



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 15, 2021 – 5:30 PM

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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 Brendon M. Barber, Sr.
Council Member Jonathan Angner
Council Member Tupelo Humes
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Hobson H. Milton
Mayor Pro Tempore Clarence C. Smalls

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Mr. John Barfield, Director of Finance
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Will Gunter, Water Utilities Director
Mrs. Gladys Rutledge-Livingston, Human Resources/Risk Manager
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Ms. Angela Rambeau, Director of Planning and Community Development
Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department
Ms. Natrona Simmons, Public Works Office Manager
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Brendon M. Barber, Sr. 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. ROLL CALL

4. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barber rendered the invocation and devotional in honor of Miss Annie Washington Reese and Council Member Joseph led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Barber opened up the public comments portion of the meeting and requested Ms. Buccione read public comments that was received through email or by telephone message. Ms. Buccione read an email received from Mr. Jack McManus. Mr. McManus asked Mayor and City Council what is the status with the City issuing future event permits, what is the status of the steel mill, and what is the status of the hotel project. Ms. Buccione read an email received from Mr. Wesley Gibson. Mr. Gibson stated he is a spokesperson for Citizens for Progress. Mr. Gibson requested City Council go back to in person meetings. Mr. Gibson stated the county is opening a \$2.8 million dollar multipurpose park at Beck School that will feature a competition track, football field, and picnic area. Mr. Gibson requested the city purchase an honorary stone with a bronze plaque to be placed at the track to honor 1996 Olympic gold medalist, Anthuan Maybank. Mr. Gibson stated he practiced at Beck and he is from Georgetown and deserves to be honored. Mr. Gibson stated the honorary stone and plaque would cost approximately \$4,000.

6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

There were no new employees.

7. PROCLAMATION

A. Motion to approve a Proclamation proclaiming May 2021 as Electrical Safety Month in the City of Georgetown, South Carolina

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls, Angner

B. Motion to approve a Proclamation proclaiming May 4, 2021 as International Firefighters Day in the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls, Angner

C. Motion to approve a Proclamation proclaiming May 9-15, 2021 as National Police Week and May 15 as National Peace Officers Day in the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls, Angner

D. Motion to approve a Proclamation proclaiming May 16-22, 2021 as National Public Works Week in the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls, Angner

E. Motion to approve a Proclamation proclaiming May 2 - 8, 2021 as Drinking Water Week in the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.

Mayor Pro Tempore Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls, Angner

8. FINANCE

A. Motion to approve resolution for in-kind match.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls, Angner

B. Motion to Approve request of extension with purpose of funding proposed park improvements and corridor enhancement as allowed by SC Code of Laws and SC Tourism Expenditure Review Committee.

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls, Angner

9. ENGINEERING

- A. Motion to award project to North American Construction Company (NACC) and to make payments to this vendor for a not-to-exceed amount of \$75,300 for the acid feed system repairs at the City's wastewater treatment plant.**

Mayor Pro Tempore Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls, Angner
NAYS:	Milton

10. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

- A. Motion to Approve Purchase of Pad-Mounted Transformers and Payment in the Amount of \$44,035.00 (plus tax) to WESCO Electric of Columbia SC.**

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls, Angner

11. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance requiring individuals to wear face coverings in certain establishments due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls, Angner

12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice stated SCDOT has requested an emergency pipe repair request on Queen Street (between Prince and Front Street). She said it has been closed for too long due to a failing pipe and she will share any updates received from SCDOT. Dr. Yúdice stated they are continuing to monitor and participate in weekly calls with the National League of Cities and the Municipal Association regarding the American Rescue Plan Act 2021. She said the US Treasury is expected to release guidelines in early May. She confirmed from a previous discussion that we will need to establish a separate account in our financial system to account for the receipt of this revenue and related expenditures. Dr. Yúdice confirmed the US Department of Commerce through the Economic Development Administration will receive funds to provide grants for projects related to economic development. She stated they are working with the COG on possibly applying for a grant. She said the Economic Development Administration is working on the Notice of Funding Opportunity and at this time we don't know the cash match requirement but we need to be ready to provide a match if we submit a grant application.

13. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of March 22, 2021 Council Meeting.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls, Angner

14. OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Joseph requested that we go back to in person Council Meetings with face masks being required and limited seating to provide a safe environment. He also requested the ban for special event permits be lifted. He stated this is the time of year for planning big events like the wooden boat show that brings much needed revenue to the city. Council Member Jayroe stated she agrees with Council Member Joseph. She requested that a discussion regarding special event permits be added to next week's Council Meeting agenda.

15. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

16. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

Mayor Barber announced the department monthly reports are included in the agenda for Council's review.

- A. March 2021 Electric Utility Department Report**
- B. Engineering Monthly Report_March 2021**
- C. March 2021 Fire Report**
- D. March 2021 Fleet service Report**
- E. GPD - March 2021 Monthly Report**
- F. March 2021 HR/ Risk Management**
- G. March 2021 Municipal Court Report**
- H. Planning & Community Development March 2021 Report**
- I. March 2021 Water Utilities Report**
- J. March 2021 Public Works Department Report**
- K. March 2021 Finance and IT Dept Report**

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1)(2) and (5) to discuss appointments and reappointments for the Architectural Review Board, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Planning Commission; to receive quarterly legal update from the City Attorney on pending and adjudicated cases since last update; to discuss proposed contractual arrangement for the provision of financial services for the comprehensive capital improvement plan; and to discuss and receive legal advice on matters covered by attorney-client privilege concerning a contract for the proposed sale of public property.

Mayor Pro Tempore Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls, Angner

The Regular meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls, Angner

Executive Session adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:26pm.

C. NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

D. City Council may take action on items discussed in Executive Session.

Motion to authorize the City Administrator to execute a Financial Services Advisory Agreement with First Tryon Advisers for professional financial services to be provided in connection with the city's Comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan and to issue Work Order #1 for up to \$55,000 to be payable in installments.

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls, Angner

Motion to authorize the City Administrator and City Attorney to enter into contract negotiations regarding an offer to purchase public property, subject to review by the Director of Finance an approval of City Council by ordinance, after Public Hearing.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls, Angner

18. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to reappoint Linda Abate to the Architectural Review Board and reappoint Sandra Quinn to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls, Angner

Motion to appoint Jim Clements to the Planning Commission.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 3]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls, Angner
NAYS:	Barber Sr., Humes, Milton

Motion to appoint Janette Becoate-Graham to the Planning Commission.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Smalls.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Barber Sr., Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls
NAYS:	Jayroe, Angner

Motion to reconsider the vote to appoint Jim Clements to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Pro Tempore Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 3]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Humes, Milton, Smalls
NAYS:	Jayroe, Joseph, Angner

Motion to appoint Jim Clements to the Planning Commission.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [3 TO 4]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Jayroe, Joseph, Angner
NAYS:	Barber Sr., Humes, Milton, Smalls

Motion to appoint Walter Andrew Bass to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Pro Tempore Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 3]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Humes, Milton, Smalls
NAYS:	Jayroe, Joseph, Angner

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls, Angner

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 05/20/21