



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 16, 2017 – 5:30 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
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

Mayor Jack M. Scoville, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tempore Brendon M. Barber, Sr.
Council Member Sheldon A. Butts
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Edward S. Kimbrough, Jr.
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Paul A. Gardner, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk
Miss Suzanne Abed-El-Latif, HR Manager
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Director of Finance
Mr. Tim Chatman, Streets and Sanitation Manager
Mr. Will Cook, Water Utilities Director
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Mr. Rick Martin, Building Official/Zoning Administrator
Mrs. Gloria Bromell-Tinubu, Economic Development Director
Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department

ABSENT

Mr. Glen Dixon, Fleet Superintendent

MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Ms. Eileen Keithly
GAB News - Mr. Scott Harper

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Jack M. Scoville, Jr. 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

Council Member Carol Jayroe rendered the invocation. Mayor Scoville led the Pledge of Allegiance.

7. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES

With no objections, Mayor Scoville moved recognition of the Fire Fighters and Police Officers to the next item on the agenda. Chief Charlie Cribb stated on March 8, 2017 a call came in for a house fire at 1006 Pyatt Street with three victims trapped inside. He said it is important to recognize all who assisted with the fire and rescue. Corporal Bryan Byrd, Firefighter Jared Strong, Battalion Chief George M. Anderson, Sr. (who was unable to attend the meeting), and Ms. Tracy Novak, 911 Dispatcher were recognized by Chief Cribb for their courageous action during the fire and each received a Medal of Valor. Chief Kelvin Waites announced Officer Byrd was recently promoted to Corporal and presented him with Commendation for his heroic efforts while assisting the Georgetown Fire Department in saving three lives during the fire. Letters of Special Commendation were presented to Firefighter George Burgess, Firefighter Henry Barnes, Lieutenant John Barnett, Firefighter Billy Henry, Firefighter Michael Mounts, Volunteer Firefighter Keith Ziegenhorn, Firefighter Denise Delatte, and Captain Marc Smith. Georgetown County, Midway, and County EMS all assisted during the fire. Chief Cribb expressed pride in these responders who watch over the citizens of Georgetown. Mayor Scoville expressed City Council's pride in the Fire and Police Departments' quick response to this incident; a disaster that was narrowly averted.

Mary Wall, a daughter of the homeowners Ruth and Cobb Bell, expressed deep appreciation to the responders for saving the lives of her parents and their caregiver.

4. PROCLAMATION/RESOLUTIONS

A. Motion to approve Proclamation proclaiming March 2017 as American Red Cross Month.

Council Member Kimbrough moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Barber.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
SECONDER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

A representative with the American Red Cross addressed City Council. She reported in South Carolina the Red Cross responds to a house fire every 3.9 hours. Last year in Georgetown 74 people lost everything they owned to fire. The Red Cross provides lodging, money for food and clothing, replaces lost medications and helps the individuals on the road to recovery. Working with firefighters across South Carolina approximately 50,000 smoke detectors have been installed in the last two

years. Their goal is to cut the risk of injury and death by fire by 25%. With the help of the Georgetown Fire Department, 799 smoke alarms have been installed in the City in the past year. During Hurricane Matthew, 97 shelters were opened across the state, two in Georgetown where over-night stays, meals and needed items were provided.

B. Motion to approve Resolution declaring March 12-18, 2017 as Sunshine Week.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

C. Motion to approve Resolution designating April 2017 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Georgetown, SC.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter Executive pursuant to SC Code Sections 30-4-70(a)(2) and (5) to discuss and receive legal advice on matters related to economic development and zoning matters covered by attorney-client privilege concerning agenda item 12A.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Butts.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 5:52 PM.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Meeting.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Butts.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member

SECONDER: Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member

AYES: Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

Executive Session was adjourned and the Regular Meeting was reconvened at 6:45 PM.

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Scoville opened the Public Comments section and recognized Mr. Al Joseph. Mr. Joseph announced on March 25th the Georgetown Community Alliance is sponsoring the Melting Pot March beginning at 1:00 pm at the former Winyah High School ending at the Howard Center. The Georgetown Police and Fire Departments have prepared chicken pileau for all to enjoy at the completion of the March. The idea behind this event is to try and bring everyone together and bridge the disconnect in the City. He asked anyone who would like to participate to register online.

Mayor Scoville recognized Mr. Eric Solheim who addressed Council concerning the steel mill. He said it in flares a lot of passions, is ugly and in bad repair, and the owners don't feel accountable to our community. However, he noted the problem is money. He said on average the former workers of the steel mill made \$5,160 per month, \$61,000 a year; a middle-class American lifestyle. "To deprive those people of that opportunity, in my mind, is an immorality." He told Council, as civil servants, they are tasked with the responsibility and obligation to consider the people in this town.

8. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 21, Taxation and Finance, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Georgetown by Adding Article V, Rehabilitation Tax Incentive Assessment, Sections 21-80 through 21-84.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Barber. Mr. Rick Martin stated this is the Bailey Bill. Ms. Amy Moore, Preservation Planner with the City of Columbia met with Council in January. With guidance from Mayor and Council, staff revised the draft ordinance to change the tax incentive time frame to 20 years and the percent of rehabilitation to 20%.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

- B. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance to amend Article VII, Section 702.2, Site Plan Requirements, of the City of Georgetown Zoning Ordinance to change the minimum acreage requirement for a Planned Development.

Council Member Kimbrough moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Mr. Rick Martin said the Planning Commission and staff need time to review this further.

Mayor Scoville moved to postpone action, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	POSTPONED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jack M. Scoville, Jr., Mayor
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

- C. **Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance to amend the City of Georgetown Zoning Ordinance to add Article IV, Section 439, Short-Term Vacation Rentals.**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Barber. This ordinance will regulate property owners who are utilizing the new trend of renting or leasing their homes via websites; typically weekend rentals. It will require the properties to pay for a business license and hospitality and accommodations taxes.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

9. **ELECTRIC UTILITIES**

- A. **Motion to Approve Purchase of Substation Equipment and Payment of \$50,925.00 (plus tax) to Tatman Associates, Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio.**

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Butts. Mr. Alan Loveless informed Council this purchase is for substation equipment consisting of steel framing, aluminum bus work, switches, terminations and other associated items. The step-up transformer and the outdoor circuit breakers will be installed in conjunction with this equipment outside of the generation building. The equipment

must be ordered ahead of the construction contract in order to be delivered on time.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

10. WATER UTILITIES

A. Motion to Approve Payment to North American Construction Company, Inc. For Change Order No. 2 for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Modifications Phase 1 & 2 - SBR No. 2 & 3 in the Amount of \$136,110.00.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. Mr. Will Cook stated the majority of this change order is for repairs to the decant wetwell due to acid feed system and re-construction of the acid feed to prevent future damage. It also includes installation of a sump in SBR #2 as was installed in SBR #3. This sump allows for proper cleaning of the SBR and allows for concrete work to be completed. Additional money for structural concrete changes for the new decanter is included. With approval of this change order, we will be \$256,611 under budget.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

11. ENGINEERING

A. Motion to approve bid and make payments to CP&G as the general contractor for the Ben Cooper Park Improvements Phase III project in the amount not to exceed \$250,000. Bid price includes all the labor, material and supplies to construct the project in accordance with the contract documents and Addenda 1 and 2.

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Barber. Mr. Orlando Arteaga stated this includes the new bathhouse, new landscaping, walkways and a perimeter fence around the Park. CP&G is a local Georgetown company that is acting as the general contractor for the project. Mr. Barber expressed concern about the design of the restrooms from a safety and liability standpoint. Mr. Arteaga noted there are individual bathrooms for males and females and cameras are located in the Park. The bathrooms will be locked when the Park is closed. Public Works will be in charge of securing the facilities.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sheldon A. Butts, Council Member
SECONDER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

12. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to approve Resolution to adopt Georgetown Redevelopment Districts (REDD) attached as Exhibit A and establish that the REDD shall be subject to the Pending Ordinance Doctrine.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Kimbrough. Mr. Paul Gardner stated the City has contracted with Waccamaw Regional to draft this proposed zoning text amendment and have received advice from a land use lawyer. The next stage is for Council to direct the Planning Commission to hold a Public Hearing and to take recommendations from the Planning Commission on the proposed zoning text amendment. The Resolution states we will follow the normal meeting schedule and the Public Hearing will be at the April 25, 2017 regular meeting of the Planning Commission. After the Public Hearing and recommendation from the Planning Commission the amendment would be presented to Council for first reading at the June meeting. Mayor Pro Tempore Barber stated this is emotional for folks born and raised in Georgetown. He does not want Council to send the wrong message to recruiting business. He wants the Planning Commission to know there is deep concern for attracting new businesses as well as the impact on families. He cannot support the speed in rezoning.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 3]
MOVER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
SECONDER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough
NAYS:	Barber Sr., Butts, Smalls

13. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Paul Gardner reported we have permission to break ground for the new fire station in Maryville. Consensus from Council was Tuesday afternoon at 5:00 PM. ~ The West End Redevelopment Committee will meet on Monday, April 20 at 6:00 pm. ~ The Great American Cleanup and the Melting Pot March are both scheduled for March 25th. ~ The Cherry Street water project is 99% complete. ~ The City is waiting on a CSX permit for the CDBG drainage project Phase I and II. ~ The Finance Department is working to automate our inventory and work orders process to be more effective and efficient. ~ Dollar General plans have been approved. ~ Roses Express has their CO and should be open for business soon. ~ Discuss the top five SWAT analysis (from the retreat) at the upcoming workshop.

14. OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Butts reiterated the West End Redevelopment Committee will meet Monday, April 20 and noted the importance of going forward with the West End Redevelopment Plan.

15. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Butts stated the Georgetown Community Relations Council is showing a free movie, *Selma*, on March 25 at 3:00 pm at the Georgetown County Library. The Council is governed under the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission. Volunteers will be present to register individuals to vote.

16. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. February 2017 GPD Report**
- B. February 2017 Municipal Court Report**
- C. February 2017 Fire Report**
- D. February 2017 Public Works Department Report**
- E. February 2017 Fleet Services Report**
- F. February 2017 Electric Utility Department Report**
- G. February 2017 Water Utilities Report**
- H. February 2017 Engineering Report**
- I. February 2017 Housing & Community Development Report**
- J. February 2017 Finance and IT Departmental Reports**

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council

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

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough, Smalls

The Regular Meeting of City Council was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 04/20/17