



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 16, 2015 – 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

Council Member Rudolph A. Bradley
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Edward S. Kimbrough, Jr.
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls
Mayor Pro Tempore Peggy Wayne

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Jack M. Scoville, Jr.
Council Member Brendon M. Barber, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Chris Carter, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk
Miss Suzanne Abed-El-Latif, HR Manager
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Director of Finance
Mr. Will Cook, Water Utilities Director
Mr. Glen Dixon, Fleet Superintendent
Chief Paul Gardner, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Jonathan Heald, City Engineer
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Mr. Tee Miller, Assistant to the City Administrator for Economic Development
Chief Joey Tanner, Georgetown Fire Department

MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Ms. Taylor Griffith

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Pro Tempore Peggy Wayne 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

Fire Chief Joey Tanner rendered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne recognized Minister John P. Henry who addressed City Council concerning public help. Minister Henry is the President and Founder of *Save our Youth a Family Annual March*, a non-profit organization built on reconnecting every community and the State of South Carolina with an economic development plan that will create over 3,000 jobs in Georgetown. He gave a brief personal account of his family, work ethics, health issues and the struggles he is facing with the foreclosure of his home. In order to deal with these difficulties he had to put the organization on hold. Minister Henry urged Council to push forward to the future and for our children. More housing is needed in Georgetown, the Housing Authority has a two year waiting list. He said there needs to be a safety net for people who work and pay taxes but are experiencing financial and health issues. This will allow these individuals to strive, work and build up the community safely. He concluded by saying he would be thankful for any assistance to his family.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne recognized Ms. Samantha Siegel. Ms. Siegel is from Charleston and works for Oceana, an international nonprofit which is dedicated to protecting the world's oceans. She urged Council to approve the Resolution opposing offshore drilling and exploration. Nine other cities in South Carolina have passed similar resolutions opposing seismic blasting and offshore drilling.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

There were no new employees.

6. FINANCE

A. Motion to Approve a Resolution to Establish a Capital Projects Reserve Fund.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. Mrs. Debra Bivens stated this proposed Resolution will replace a Resolution that was adopted in May 2014 to exclude transfers from the Enterprise Funds to the Capital Projects Fund. Currently the fund balance in the General Fund is \$6.6 million and 50% of that will be transferred to the Capital Projects Fund for capital projects going forward. The auditors have recommended this proposal. Discussions followed.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne called for the question.

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

7. POLICE

A. Motion to Approve Payment To Light-N-Up, LLC In The Amount Of \$42,892.28 For Equipment For Four Police Vehicles.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Bradley. Chief Paul Gardner stated this equipment is for cars previously delivered. It is a budgeted item.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne called for the question.

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

8. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

A. Motion to Approve Purchase of 55' Aerial Lift Bucket Truck from Altec Industries and Payment in the Amount of \$163,195.00.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. Mr. Alan Loveless stated the Electric Department currently has two, two-man bucket trucks, one 18 years old and the other 25 years old. Unit 1909 was originally budgeted for replacement this year; however, unit 1955 has developed major hydraulic problems with the aerial lift device requiring \$10,000 - \$12,000 in repairs which staff is not recommending. This request is to replace the 1955 unit rather than the 1909 unit. Altec was the only bidder to respond to the ad and provided four different options. The unit selected is in stock and available for delivery in June.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne called for the question.

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MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne
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9. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to approve a Resolution opposing seismic testing and off shore oil exploration off the coast of the State of South Carolina.

Council Member Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. At the request of Mayor Scoville, Mr. Chris Carter presented the Resolution for approval. Council Member Bradley asked if the off shore drilling is within municipal jurisdiction. Mrs. Elise Crosby said she has not seen a proposal for off shore drilling. He expressed concern that this would not be done safely. Mr. Carter said any economic benefit is speculative at this point. Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne asked for further discussion. Council Member Jayroe agreed with Mr. Bradley and is pleased Council is addressing this now.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne
ABSENT:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr.

10. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Carter noted the first budget workshop will be held Thursday, April 23, 2015. Bids have been received on privatization of 100 commercial container tips which appear favorable for the City to consider. This will be included on next month's agenda. Drawings (80%) for the Fire Station and City Hall have been completed. We are waiting on the contractor estimates for repairs.

11. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of Regular Meeting of City Council dated February 19, 2015 and Special Meeting/Workshop dated February 26, 2015.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Bradley. Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne asked for comments.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne called for the question.

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

12. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

13. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

14. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne noted the department monthly reports are included in the agenda.

- A. March 2015 Public Works Department Report**
- B. March 2015 Fleet Services Report**
- C. March 2015 Electric Utility Department Report**
- D. March 2015 Water Utilities Report**
- E. March 2015 Housing and Community Development Report**

F. March 2015 Finance and IT Departments Report

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss appointments to the Georgetown Housing Authority Board, the Coast RTA Board and to receive legal advice.

Council Member Kimbrough moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne called for the question.

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

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 5:54 PM.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and return to Regular Session.

Council Member Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne
ABSENT:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr.

Executive Session was adjourned and the Regular Meeting was reopened at 6:03 PM.

16. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint a member to Georgetown Housing Authority Board of Directors and a member to the Coast RTA Board of Directors.

Council Member Bradley moved to appoint Mr. Richard Smith to the Georgetown Housing Authority Board of Directors and Mr. Joseph Lazzara to the Coast RTA Board of Directors, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne called for the question.

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MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne
ABSENT:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Pro Tempore Wayne called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Bradley, Jayroe, Kimbrough, Smalls, Wayne
ABSENT:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr.

The Regular Meeting of City Council was adjourned at 6:04 PM.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 06/25/15