



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 21, 2019 – 5:30 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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.
Mayor Pro Tempore Rudolph A. Bradley
Council Member Sheldon A. Butts
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

ABSENT

Council Member Tupelo Humes

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Carey F. Smith, Interim City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk
Mrs. Suzanne Anderson, HR Manager
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Director of Finance
Mr. Tim Chatman, Streets and Sanitation Manager
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Will Gunter, Water Utilities Director
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Ms. Angela Rambeau, Director of Planning and Community Development
Major Johnnie Deas, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

ABSENT

Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department

MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Mr. David Purtell
GAB News - Mr. Scott Harper

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Brendon M. Barber, Sr. 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, with the exception of first responders, so as to not interrupt the meeting.

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Sheldon A. Butts rendered the invocation. Council Member Carol Jayroe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

No new employees.

6. RESOLUTION

A. Motion to approve a Resolution designating April 2019 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls
ABSENT:	Humes

7. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 5, Section VI, Dwellings Unfit for Human Habitation, Sections 5-104, 5-109, & 5-110, of The City of Georgetown Code Of Ordinances.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley. Ms. Angela Rambeau stated this amendment was initiated by the City Attorney. It will streamline the process for the remediation of unfit dwellings. Mrs. Elise Crosby referred Council to the red line version of the ordinance which indicated the changes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 4/18/2019 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore	
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls	
ABSENT:	Humes	

B. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance amending the City of Georgetown Zoning Ordinance Article XVIII, Section 1802.1 & 1802.2, for procedure for amendments.

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. No comments or discussion.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 4/18/2019 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member	
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls	
ABSENT:	Humes	

8. ENGINEERING

A. Motion to approve bid and make payment to South Strand Landscaping, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$31,195.00 for median landscaping on Highway 17 North.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley. Mr. Orlando Arteaga presented the item for approval. The landscaping project design was prepared by Waccamaw Landscaping on behalf of the Main Street Group. Three bids were received and South Strand Landscaping was the low bidder. Council Member Jayroe recommended reducing the number of plantings to stay with the amount budgeted of \$27,970 and keep the one year warranty instead of the 90 day warranty. She asked who will be responsible to maintain the vetting. Mr. Arteaga stated the contractor is responsible to maintain for 30 days, after which the City will take over the maintenance. If the City decides on the 90 day warranty, the contractor will water the landscaping until that time has ended. The number of plantings listed in the bid are actual counts. Mayor Barber asked Mrs. Jayroe if her questions were answered. She replied they were.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Joseph, Smalls
NAYS:	Jayroe
ABSENT:	Humes

Council Member Jayroe voted no and said she wanted to stay within the budget and include a one year warranty.

Motion to reconsider vote on Item 8A.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Butts.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls
ABSENT:	Humes

Motion to approve \$27,970 to include a one year warranty on the plants.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Butts. Mr. Arteaga said the one year warranty is \$9,000. The contractor will have to reduce the bid from \$34,795 to the budget amount of \$27,970. The number of plantings will be reduced. Council agreed.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls
ABSENT:	Humes

B. Motion to approve bid and make payments to RL Morrison and Sons, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$75,625.00 to replace certain structural elements of the Harborwalk.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Mr. Arteaga stated this is a follow up to the 2017 structural inspection. Work is required to replace certain Harborwalk structural components deemed deficient. Seven or eight sections of the Harborwalk from Screven Street to Orange Street will be isolated and off limits to foot traffic. The contractor will be responsible to coordinate and notify property owners and businesses in the area. All replacements will be in-kind.

Discussions followed. There is a 90-day window for completion.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

9. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

A. Motion to Approve Purchase Order in the Amount of \$51,500 and Payment to Utility Technology Engineers Consultants for Engineering Services for the Front Street UG Infrastructure Upgrade Project.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Mr. Alan Loveless pointed out \$98,000 is budgeted; however, the amount requested is for \$51,500. The overall cost has dictated the project be split into two phases; therefore, a portion of the funds will be included in next year's budget. When the Front Street project was first conceived and budgeted, it included the replacement of underground conductors in existing conduits and replacement of transformers in near-existing locations with minor elevation adjustments being made to mitigate flood dangers. As the project developed, several things changed which added to the scope of the project. Mr. Loveless reviewed these changes. Construction should begin in early July. The engineer will frequently be on site overseeing the contractor and answering any questions. Mayor Barber pointed out these engineers have been with the City for ten years. He encouraged department heads and administration to insure we keep our consultants, engineering firms and contractors competitive.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls
ABSENT:	Humes

10. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance providing for the establishment of a Redevelopment Project Area, The approval of a Redevelopment Plan for the financing of Redevelopment Projects and other matters related thereto.

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. This ordinance will enable the TIF rules to be applied to the three taxing districts (City, Georgetown County and Georgetown County School District), as well as establish a levy that would provide funds to use towards infrastructure improvements within the TIF

District. With this ordinance, the TIF process becomes legal and enforceable. Mr. Carey Smith stated letters have been sent to the County and School District advising them a Public Hearing will be held April 18, 2019 and providing an opportunity for them to object or not. Discussions followed.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 4/18/2019 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member	
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls	
ABSENT:	Humes	

B. Motion to approve First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Georgetown and Project Vista.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley. Mr. Smith stated the original MOU was adopted April 24, 2018 and expired November 2, 2018. This first amendment will reauthorize and extend the term of the MOU. This will be the only change in the document. The MOU shall continue in effect until the earlier of the termination of this MOU, or December 31, 2019. Either of the parties may terminate at any time by providing thirty days written notice to the other party.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls
ABSENT:	Humes

C. Motion to approve a Resolution Approving the Execution and Delivery of a First Amendment to a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Georgetown and Project Vista.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley. The Resolution does not change the amount requested in the original MOU.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

11. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Smith reported (1) he met with members of the hotel development team this

morning. Zoning, flooding, elevations and parking were issues discussed. Parking is a major concern. All parties pledged to stay in touch and continue working together. (2) The agenda for next week's workshop will include discussion of paid parking programs for Front Street, the FY 19/20 Downtown Redevelopment Plan, presentation from Chamber of Commerce, Bowtie incentives, approval of architect for the new city hall and a temporary rate for customer owned solar power generation. (3) Mr. Smith noted Creech and Associates was selected by the review committee as the architectural firm for the new city hall to be recommended to City Council. The phase II environmental assessment is complete and no standards exceeded DHEC's limits for contaminants on the site.

12. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of January 17, 2019 Regular Meeting of City Council.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls
ABSENT:	Humes

13. OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Joseph reminded Council and staff of the third annual Melting Pot March this Saturday at Winyah Auditorium.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Butts stated in hopes of going forward in the future with the TIF plan and opportunity zones within in the City of Georgetown we should see a rise in contractors being awarded contracts for certain projects. He asked if the City is under the thought process that a part of that budget will be reserved of minority contractors as the federal government and state currently have. He asked if there are plans in the near future to insure we are covering all bases with reference to the Small Business Act. Mr. Smith said it would seem local people who are affected, if anyone else comes in to do business in our community, would be covered by the same compliance. He will verify with the City Attorney and report to back to Mr. Butts.

Council Member Jayroe asked for an update on the mooring buoy plan for the City of Georgetown. Mr. Smith stated this is currently being worked on and he will provide an update. Mrs. Jayroe also expressed concern with the number of mature oak trees infected with disease. While the City is currently in the budget process, she recommends we secure an arborist (under contract) to evaluate the trees.

15. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. GPD February Monthly Report**
- B. February 2019 Municipal Court Report**
- C. February 2019 Fire Report**
- D. February 2019 Public Works Department Report**
- E. February 2019 Fleet service Report**
- F. February 2019 Electric Utility Department Report**
- G. February 2019 Water Utilities**
- H. February 2019 Engineering Monthly Report**
- I. Planning & Community Development Report February 2019**
- J. February 2019 Finance & IT Report**

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss appointments to the Planning Commission and Keep Georgetown Beautiful Board of Directors.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Butts.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Meeting.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls
ABSENT:	Humes

Executive Session adjourned and the Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:37 pm.

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

A. COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

17. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint William Johnson to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Butts.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls
ABSENT:	Humes

Motion to appoint Destiny Hetz the Keep Georgetown Beautiful Board of Directors.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls
ABSENT:	Humes

18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Butts.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls
ABSENT:	Humes

The Regular Meeting of City Council adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 05/16/19