



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MAY 18, 2023 – 5:30 PM

MUNICIPAL COURTROOM

2222 HIGHMARKET STREET

GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA

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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 Tamika Williams-Obeng

Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney

Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator

Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk

Mrs. Cindy Thompson, Public Information Officer

Mr. Nick Ard, IT Technician

Ms. Amy Skidmore, Georgetown Fire Department Office Manager

Deputy Chief Nelson Brown, Georgetown Police Department

Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department

Mr. Robert Cox, Interim Director of Planning and Community Development

Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Director of Finance

Mrs. Natrona Simmons, Public Works Streets and Sanitation Manager

Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

Mr. Scott Whittier, Deputy City Administrator

MEDIA

Mr. Scott Harper, GAB News

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. Kory Johnson from Georgetown Church of God rendered the invocation and Sgt. John Gregory from the Georgetown Police Department led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Jayroe recognized Ms. Cary Farrow. Ms. Farrow spoke in support of a farmers market in Georgetown. She stated many benefits that are provided by farmers markets to the community and residents.

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Sheldon Butts. Mr. Butts stated the budget is not conservative. He requested staff go back to the drawing board and revise the budget so people in poverty will not suffer further.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mr. Cox introduced Peter Gaytan in the Planning, Community, and Development Department. Dr. Yúdice introduced Debra Grant as a transfer to the Administration Department.

6. PROCLAMATION

A. A Proclamation proclaiming May 21-27, 2023 as National Public Works Week in the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.

Mayor Jayroe presented the Proclamation to Mrs. Simmons.

7. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 17, Article IV - Arts & Cultural Commission.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 6/15/2023 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

B. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Georgetown and The Growers Market.

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, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

8. FINANCE

- A. Motion to adopt second reading of an ordinance authorizing and directing the City of Georgetown to enter into an intergovernmental agreement relating to South Carolina Local Revenue Services; to participate in one or more Local Revenue Service Programs; to execute and deliver one or more Participant Program Supplements; and other matter relating thereto.**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

- B. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance amending Appendix "A" of Chapter 13, Article II, "Business Licenses" of the Code of Ordinance for the City of Georgetown.**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

- C. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance to adopt a budget and raise revenue for the City of Georgetown, South Carolina, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 (FY 2024).**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 3]	Next: 6/15/2023 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore	
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe	
NAYS:	Obeng, Milton, Smalls	

9. POLICE

- A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 16, Article V of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown by replacing Article V “Handbills” in its entirety with a new Article V “Rights-of-way and Public Place Restrictions”**

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/15/2023 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Jimmy Morris, Council Member	
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls	

10. PUBLIC WORKS

- A. Motion to approve first reading to amend Code of Ordinances to Chapter 9 Garbage, Trash & Weeds.**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 2]	Next: 6/15/2023 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Tamika Williams Obeng, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore	
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Obeng, Jayroe	
NAYS:	Milton, Smalls	

11. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

- 1. Motion to approve Santee Cooper to administer the Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) received from Southeastern Power Administration (SEPA) and to sell the RECs to buyers on the City's behalf.**

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, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice stated stormwater pump #1 was removed and shipped out for repair on May 10th and a sate earmark will cover the repair cost. She said the repair will take a few months.

13. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of March 16, 2023 Council Meeting

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, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

14. OLD BUSINESS

None

15. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Milton stated the trash problem on Black River Road and Baruch Park should not be a reason to not move forward with putting in a bathroom and other items in that park. He stated Public Works does a great job keeping the parks clean. He shared a photo with Council that he took of someone picking up trash at East Bay Park and stressed that is why there is not a trash issue at that park.

16. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

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

- A. Electric Department Monthly Report April 2023**
- B. Engineering Monthly Report-April 2023**
- C. April 2023 Fire Report**
- D. April 2023 Fleet Service Report**
- E. GPD - Monthly Report April**
- F. April Monthly Report**
- G. April 2023 Municipal Court Report**
- H. Housing & Community Development**
- I. April 2023 Public Works Department Report**
- J. April 2023 Water Utilities Report**

K. April 2023 Finance and IT Monthly Report

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

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Wesley Gibson. Mr. Gibson handed out a copy of Section 20-120-Application of Permit through Section 20-125-Duties of permittee from the City Code of Ordinances to all Council Members. He stated Juneteenth is a paid holiday in the city and there have been parades in the past with 0 incidents. Mr. Gibson pointed out the City Administrator can waive all fees associated with an event. He stated it is an important holiday for many people and requested the fees associated with a Juneteenth parade be waived.

Mayor Jayroe recognized Ms. Janet Graham. Ms. Graham said last year when she filed the paperwork to have a Juneteenth parade she had to pay \$180 for three police escorts. She said this year she was told it will take four police escorts to have the parade and it will cost \$980. She said she does not understand the increase in cost and officers.

Mayor Jayroe recognized Fredrick D. Williams. Mr. Williams questioned the logic for the increase in fees to have the Juneteenth parade from \$180 last year to \$980 this year. He stated there should not be any fees associated to an event that is great for the community and city residents.

Mayor Jayroe requested Mr. Al Joseph get contact information for Ms. Graham, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Gibson and to follow up with an explanation of the special permit fees.

Mayor Jayroe recognized Ms. Sharon Melton. Ms. Melton stated concern with the many power outages in the city. She said it does not make sense for the electric rates to increase when there are so many power outages.

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Donald Gilliard. Mr. Gilliard explained the importance of the Juneteenth holiday and requested that the fees for the parade be reconsidered since it is a national holiday.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(1) and (2) to discuss incident to contractual arrangements and purchase of property and receipt of legal advice; to discuss and receive legal advice relating to a potential claim or other matters covered by attorney-client privilege; and to discuss an appointment for the City's Boards and Commissions.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

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, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

Executive Session adjourned and 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. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to reappoint D. Dwayne Vernon as Architect to the Architectural Review Board.

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, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

20. MOTION

Motion to cancel the \$300,000 previously allocated for the remediation of the laydown yard at Public Works that was approved earlier this year.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Obeng.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tamika Williams Obeng, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

21. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 06/15/23