



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 15, 2018 – 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 Tupelo Humes
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

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
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
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

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

Fire Chief Charlie Cribb rendered the invocation. Council Member Carol Jayroe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Barber opened the Public Comments portion of the meeting and recognized Mr. Kevin Boyce. Mr. Boyce lives in Murrells Inlet and is a licensed master electrician. He addressed City Council regarding the City's LED lighting project and expressed his concern with the 14 page Request for Proposal. He said the City's demands are very specific, but there is no serious commitment from the City to the contractor. A small local contractor bidding this project without a commitment back from the City, could be crushed and he feels the City needs to commit back to the contractor the same way the requirements are being laid out. He asked Council to take a look at the requirements.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Joanne Haselden. She addressed Council to recount the steps taken concerning the FEMA State approved Mitigation Elevation Grant she was awarded and asked Council to review the facts presented and agree to move forward with the process.

Mayor Barber asked Mr. Boyce to speak with the City Administrator regarding his concerns. Mayor Barber informed Ms. Haselden that staff is working hard to ensure we have all the proper answers for her in the future.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

No new employees.

6. PROCLAMATION/RESOLUTION

A. Motion to approve a Resolution designating April 2018 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Georgetown, SC.

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, Humes, Smalls

7. FINANCE

A. Motion to approve First Reading of a Bond Ordinance for the Issuance and Sale of a General Obligation Bond from USDA for Fire Station II, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

Councilmember Joseph moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley. Mrs. Debra Bivens stated this is a 20 year bond with a current interest rate of 2.75%, the final rate will be determined at closing. The first payment is due one year from the

date of closing. The contractor is being paid out of Fund Balance at this time. We will be reimbursed with proceeds from the Bond which we expect to receive by June 30th.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 4/19/2018 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore	
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls	

8. PUBLIC WORKS

A. Motion to approve purchase of playground equipment and payment to Bliss Products and Services, Inc. in the amount of \$25,385.24.

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Humes. Mr. Tim Chatman stated the new swing set will replace a twenty year old swing set in Ben Cooper Park. The safety surface was installed twelve years ago to replace the old sawdust pit. Numerous repairs have been made to both. The City plans to dismantle the old swing and sell it for scrap.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

9. WATER UTILITIES

A. Motion to accept bid and allow staff to enter into a contract with R.E. McLean Tank Company, Inc. for the removal of the Old Maryville Elevated Water Tank in the amount of \$29,600.00.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. Mr. Will Cook said this is the old 75,000 gallon tank which was replaced with a 250,000 gallon tank two years ago. The project has been delayed due to communications being relocated at the tank site. We now have the termination agreement with Verizon wireless and can move forward. The demolished tank will be the property of McLean Tank Company. This was written in the City's specifications.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member

SECONDER: Al Joseph, Council Member

AYES: Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

10. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Smith reported his first two weeks with the City have been busy meeting with staff, residents, business people and elected officials. Council's annual retreat will begin tomorrow morning at the Wampee Conference Center. The agenda is both informative and challenging as we work together to set the course for our City government in the new fiscal year. His top priorities are to help in the transition of securing new administrative leadership for the City, ensure we do not lose any ground in the quality of our services rendered to the citizens of Georgetown, continue moving projects along, and maintain an optimistic outlook among City employees. He appreciates the opportunity to serve Georgetown and looks forward to working cooperatively and collaboratively with staff, City Council and the citizens.

11. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

12. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

13. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

Mayor Barber noted the department monthly reports are included in the agenda packet.

A. February 2018 GPD Report

B. February 2018 Municipal Court Report

C. February 2018 Fire Report

D. February 2018 Public Works Department Report

E. February 2018 Fleet service Report

F. February 2018 Electric Utility Department Report

G. February 2018 Water Utilities Report

H. February 2018 Engineering Monthly Report

I. February 2018 Housing & Community Development Report

J. February 2018 Economic Development Report

K. February 2018 Finance and IT Departments Report

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter Executive Session pursuant to Sec 30-4-70 (a)(1) to discuss appointment/reappointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Architectural Review Board, Construction Board of Appeals, Community Appearance Board; Sec 30-4-70 (a)(2) to discuss contract for professional services related to the Electric Dept and proposed settlement of 2017-CP-22-0959; and Sec 30-4-70(a)(2)&(5) to discuss economic development matters related to Project Vista.

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, Humes, Smalls

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

Executive Session was adjourned and the Regular Meeting was reconvened at 6:52 pm.

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

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

Motion to accept the March 9th mediation settlement agreement and authorize staff to enter into a final settlement agreement resolving 2017-CP-22-0959.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. City Attorney, Mrs. Elise Crosby, stated the motion on the floor at present regards a long pending case against the City of Georgetown brought by SCMIRF, our insurance carrier, and we are named as the defendant along with the excess coverage carrier, RSUI. We mediated that case and attended a second mediation on Friday. The Mayor and City Administrator were in attendance with the legal team. The settlement agreement was reached with both the plaintiff and the co-defendant. The total amount of \$2.25 million has been memorialized and put in writing for the flood damage from the insurance claims made by the City in 2011 for City Hall and Fire Station #1. The approval of that agreement is presented for Council's consideration

tonight. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, we would be paid those funds within 15 days of execution of the final settlement agreement.

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, Humes, Smalls

Motion to approve contract for professional services related to the Electric Utility Department.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

Motion to reappoint Brenda Bessinger, James Dozier, John Kester, Jr., Sandra Quinn and Johnny Wilson to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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, Humes, Smalls

Motion to reappoint Robert McCarley, IV to the Community Appearance Board.

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

Motion to reappoint Jimmy Holt as Structural Engineer to the Construction Board of Appeals.

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, Humes, Smalls

Motion to reappoint Paul Smith to the Planning Commission.

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, Humes, Smalls

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 06/21/18