawrence Flynn, the City's Bond Attorney, who summarized the Transfer Policy. He said the Azar vs City of Columbia case, argued the annual transfer of funds from their Enterprise Fund to their General Fund was an illegal transfer. He explained when the City adopted the most receipt annual budget specific findings of fact were made stating there are surplus revenues available. Being the underlying body, City Council makes decisions on how to budget for the utility system long term. A surplus transfer is made from the Enterprise Fund to the General Fund. Historically the rule of thumb was approximately 5 to 10% of excess revenues was transferred back to the General Fund and is a validated transfer. Based on the City's number, about 8% is transferred. It is the intent of the City to establish an arrangement that provides for a predictable, reliable and mutually acceptable distribution of costs owed to the General Fund from the Enterprise Funds. The proposed Transfer Policy consists of three separate factors to validate the transfers. **1) Cost of Service Allocation.** The City shall budget annually, based on the City's review of the costs incurred by the General Fund to support the operations of the Enterprise Fund, a cost of services allocation for the benefit of the Enterprise Fund. This allocation is based on cost from the following General Fund Departments: Administration, Finance, IT and General Government. The cost of services allocation assumes that the System is an outside, third-party contractor, which is independent of the City and its General Fund operations. The methodology used to determine cost of services shall be based on personnel time of city staff, building usage, actual material costs and services provided. **2) Operations Fees**. The City shall budget annually a service fee that equals the fee that would have been paid by the Enterprise Funds had services of the System been provided by a private, investor-owned utility. The operations fee shall be calculated by multiplying all revenues of the system made within the City's corporate boundaries by 5%. **3) Payment in Lieu of Taxes.** The City shall budget annually a payment in lieu of taxes that approximates the amount of ad valorem taxes that would have been paid had services of the System been provided by a private, investor-owned utility. The payment in lieu of taxes shall be calculated by multiplying the total capital assets of the System, as reported in the City's most recent audited financial statements, by 10.5%, or any other appropriate assessment ratio, and then by the then-applicable city-wide tax rate. The resulting product shall be multiplied by the estimated percentage of fixed assets of the System that are located within the City's corporate boundaries. Mr. Lawrence stated these three factors combined are very close to the historic number transferred back and forth. This is an absolute way to validate this is surplus money the City had decided to spend and also is an appropriate basis because it is an expense of the Utility System.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
SECONDER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

B. Motion to approve the Accommodations & Hospitality Tax Committee funding distributions to eight (8) applicants totaling $92,169.

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Mrs. Bivens listed the Committee's recommendation: Atlantis Design for Historic Georgetown website $3,162 HTAX; Friends of the Kaminski House for wedding destination and showcase $10,225 ATAX; Georgetown Bridge2Bridge Run Committee/Friendship Place Historic Georgetown Bridge2Bridge Run $16,838 HTAX; Georgetown Bulldog

Booster Club International Paper Baseball Classic $5,830 ATAX; Georgetown Business Association Music in the Park $12,775 ATAX and The Great Eclipse of 2017 $3,323 ATAX; Georgetown County Museum promotional campaign $4,280 ATAX; Harbor Historical Association 28th annual Wooden Boat Show $15,966 ATAX, SC Maritime Museum website, promotions and exhibits $13,270 ATAX and waterfront park deck $5,000 ATAX; and Winyah Auditorium website $1,500 ATAX.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

8. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance rezoning approximately 2.42 acres located on North Fraser Street, owned by Magnolia Commons LLC, from Planned Development (PD) to General Commercial (GC).

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Mr. Rick Martin stated on June 27th Dr. Johnny Miller requested the Planning Commission approve his request to rezone approximately 2.42 acres located on North Fraser Street owned by Magnolia Commons LLC from Planned Development to General Commercial to allow more uses. The Planning Commission heard a motion to deny which failed on a 3-2 vote. The motion to approve rezoning also failed on a 3-2 vote. This now comes before City Council. Council Member Butts stated he attended the Planning Commission meeting and the residents of the area have valid, real, genuine concerns that they choose not to live with. He believes if the area in question is rezoned, would hinder, will block, will cause strife within the community that has been developed for years. He hopes Council will consider the concerns of the citizens before voting to rezone. Mayor Pro Tempore Barber recalled the previous rezoning several years ago, and said an agreement was reached with the understanding Dr. Miller would meet with the representatives of the community if a commercial business expressed an interest in locating on the property. He supports the residents of the community, not hindering Dr. Miller from developing, but encouraging a relationship be established to move forward. At this time he is not in favor of rezoning.

Council Member Kimbrough called for the vote.

RESULT:	**DEFEATED [0 TO 7]**
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
NAYS:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

B. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance annexing 2.61 acres of land into the corporate limits of the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. Mr. Martin stated approval of this ordinance will qualify the property as a PD. Council Member Butts asked about public access to the Planned Development. Mr. Martin said this will be a private development. The current plan is for approximately 15 small residential buildings each with its own dock and boat slip. This plan is subject to change. There will be a commercial building on site.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

C. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance to rezone approximately 10.47 acres owned by 711 Partners LLC, located on Hwy 17 North adjacent to the Black River Bridge, from General Commercial (GC) to Planned Development (PD).

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

D. Motion to adopt the multi-jurisdictional Program for Public Information (PPI) document as part of the City of Georgetown's floodplain management Credit Rating System (CRS), derived by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Mayor Pro Tempore Barber moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. Mr. Matt Millwood explained this PPI document was developed between the City, Georgetown County and Pawleys Island. It will guide in extra activities that the floodplain manager and CRS Coordinator must complete in order to retain our flood insurance credit rating for the City. The City currently has a CRS credit rating of 7. We hope this document along with other mitigation activities and public outreach projects will help lower the rating to 6. Adoption of this document is required in the 7 step process for Developing a PPI Document in the CRS Coordinators Manual.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

9. POLICE

A. Motion to approve service agreement and payment to the Saint Frances Animal Center in the amount of $75,000.00 for fiscal year 2017-2018.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Major Johnnie Deas presented this service agreement between the City of Georgetown and Saint Frances Animal Center for approval. This is an annual agreement and was discussed at the budget retreat and updated in March. Council Member Butts thanked staff for negotiating the amount that would benefit both parties and take care of the overall problems of the animals at the Center.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

10. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

A. Motion to approve Contract with Coastal Structures for Construction of Peak Shaving Plant and Payment in the Amount of $1,756,000.00.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. Mr. Alan Loveless stated seven proposals were received for construction. The low bid was offered by FBi Construction of Florence. Coastal Structures offered a bid about 3% higher than FBi. UTEC, the City's engineering consultant, evaluated the firms and determined both companies to be qualified to perform the work. In accordance with the recently enacted local vendor preference ordinance, Coastal Structures exercised their right as a local vendor to match the low bid of $1,756,000. Staff's recommendation is to award the project to them. Supporting documentation is provided in the agenda packet. Mayor Scoville stated this will save our customers money from Santee Cooper rates and provide full backup power to the wastewater plant in the event of an emergency outage. Council Member Kimbrough asked about the targeted savings per year. Mr. Loveless said the current savings is $650,000; however, Santee Cooper has applied for a rate increase that will take place later this year. By contract our demand rate is locked until October 2018. Council Member Smalls asked for an explanation of the cost. Mr. Loveless stated the project as a whole includes the building, a control room with sophisticated equipment to operate the generation, and a substation that ties the generated power back into our distribution system. The automatic backup power for the wastewater plant added several hundred thousand dollars to the project. Council Member Jayroe explained to those in attendance the action Council took to consider vendor preference to businesses in Georgetown County. Council Member Butts said he researched and found there are some municipalities that are using solar power for peak shaving. He asked for due diligence going forward to look for viable options for a greener, cleaner society. Mr. Loveless said as battery technology improves solar generation will become more viable for peak shaving.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

B. Motion to approve Purchase Order and Payment to Sumter Utilities in the Amount of $360,000 for Distribution Construction Services.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. The City has used Sumter Utilities in recent years to assist with system upgrades involving primary voltage work that is too large for our crews to handle or requires equipment that we do not have. It continues to be necessary to fund these upgrades on an annual basis because there are many sections of our distribution system that are very old and in poor condition. This work will help us maintain a safe and reliable distribution system. The work was advertised for bidding in the fall of 2016 and Sumter Utilities was the only bid received. The same pricing remains in effect until November 2017; the amount of $360,000 represents two crews through October. Sumter will then inform us if there will be a price increase for 2018 and we will evaluate our options at that time.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

11. WATER UTILITIES

A. Motion to approve purchase and payment to Christopher Trucks for a Freightliner Dump Truck in the amount of $103,472.00.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Mr. Will Cook stated this truck is for the Water Distribution crew and will replace a 1992 model year dump truck, which will be sold.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

12. ENGINEERING

A. Motion to engage AECOM as the engineer of record to provide engineering services for the Historic District Water System Improvements and approve payment in the amount of $63,200. The project consists in the replacement of approximately 8,700 linear feet of 6-in. and 10-in. water mains in the City's Historic District.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Mr. Orlando Arteaga stated AECOM was involved in the original preparation of design documents for this project. A decision was made to place a hold on the project at that time. This cost includes an update of the original documents prepared in 2012, permitting, bidding, construction administration and observations. This will improve the water pressure, not the drainage. Council Member Butts asked if this will add extra strain in areas with the smaller 2 inch pipes. Mr. Arteaga said he has not received complaints from areas where the 2 inch pipes are located. The project addresses the aging infrastructure.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

B. Motion to engage AECOM as the engineer of record to provide professional engineering services for the rehabilitation of the West End Sewer System and approve payment for a not to exceed amount of $210,500. System consists of approximately 40,000 feet of sewer mains which will be under study to identify deficiencies and prepare recommendations for sewer system rehabilitation.

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. AECOM prepared a preliminary engineering report in 2012 and is familiar with the project tasks. This will address the aging infrastructure by conducting a sewer system evaluation, surveying, testing, inspecting, technical recommendations, and preliminary engineering report. This was a dormant project as well. The engineering study will help us to coordinate with CDBG and the State Revolving Fund for financing for construction.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

C. Motion to approve bid for construction of boat trailer parking lot at East Bay Park and to make payment to Gaster's Grading Co. Inc. for a not to exceed amount of $593,250.00.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. The City received four proposals for this project and Gaster's Grading was the lowest qualified bid. The contractor will have 100 days from Notice to Proceed to complete the project. There are no plans to close the boat ramp; however, parking for the boaters will be restricted and notices will be posted.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

13. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to Approve Location of Gazebo to be donated by the Georgetown Lions Club in Honor of its Centennial Year as an Organization Serving the Community

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Butts. Mr. Paul Gardner thanked the Lions Club for their very generous offer to the City. The original intent was to locate the gazebo in Francis Marion Park to be used for special events. This was discussed at a workshop giving consideration to other parks as well. The matter before Council tonight is to consider whether or not to locate the gazebo in Francis Marion Park. The ARB is not in favor of this location. The Lions Club will look for guidance from Council if their vote opposes the location, in order to report back to their members on how to proceed. Mr. Gardner stated the motion was worded in such a manner that a decision could be made and give the Lions Club guidance. Council Member Kimbrough said it appears the Lions Club wants Francis Marion Park as the location; therefore, the first thing to decide as a Council is whether to approve that location. Conversations should follow at a later day to find an alternative location. Mayor Pro Tempore Barber said if Francis Marion Park is left as a transitional park it speaks for itself. The view incorporates industry, fishing, the boardwalk and buildings. Although he is in favor of Francis Marion Park, Council Member Joseph said based on overwhelming public opinion along with the temperature of Council, it is obvious that Park will not be the location. That being the case, he asked that Council give the Lions Club specific and detailed information. They do not want to spend the money on a gazebo that will be put in a park to deteriorate. Council Member Butts said the gift from the Lions Club is to the City of

Georgetown. Much thought was given in the decision to locate the gazebo in Francis Marion Park. He agrees with Council Member Joseph if the gazebo is not placed in Francis Marion Park where it will not hinder the natural backdrops, placement in another park would be a disservice to the Lions Club. Council Member Jayroe said the City is preparing to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on East Bay Park and the gazebo would be a perfect anchor. "Rainey Park and Francis Marion Park are historical parks. A bright structure in the middle of them is not aesthetically pleasing." This could be a centerpiece for East Bay Park we could build around and people could enjoy. Mayor Scoville agreed with Mrs. Jayroe. Upcoming plans for East Bay Park will substantially increase its use by our residents and visitors. In a larger space, there would be 360 degree views from the gazebo.

Mayor Scoville moved to add to the pending motion an amendment that the motion be specific to the approval of the gazebo location at Francis Marion Park, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Barber.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**DEFEATED [2 TO 5]**
MOVER:	Jack M. Scoville Jr., Mayor
SECONDER:	Brendon M. Barber, Sr., Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Butts, Joseph
NAYS:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls

Mr. Gardner said he would take this back to the Lions Club and receive guidance from them.

B. Motion to approve Second Semi-Annual Payment to SCMIRF in the amount of $308,772.00 for Property, Liability and Vehicle Insurance and Two Quarterly Payments to SCMIT in the amount of $143,636.00 For Workers Compensation Insurance.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Mayor Scoville. Miss Suzanne Abed-El-Latif stated these are insurance premiums to pay SCMIRF and SCMIT.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jack M. Scoville Jr., Mayor
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

14. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Gardner reported National Night out is August 1st from 5-8 pm. This is a nationwide effort to engage the community in a positive way. ~ Coastal Structures has begun digging footings at the new fire station site on Highway 17 South. ~ Bids will soon be going out for the six new tennis courts at East Bay Park. ~ A meeting is set for the end of the month to meet with representatives from Liberty House. ~

Staff has met with county administration in an effort to mirror the City's and County's Bailey Bill Ordinance. ~ Installation of the fence (in the public right-of-way) in the 700 block of Front Street will begin Tuesday. ~ The town clock, which is County property, is now working. ~ A mediation on the sink hole litigation will be held July 25th. Mayor Scoville, Suzanne Abed-El-Latif and Mr. Gardner will attend. ~ The Fire and Police Departments are fully staffed. ~ After receiving complaints, the Electric Department has researched and been unable to determine the cause for interference with some ham radios. An expert from Santee Cooper will be called in to investigate. ~ The fire protection system on the harborwalk passed its first quarterly test.

15. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of June 1, 2017 Special Meeting/Workshop.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

16. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

17. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

18. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

- **A. GPD - June 2017 Monthly Report**
- **B. June 2017 Municipal Court Report**
- **C. June 2017 Fire Report**
- **D. June 2017 Public Works Department Report**
- **E. June 2017 Fleet Services Report**
- **F. June 2017 Electric Utility Department Report**
- **G. June 2017 Water Utilities Report**
- **H. June 2017 Engineering Report**
- **I. June 2017 Housing & Community Development Report**
- **J. Economic Development Monthly Report**
- **K. June 2017 Finance & IT Departmental Reports**

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) and (2) to discuss employment, compensation, and an employment contract of an existing employee.

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and return to Regular Session.

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

Executive Session was adjourned and the Regular Meeting was reconvened at 7:40 pm.

Mayor Scoville announced no formal action was taken in Executive Session.

20. COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Scoville called on the Human Resources Manager to explain the reason for the upcoming action. Miss Abed-El-Latif said in order for Mr. Gardner to retire with the Police Retirement System, which he is eligible to do, he will have to take a separation of employment for 30 days from the City as the Administrator. There is an employment agreement to terminate his previous contract in order to separate employment and rehire him again after 30 days with the same provisions in his contract for the next two years. This has been reviewed by the City Attorney, the City Labor Attorney and Miss Abed-El-Latif. The agreement, other than the separation provisions and the rehiring, is identical to the existing contract.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to accept the resignation of Paul Gardner for 30 days and enter into a new contract with Mr. Gardner for the purpose of establishing re-employment after Mr. Gardner's 30 days in retirement concludes. Retirement will begin August 3 through September 3rd.

Mayor Scoville moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [6 TO 1]**
MOVER:	Jack M. Scoville Jr., Mayor
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls
NAYS:	Barber Sr.

Motion to appoint Debra Bivens as Acting Administrator for a fixed term of 30 days immediately upon the resignation of Mr. Gardner for the 30 day period and authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement for fixed or temporary compensation to the Acting Administrator for her additional duties.

Mayor Scoville moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jack M. Scoville Jr., Mayor
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

21. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 09/21/17