



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 20, 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
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Director of Finance
Mr. Tim Chatman, Streets and Sanitation Manager
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Glen Dixon, Fleet Superintendent
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Mr. Rick Martin, Building Official/Zoning Administrator
Mrs. Gloria Bromell-Tinubu, Economic Development Director
Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department

ABSENT

Miss Suzanne Abed-El-Latif, HR Manager
Mr. Will Cook, Water Utilities Director

MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Ms. Anita Crone
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 5:32 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

Mr. Rick Martin rendered the invocation. Mayor Scoville led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Scoville opened the Public Comments and recognized Ms. Devon Smith from Saint Frances Animal Center. Ms. Smith introduced herself and thanked City Council for considering Saint Frances in the upcoming budget and invited them to stop by and visit the Center.

Mayor Scoville recognized Mr. Marty Tennant. Mr. Tennant addressed Mayor and Council concerning truck traffic on Black River Road and City finances. He expressed his concerns about the heavy truck traffic hitting manholes causing structures to violently shake. He asked for legal research to determine if the City could ban through truck traffic from Black River Road or if the State would be responsible for a ban. He understands SCDOT has acquired additional right-of-way in front of Tony's Pizza to make the right turn easier for trucks going to the landfill. Mr. Tennant stated during a recent budget workshop Council Member Barber asked if the practice of transferring funds from enterprise operations to the General Fund was legal in light of the Supreme Court decision in Azar v the City of Columbia. He understands the current budget is on track to transfer \$1.4 million from the enterprise funds to the General Fund, expressed his concern in doing so and asked Council to research if they believe it is legal to continue this practice. Mr. Tennant concluded by announcing he is running for Mayor and City Council and asked the clerk to include his comments verbatim in the minutes.

5. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

None

6. PROCLAMATION

A. Motion to approve Proclamation proclaiming May 2, 2017 as Palmetto Giving Day in the City of Georgetown, SC.

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

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

Mayor Scoville took a moment to expressed deep appreciation to staff for supporting his family during the passing of his son, Miller. Additionally, he spoke with Marsha Miller, Public Affairs Vice President for ArcelorMittal, this afternoon. She confirmed they have signed a Letter of Intent with Liberty Steel, a subsidiary of an English company, to move forward with the purchase of the steel mill. She was

very emphatic there is a long way to go before any closing may occur. He said we look forward to meeting with Liberty Steel representatives in the near future to discuss plans.

Ms. Ashley Nelson from the Bunnelle Foundation was recognized. Palmetto Giving Day for Georgetown County was organized by a grassroots collaboration of local nonprofit organizations facilitated by the Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation.

Mayor Pro Tempore Barber left the meeting at 5:39 PM.

7. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 21, Taxation and Finance, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown by Adding Article V, Rehabilitation Tax Incentive Assessment, Sections 21-80 through 21-84.

Council Member Kimbrough moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. Council Member Smalls expressed concern with the 20 year period. He said it would not be fair to the next council to have to cope with this, plus the revenue the City would lose. Council Member Kimbrough noted the City is not giving up anything, we are not making anything on these properties. The City needs to make it worthwhile for investors for invest their dollars, whether it is property downtown or the West End. The longer the program, the more successful it will be. Discussions followed. Council Member Butts asked for a workshop to be held to explain the application process, after the ordinance is passed.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough
NAYS:	Smalls
ABSENT:	Barber Sr.

B. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance to amend the City of Georgetown Zoning Ordinance to add Article IV, Section 439, Short-Term Vacation Rentals.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. Mr. Martin explained this ordinance will require these properties to pay for a business license and accommodations and hospitality taxes. He pointed out a correction in the Section numbering from first reading. Currently there are approximately six properties in the City utilizing the new trend.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

8. POLICE

A. Motion to Approve Payment of \$35,000 to the Georgetown Drug Enforcement Unit for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. Chief Waites explained this is for operating expenses for the Georgetown Drug Enforcement Unit for the current fiscal year.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

9. FIRE

A. South Carolina EMS Award

Chief Cribb announced the Georgetown Fire Department received an award from the South Carolina Bureau of EMS (DHEC) and The EMS Performance Improvement Center recognizing the Department for its commitment to submit the highest quality data to the South Carolina EMS Data System in 2016. The award stated the Georgetown City Fire Department efforts and leadership to use data to support clinical care and operations will ultimately improve EMS in South Carolina. Chief Cribb presented the award to Mayor Scoville.

10. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

A. Motion to Approve Purchase of Eight Padmounted Transformers from WESCO Distribution and Payment in the Amount of \$74,247.00 (plus tax).

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. Mr. Loveless explained these are eight padmounted transformers of various sizes and two different service voltages included in the annual Capital Improvements Program. They will be placed in inventory to be used in various places around the City. The units were evaluated based not only on purchase price, but also on no-load energy losses and load related energy losses that will be experienced over the life of the transformers.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

11. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to Approve Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement to Participate In the Horry County Home Consortium.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Mr. Gardner noted this was discussed at a workshop. Horry County will be taking over the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments in the Home Consortium. They will receive and disperse the HUD money. The Resolution authorizes the City Administrator to execute the agreement with Horry County.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Gardner reported activity is beginning to take place at the site of the new fire station.~The utility work is underway at Ben Cooper Park.~The City has one leaf-vac truck that is out of commission until the engine is rebuilt. Crews are working with other pieces of equipment to keep up with removing the oak leaves. The truck should be repaired by Tuesday.~Concerning CDBG Phase I and II, the City received a response from CSX which our engineer has addressed and it is back in CSX's court.~The Cherry Street project is 100% complete.~Demolition of the concession stand and poles at East Bay Park should begin in May. An asbestos study has been ordered for the Bobby Alford Center. Green space should be ready for the July 4th and eclipse events.~The West End Redevelopment Meeting will be held Monday night at the Mitney building.~If any Council Member would like to meet with the Finance Director and Administrator concerning the budget please contact them.~A workshop will be held next Thursday to discuss rates, personnel issues, etc.~The retirement system will be increasing by 1-2%, to be determined.~A public hearing on the rezoning for the steel pension mill property will be held Tuesday at Georgetown High School.

13. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of Special Meeting/Workshop dated January 26, 2017 and Regular Meetings dated February 16, 2017 and March 16, 2017.

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., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls
ABSENT:	Barber Sr.

14. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

15. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

16. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

Mayor Scoville noted the Department Reports are included in the agenda.

- A. April 2017 Georgetown Police Department Report**
- B. March 2017 Municipal Court Report**
- C. March 2017 Fire Report**
- D. March 2017 Public Works Department Report**
- E. March 2017 Electric Utility Department Report**
- F. March 2017 Water Utilities Report**
- G. March 2017 Engineering Report**
- H. March 2017 Housing & Community Development Report**
- I. March 2017 Finance & IT Reports**

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss appointments to the Accommodations and Hospitality Tax Committee and West End Redevelopment Committee.

Council Member Kimbrough moved, seconded by Council Member Butts.

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

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Butts.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

Executive Session was adjourned and the Regular Meeting was reconvened at 6:15 PM.

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

18. CITY COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

19. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to reappoint Brandy Rogerson, Teri Britt and Wendy Carraway to the Accommodations & Hospitality Tax Committee.

Mayor Scoville moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

Motion to appoint Jocelyn C. Patterson to the West End Redevelopment Committee.

Mayor Scoville moved, 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., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls
ABSENT:	Barber Sr.

20. 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., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls
ABSENT:	Barber Sr.

The Regular Meeting of City Council was adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 06/15/17