



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

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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 Tamika Williams-Obeng
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

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
Ms. Amy Skidmore, Georgetown Fire Department Office Manager
Chief William Pierce, Georgetown Police Department
Mrs. Ieshia Tucker, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent
Mr. Scott Whittier, Utilities & Public Works Director

ABSENT

Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Director of Finance

MEDIA

Mr. Scott Harper, GAB News
Mr. Mike Woodel, Georgetown Times

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 Morris introduced Dr. Deshawn Rouse from Spirit Filled Ambassadors for Christ Ministries to render the invocation and Mr. Andy Crocker to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

None

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mr. Whittier introduced Marcella White for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

6. PRESENTATION

A. Presentation from the Gullah Geechee Chamber Foundation and the Gullah Geechee Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Marilyn Hemingway from the Gullah Geechee Chamber of Commerce presented the purpose and explained the partnerships of the Gullah Geechee Chamber. She pointed out the Gullah Geechee Environmental & Energy Programming that will be held in Brunswick, Georgia in October. Ms. Hemingway stated with an investment from Horry County, the Gullah Geechee University was established. She discussed the Bring Harriet Home: Journey to Freedom A Monumental Event that they are sponsoring at Rainey Park and will be held from August-October 2023. She stated the Gullah Geechee Chamber is established in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina and they are celebrating their 5 year anniversary this year.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) to receive legal advice relating to proposed sale or purchase of property-Public Works, Fleet Operations and Electric Department Financing and discuss and receive legal advice related to proposed development incentive agreements with the developers of the George Hotel.

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, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

Executive Session adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:44pm.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

8. FINANCE

- A. Motion to approve first 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 Mayor Pro Tempore Clements.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 3/16/2023 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

- B. Motion to approve payment up to \$137,407.85 for Tyler Tech/New World for ERP System.**

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

9. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- A. **Motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Georgetown, South Carolina, Main Street Program and the Georgetown Business Association (GBA)**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

- B. **Motion to approve a resolution amending the Georgetown Historic District Design Review Standards.**

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, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

10. POLICE

- A. **Motion to approve first 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 Angner moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Clements.

Mayor Jayroe stated she would like a few revisions made before second reading and will review them with Dr. Yúdice and Chief Pierce.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 3/16/2023 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

11. WATER UTILITIES

- A. **Motion to approve payment of the not to exceed amount of \$250,000 to Coastal Hydraulics for the removal, repair, and re-installation of Stormwater Pump #1 using fiscal year 2023 earmarked funding.**

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, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

12. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Motion to approve first 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.**

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 3/16/2023 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

13. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice stated the School Board of Trustees approved the use of the Howard Center property to build a park that will include two basketball courts and park amenities. She stated we are moving forward with the solicitation for design and engineering services. She said a joint letter was sent to Georgetown County requesting funds to cover the construction costs of the park amenities and the costs of the basketball courts will be included in FY2024. Dr. Yúdice said we began reviewing department’s budget requests with the finance department this week. She said the budget retreat will be at the Georgetown County airport on March 23rd. Dr. Yúdice stated the asbestos assessment contractor for the demolition grant is inspecting the last house and once it is completed, we will send all paperwork to the state. She said the procurement of demolition services will follow.

14. MINUTES

- A. Motion to approve minutes of January 19 and January 26, 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, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

15. OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Milton stated something needs to be done with the trash that is being dumped on Church Street. He said he seen a washing machine in the trash pile yesterday. He said someone needs to be held accountable.

16. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Jayroe stated there will be another Community Meeting next Tuesday 2/21 at 5:30pm at the Country Club Estates Clubhouse for the entire community. The 2022 annual report will be distributed at the community meetings. Mayor Jayroe stated travel expense reports for Council Members will be posted on the City website sometime next week from the past 5 years.

17. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

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

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

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1)(2) to discuss an employee matter and contractual arrangements in the water department and receive related legal advice; to discuss appointments and releases for the City's Boards and Commissions; to discuss incident to proposed contractual arrangements regarding city utilities, and to 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, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

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, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

Executive Session adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:45pm.

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 and Director of Human Resources to prepare separation agreements as needed.

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, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

19. APPOINTMENTS

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

The Clerk distributed paper hand ballots for voting.

The Clerk stated two Council Members did not vote and only 5 votes were received. She stated Council Member Milton and Council Member Smalls did not submit completed hand ballots. The City Attorney referenced city ordinance, Sec. 2-18(b), states every member of the council present shall vote on every question except when required to refrain from voting by state law. Mayor Jayroe asked Council Member Milton and Council Member Smalls if they would like to vote. The City Attorney stated if a Council Member abstains from voting and does not have a

conflict of interest, an affirmative vote in favor of the motion shall be recorded. Mayor Jayroe confirmed their votes would be recorded to the applicants with the most votes to fill the appointments.

Mayor Jayroe requested the Clerk to read the voting results. The Clerk stated for the Arts & Cultural Commission, the 3 applicants with the most votes are Dell Omega Grant, Natalie Pantuso, and Susan Lumpkin. The Clerk stated for the Planning Commission, the 2 applicants Winfred Pieterse and Craig Daniel received the same amount of votes (5) respectively to fill the 2 vacancies.

Motion to appoint Dell Omega Grant to the Arts & Cultural Commission.

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

Motion to appoint Natalie Pantuso to the Arts & Cultural Commission.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
NAYS:	Obeng

Motion to appoint Susan Lumpkin to the Arts & Cultural Commission.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls
NAYS:	Morris

Motion to appoint Winfred Pieterse and Craig Daniel to the Planning Commission.

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

Motion to appoint for these 2 Commissions and Boards.

Council Member Angner stated for the record "Who participated in the vote and who decided not to vote?"

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT: APPROVED [5 TO 2]

AYES: Angner, Clements, Morris, Obeng, Jayroe

NAYS: Milton, Smalls

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

None

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, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 03/16/23