



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 22, 2021 – 5:30 PM**

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**Notice of this meeting has been made in accordance with the
South Carolina Code of Laws as amended.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Council Member Al Joseph

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
Ms. Natrona Simmons, Public Works Office Manager
Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department

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 Pro Tempore Smalls rendered the invocation and Council Member Jayroe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

7. PROCLAMATION

A. Motion to approve a Proclamation proclaiming April 2021 as Donate Life Month 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, Humes, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Joseph

B. Motion to approve a Proclamation proclaiming April 21, 2021 as the City of Georgetown Administrative Professionals Day in the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

8. RESOLUTION

A. Motion to approve a Resolution designating April 2021 as Fair Housing Month 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, Humes, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Joseph

9. FINANCE

- A. Motion to approve payment to Tyler/New World for annual software support and maintenance in an amount up to \$124,889.95.**

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

- B. Motion to approve second settlement payment of \$80,000 (budgeted for FY21) City of Georgetown v SCDOT.**

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, Humes, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Joseph

10. ENGINEERING

- A. Motion to ratify Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Pre-Application for West End Water Main Improvements. The project area includes: Bourne Street, Henry Street, John Street, Emanuel Street, and Davis Ally. The project consists in installing 2,680 lineal feet of new 6-in PVC water lines to replace old 1-in. and 2-in. galvanized steel pipe lines, new fire hydrants, new service connections for 36 households, asphalt pavement, and concrete sidewalk restoration. The project cost is estimated at \$540,940, the City is requesting a waiver for the grant match.**

Council Member Milton, 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
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ABSENT:	Joseph

- B. Motion to ratify Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) grant application for a new sewer lift station at the Maryville School site. The new lift station will have an increased pumping rate and increased wetwell storage capacity. The project construction cost is estimated at \$537,570. The city would be responsible for the 25% match or \$134,393.**

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, Humes, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Joseph

11. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice stated Santee Cooper settlement refund payments for inactive accounts has begun. She said the system does not allow combining multiple accounts to one owner so a refund will be issued for each inactive account. She stated 500 checks will issued weekly and the process will start with the highest refund amount and end with the least amount to be refunded. Dr. Yúdice stated the city submitted the Port Water Tank project for the MASC 2021 Achievement Award Program but we were not selected. She reminded everyone that the Budget Retreat will be next Thursday at the Maryville Firestation.

12. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of February 18 and February 25, 2021 Council Meetings.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

13. OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Milton asked for an update on a sand machine that was requested last year. Dr. Yúdice confirmed that \$23,000 has been allocated in next year's budget for a sand bagging machine.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Humes requested Public Works mow the city owned area of Lafayette and Alex Alford before it gets out of hand again. Ms. Simmons said a crew will address the area tomorrow. Council Member Jayroe asked if anyone has reached out to the Department of Treasury yet regarding \$3.27 million in funds earmarked for the City of Georgetown in the 2021 America Rescue Plan. Mayor Barber said according to the MASC, municipalities should put the funds on hold until they receive the official guidelines from the U.S. Department of Treasury. Mr. Barfield confirmed that nothing has been received yet from the U.S. Department of Treasury. He pointed out the funds are up to \$3.27 million and may not be the full amount. Council Member Jayroe asked when Council meetings will go back to in person. Mayor Barber said follow up with the medical experts and guidance from them will be considered so the city has no setbacks. Council Member Humes asked about contributions to the city from the Georgetown County penny sales tax. Dr. Yúdice confirmed \$6 million from the penny sales tax was put aside from the county to possibly use to implement the findings from the dredging of the harbor study done by Coastal Carolina University. Mayor Barber confirmed the county is funding the next phase of the study and it will not include any funds from the \$6 million put aside. Dr. Yúdice confirmed the county provided the cash match for the city that was required from the EDA grant that the city received for the historic district storm water project.

15. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. February 2021 Electric Utility Department Report**
- B. Engineering Monthly Report_February 2021**
- C. February 2021 Fire Report**
- D. February 2021 Fleet service Report**
- E. GPD - February 2021 Monthly Report**
- F. February 2021 HR/ Risk Management**
- G. February 2021 Municipal Court Report**

H. February 2021 Planning & Community Development Report

I. February 2021 Water Utilities Report

J. February 2021 Public Works Department Report

K. February 2021 Finance and IT Reports

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss proposed contractual arrangements regarding a city-wide, comprehensive capital improvement plan and to receive related legal advice.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

Executive Session adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:49pm.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

Motion to authorize the City Administrator to enter into negotiations with First Tryon to provide financial advising services for the comprehensive capital improvement plan.

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, Humes, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Joseph

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

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, Humes, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Joseph

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 04/15/21