



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MAY 19, 2016 – 5:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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 Al Joseph
Council Member Edward S. Kimbrough, Jr.
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

MEMBERS ABSENT

Council Member Carol R. Jayroe

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Chris Carter, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Director of Finance
Mr. Will Cook, Water Utilities Director
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Major Johnnie Deas, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Glen Dixon, Fleet Superintendent
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Mr. Rick Martin, Building Official/Zoning Administrator
Mr. Tee Miller, Assistant to the City Administrator for Economic Development

ABSENT

Miss Suzanne Abed-El-Latif, HR Manager
Chief Paul Gardner, Georgetown Police Department

MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Max Hrenda

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 Butts rendered the invocation. Mayor Scoville led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

None

6. PROCLAMATIONS

A. Motion to approve Proclamation proclaiming May 21-27, 2016 as National Safe Boating Week in the City of Georgetown, SC.

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

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, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls
ABSENT:	Jayroe

Representatives from the Coast Guard station addressed Council. Georgetown County has two life jacket loaner stations available to the public at no charge. Horry County is planning to open 10 stations next month. Georgetown may locate one near East Bay in the future. Safe boating classes are being offered locally at Horry Georgetown Technical College. Vessel examinations are performed free of charge.

B. Motion to approve Proclamation proclaiming May 2016 as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month in the City of Georgetown, SC.

Council Member Kimbrough moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Barber.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

On behalf of SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy a representative informed Council they have been working on preventing teen pregnancy for the last four years. This year they have served 100 girls between the ages of 11-18 in

Georgetown County. Georgetown County has a high rate of teen pregnancies and he thanked council for proclaiming May as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month.

7. FINANCE

A. Motion to approve first reading of an Ordinance to Adopt a Budget and Raise Revenue for The City of Georgetown, South Carolina for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Butts. Mrs. Debra Bivens stated the budget as presented is in the amount of \$31,275,051. Council held two previous budget workshops and based on those discussions, staff is requesting first reading tonight. A meeting will be held next Thursday to further discuss details on the budget. Mayor Pro Tempore Barber asked if the cost savings from changing health care providers will be passed along to employees who have worked for the City for a number of years. Mrs. Bivens said it will contribute as a portion of the 2 ½% for longevity pay and merit pay. This will be discussed in length at the meeting next week.

Council Member Smalls asked for clarification on the purchase of the proposed fire truck. Ladder 27 has two cracks in the ladder beams, although it can be repaired. The new ladder truck would also serve as a pumper. Mayor Scoville directed Chief Charlie Cribb to have the facts and figures for the meeting next week. Council Member Kimbrough agreed that more explanation is needed.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 6/16/2016 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls
ABSENT:	Jayroe

8. FIRE

A. Motion to Approve Purchase and Payment to NAFECO for Purchase of 15 sets of Firefighter Turnout Gear in the Amount of \$30,604.30.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Butts. Chief Cribb said this purchase will replace the turnout gear damaged in the October 2015 flood event. FEMA proceeds will pay for the equipment. Insurance proceeds paid for the replacement of nine sets of turnout gear Council approved at the April meeting.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Chris Carter reported the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing next Tuesday to receive citizen input concerning the R5 Zoning Ordinance as it relates to mobile homes. There will be a Special Meeting of City Council May 26 to discuss the budget, Ben Cooper Park and the Bailey Bill or special tax assessment for rehabilitation of historic properties.

The Planning Commission is preparing to update the land use element. The City entered an agreement with Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments to help facilitate the process. They met in April and identified 15 technical revisions. Two potential policy revisions have been mentioned: the Southern Gateway and Mixed Use Redevelopment District. The draft revisions will be presented to the Planning Commission in June for consideration. In July a possible formal recommendation will be made to City Council. The Commission can hold a public hearing but state law requires the legislative body to hold a public hearing on adoption of a Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Carter spoke on debt millage. A debt millage within the context of the South Carolina Code is an exemption from Act 388 and allows two types of debt: bonded indebtedness or payment for real property using a lease purchase agreement. The City instituted debt millage on two previous occasions. Currently we have a legal debt margin of \$3,118,226. Any borrowings via lease purchases for equipment will count against the legal debt margin. Any borrowings via Rural Development loan will count against the GO debt margin.

10. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of Regular Meeting dated April 21, 2016.

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

11. OLD BUSINESS

None

12. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Joseph said he has been contacted concerning the intersection of Front Street and Merriman Road. Several accidents have occurred at this two-way stop and residents are requesting a four-way stop. According to Chief Gardner, there have been seven accidents at this location in the last 14 months as a result of disregarding a stop sign or failing to yield. These streets are under state control; however, Mr. Joseph wants to bring this up to Council and pursue the possibility of a four-way stop at this intersection. Mayor Scoville asked Chris Carter how to handle this request. Mr. Carter said he would contact the SCDOT traffic engineer in Florence.

Referring to a previous request by GBA and retailers downtown, Council Member Kimbrough asked staff to consider amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow sandwich board signs at designated corners on Front Street. This has to be presented to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation. Mayor Scoville asked Chris Carter and Rick Martin to begin the process.

Council Member Butts addressed the need for a traffic light at the corner of Broad and Church Streets. With Broad Street being known as the 'gateway' to Georgetown, he said the volume of north and south bound traffic makes it difficult to access. This was discussed in the original design of the Broad Street Improvements. Mayor Pro Tempore Barber said SCDOT turned this down because of the width of Highway 17 (Church Street). A turn lane would create more of a burden on traffic. Council Member Joseph said GBA was the driving force behind the Broad Street initiative and a stop light was included. They met with DOT and at that time the problem was getting a new stop light. Mr. Joseph said they asked for the light at Taco Bell to be moved. He has reached out to DOT again as well as the state legislators and said it is in process.

13. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. April 2016 Police Report**
- B. April 2016 Fire Report**
- C. April 2016 Public Works Department Report**
- D. April 2016 Fleet Services Report**
- E. April 2016 Electric Utility Department Report**
- F. April 2016 Water Utilities Report**
- G. April 2016 Engineering Report**
- H. April 2016 Housing & Community Development Report**
- I. April 2016 Finance and IT Departments Report**

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss appointments/reappointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission.

Council Member Kimbrough moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 5:56 PM.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene 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, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls
ABSENT:	Jayroe

Executive Session was adjourned and the Regular Meeting was reconvened at 6:04 PM.

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

15. APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Scoville moved to appoint Mr. John P. Wilson, III to the City of Georgetown Board of Zoning Appeals, and Mr. Chris Moore and Mr. Gerald Williams to the City of Georgetown Planning Commission, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

The Regular Meeting of City Council was adjourned at 6:06 PM.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 06/16/16