



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 16, 2023 – 5:30 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
2222 HIGHMARKET STREET
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA
AND LIVESTREAM:**

<https://www.facebook.com/cityofgtown/>

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 Carol Jayroe
Council Member Jonathan Angner
Mayor Pro Tempore Jim Clements
Council Member Hobson H. Milton
Council Member Jimmy Morris
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

ABSENT

Council Member Tamika Williams-Obeng

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mrs. Cindy Thompson, Public Information Officer
Mr. Nick Ard, IT Technician
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Chief William Pierce, Georgetown Police Department
Mrs. Ieshia Tucker, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management
Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Director of Finance
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent
Mr. Robert Cox, Interim Planning and Community Development

ABSENT

Mr. Scott Whittier, Utilities & Public Works Director

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Carol Jayroe 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. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Angner introduced Mr. Hulan McGyver from Dunbar Church of Christ to render the invocation and Col. Henry A. Jones to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) and (2) to discuss employment and compensation and to discuss potential properties for City Hall and receive related legal advice.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Obeng

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

Council Member Morris moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jimmy Morris, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Obeng

Executive Session adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:05pm.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Wesley Gibson. Mr. Gibson stated he was speaking for Citizens for Progress. He stated he wanted to speak on the amended public speaking item on the agenda. He said he was disappointed that the general public comment section is not moving back to the beginning of the meeting. He stated there should have been a robocall alerting citizens about the main water leak instead of using Facebook because older people do not know how to use it.

Mayor Jayroe recognized Ms. Janette Graham. Ms. Graham stated it is uncalled for to make the public wait two hours during a Council meeting until after Executive Session to be able to speak about concerns and issues.

Mayor Jayroe recognized Ms. Sharon Melton Jones. Ms. Jones stated by moving the public comments to the end of the meeting means you don't care about the City residents. She said residents who are working, have young children, or have medical issues cannot wait until 8 or 9pm to be heard at a Council meeting. She stated to do the right thing and let everyone in the City be heard.

Mayor Jayroe recognized Minister John D. Henry. Minister Henry stated he pays \$600 a month for utilities. He said he went to City Hall and it makes no sense why he is being charged an extra \$300 a month. He stated the shooting incidents in the West End need to stop immediately.

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Boris Gibson. Mr. Gibson said he wanted to speak about the public comments being put at the end of the agenda. Mr. Gibson said the concerns of the City should be the vessel as you try to correct these concerns. He stated there should be more caring and working together.

6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Chief Pierce introduced Lucas Jackson and John Rottenkolber for the Police Department. Chief Pierce stated Michael Nelson will be the supervisor at Howard School and will manage the SRO program but he could not be here tonight to be introduced.

Dr. Yúdice introduced Robert Cox as the Interim Planning and Community Development Department.

7. RESOLUTION

A. Motion to approve a Resolution encouraging the South Carolina Governor and the General Assembly to adopt a Statewide Hate Crime Bill.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Obeng

B. Motion to approve a Resolution designating April 2023 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Obeng

8. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance amending the City of Georgetown Flood Damage Prevention and Control ordinance in its entirety and replacing said ordinance with a newly revised ordinance.**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 4/20/2023 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Obeng

9. FINANCE

- A. Motion to approve second reading of an Ordinance authorizing the City of Georgetown, South Carolina to enter into an installment purchase transaction to finance the costs relating to the acquisition and equipping of a combined Public Works, Fleet, and Electric Utility Facility; Authorizing the execution and delivery of various documents relating to such transactions including the base lease agreement and the installment purchase and use agreement; Approving the issuance of not exceeding \$3,850,000 aggregate principal amount of installment purchase revenue bonds by the Georgetown Public Facilities Corporation; Delegating Authority to the City Administrator and City Clerk to effect such transaction and determine certain matters; Authorizing the assignment of that certain purchase and sale agreement to the Georgetown Public Facilities Corporation; Authorizing a Facilities Use Agreement for the 2023 real property and facilities; and other matters relating thereto.**

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Obeng

- B. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance to amend fiscal year 2022/2023 [FY 2023] budget for the City of Georgetown, South Carolina, to prescribe purposes for which certain earmarked funds shall be expended; said funds total Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) from the \$3,500,000 Committed Funds for Capital Projects in the Fund Balance of the General Fund for the new City Hall building.**

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 4/20/2023 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Obeng

10. POLICE

- A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 20 Article X "City Maritime Mooring Field, Boats, and Abandoned Vessels" of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown.**

Council Member Morris moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jimmy Morris, Council Member
SECONDER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Obeng

11. ENGINEERING

- A. Motion to approve a contract in the amount of \$100,525 for the S. Fraser Street Sanitary Sewer and Manhole Survey and Engineering services and to award contract to Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc.**

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Clements.
Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Obeng

12. FLEET SERVICES

- A. Motion to approve purchase of vehicle for IT staff in the amount not to exceed \$35,000 from Coastal Chevrolet.**

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Obeng

- B. Motion to approve purchase of a pool vehicle for city staff in the amount not to exceed \$40,000 from Coastal Chevrolet.**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Smalls
NAYS:	Milton
ABSENT:	Obeng

13. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

- A. Motion to approve purchasing a Line Truck for the Electric Utilities Department in the amount of \$270,400.00 with FY2022-2023 Funds.**

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Clements.
Council Member Milton stated the city needs to do their homework because he has done research and has found the same vehicle cheaper. Council Member Angner stated for the record "Where can we find it? You have done your research, tell us the dealership we can find it and what will we pay for it?" Council Member Milton stated for the record "I'm not going to stand here and let you think you can call me

out and make me think I'm not doing something right." Mayor Jayroe called point of order to Council Member Milton.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Smalls
NAYS:	Milton
ABSENT:	Obeng

14. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 2 Article III Division III "Administrator" by repealing Section 2-84 "Bond" of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Obeng

B. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2, Sections 2-30 and 2-31 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Clements. Mayor Pro Tempore Clements requested to have this agenda item tabled for further discussions because he is concerned that only a few African-American citizens have voiced a complaint regarding this matter. Mayor Pro Tempore Clements said we are working with the West End community on a daily basis. Discussions followed.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 2]	Next: 4/20/2023 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore	
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe	
NAYS:	Milton, Smalls	
ABSENT:	Obeng	

C. Motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Georgetown and the Georgetown County School District to memorialize

certain agreements and understandings of the parties regarding the planning, funding, construction, maintenance, and operation of a planned recreational park to be located on the District's property in the City of Georgetown know as Howard School Park.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Obeng

15. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice stated in February a property owner in Maryville called Public Works to provide accolades for Jeff Smalls from Public Works and Code Enforcement Officer David Brandt noting how great they were in providing city services. She thanked all employees and Georgetown County Water and Sewer District who were involved regarding the water issues on March 15 by working around the clock since Tuesday on addressing issues at the water plant and the water leaks throughout the city. Dr. Yúdice stated the SC Opioid Recovery Fund Board allocated \$136,715.57 to the city from the opioid settlement. She stated the funds must be used for state-approved programs only. She stated they will work with the school district to implement approved programs to educate students and parents to prevent the use of opioids. Dr. Yúdice stated we received the 2nd settlement check for \$519,000 from Santee Cooper on March 6th. She said we are required to disburse to our electric utility customers. She stated we disbursed the first checks with in-house resources and this was a tremendous effort from our Finance staff. She stated we recommended to Council to contract a settlement administrator to disburse the 2nd check and there will be an administrative cost paid out of the 2nd payment. Dr. Yúdice stated we received the last asbestos assessment report from the contractor regarding the CDBG demolition. She said the COG and state are reviewing the reports and once approved procurement of demolition services will follow. She reported the \$200,000 in ARPA funds for Habitat for Humanity for low-income and owner-occupied home repairs that Council approved has been used for new roofs, new windows, siding repair and replacements, new HVAC systems, security lighting, and other repairs to porches, railings, steps, and gutters. She stated the 8 houses repaired were in Maryville and the West End. She stated 6 homeowners were seniors, 1 was a non-senior, and 1 was a non-senior veteran.

16. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of February 16 and 23, 2023 Council Meetings.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Obeng

17. OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements asked for an update on the \$600,000-\$800,000 the Department of Commerce has available for projects. Dr. Yúdice stated they requested a support letter for our proposed projects from Georgetown County and she is working on getting that from the County Administrator.

18. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Angner stated this is to put information on the record. He stated he wanted to publicly thank Dr. Yúdice, Scott Whittier, and all of the public utility and front line workers for their efforts in the last 2 days with the water leak issue. He stated he has seen comments regarding the lack of notice to citizens about this issue. He said the robocalls were initiated around 11am that morning. He said everyone jumped in to assist. He stated it takes time to investigate and trouble shoot the issues. He said the consultant from North Carolina had the problem resolved in a few hours. He said no one should be upset on the performance of city staff. He urged everyone to sign up for alerts through Georgetown County Emergency 811 notification list. Council Member requested a letter be sent out to residents with their utility bill to remind them how to sign up for the alerts due to phone number changes. Council Member Milton stated everyone did a good job handling the issue but communication is important and could be improved going forward.

19. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

Mayor Jayroe stated the department monthly reports are available for review in the agenda.

- A. Electric Department Monthly Report February 2023**
- B. Engineering Monthly Report-February 2023**
- C. February 2023 Fire Report**
- D. February 2023 Fleet Service Report**
- E. GPD - Monthly Report February**
- F. Human Resources/ Risk Management Monthly Report**
- G. February 2023 Municipal Court Report**
- H. Housing & Community Development**
- I. February 2023 Public Works Department Report**
- J. February 2023 Water Utilities Report**
- K. February 2023 Finance and IT Monthly Report**

20. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CITY SERVICES, BUSINESS, OR OTHER CITY MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Shawn Roper. Mr. Roper stated he was here on behalf of Friendship Place. He said they are a non-profit that serves the under-served citizens. He stated March 27-31 they will have a trailer at the Fire Station to collect food for their Georgetown Eats program.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
ABSENT:	Obeng

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 05/15/23