



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 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.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Paul A. Gardner, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Ann U. Mercer, City Clerk
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. Glen Dixon, Fleet Superintendent
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

Miss Suzanne Abed-El-Latif, HR Manager

MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Mr. 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

Mr. Rick Martin rendered the invocation. Mayor Scoville led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mr. Paul Gardner introduced Mrs. Gloria Bromell-Tinubu, the City's Economic Development Director.

6. PROCLAMATION

A. Motion to approve Proclamation in support for the Municipal Association's 2017 advocacy initiatives for the state's 270 cities and towns.

Mayor Pro Tempore Barber moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Hundreds of municipal officials from across the state collaborated to identify challenges at the municipal level. The Municipal Association identified five advocacy initiatives based on the feedback from local officials to encourage business growth and development, provide quality services, increase law enforcement training, repair roads and reduce bight.

Mr. Gardner said the Municipal Association is looking at two bills in the legislature that deal with business licenses. Traditionally the City collects the business license. Some business owners state-wide feel it is an inconvenience dealing with multiple towns and want a single portal at the State level. We do not have an issue with a centralized portal; however, we're very concerned about the collection of business licenses by the State. If the bills pass, the City will receive a lessor portion of the revenue. Staff has contacted Representative Carl Anderson with our concerns. Mrs. Bivens reported the Business License revenue is the second largest source of revenue in the General Fund; approximately \$2.5 million. We receive approximately \$2.9 million from property taxes.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

7. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance to amend the City of Georgetown Zoning Ordinance Article V, Section 511 for Accessory Use, Building, Structure.**

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Butts. Mr. Rick Martin stated this text amendment was originally discussed at the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting in September 2016. There has been an increase in variance requests for accessory structures throughout the City and the Board thought a text amendment to Section 511 could solve most of the issues. The Planning Commission recommended staff draft Section 511 with two subsections; one for Residential and one for Commercial accessory structures. They recommended approval of the text amendment at the January 24, 2017 meeting with a 4-0 vote. The amendment will allow commercial parcels more accessory structure square footage since they have more land than residential parcels. Currently three structures are allowed per property owner for a total of 1800 square feet. Mr. Martin explained the amendment would allow 600 square feet total; whether one, two or three structures. Council Member Kimbrough was opposed to allowing more than one structure per residential parcel.

After further discussions among Council, Mayor Scoville moved to **postpone the matter until the next meeting**, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Barber.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	POSTPONED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jack M. Scoville Jr., Mayor
SECONDER:	Brendon M. Barber Sr., Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Barber Sr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough
ABSENT:	Smalls

8. FINANCE

- A. Motion to Approve Budget Preparation Calendar for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.**

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

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

- B. Motion to Approve Payment to the Winyah Auditorium Corporation in the Amount of \$35,000.**

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

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

9. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

A. Motion to Approve Purchase of outdoor circuit breakers and Payment in the Amount of \$29,215.00 to Siemens Industry, Inc.

Council Member Kimbrough moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. Mr. Alan Loveless stated this equipment is necessary for the connection of the peak-shaving generators to our distribution system. It will protect the generators from events that occur on the distribution system and will also be the key switching points in a scheme that will allow the generators to provide emergency back-up power to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The project engineer advertised and received three qualified bids. The low bidder was Siemens Industry, Inc.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

Council Member Kimbrough asked why there are no lamp post on Broad Street between Highmarket and Prince Streets and Prince and Front Streets. Mr. Loveless said his original plan included lights the entire length of Broad Street. Mrs. Susan Krowka, the Project Manager, met resistance from some of the residents and he understood the decision was made to install lights at the intersections and not in those two blocks. Council Member Kimbrough said this should be revisited. Mayor Scoville said Council can talk about this going forward.

10. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Gardner announced that voting has been extended until midnight for the Small Business Resolution and encouraged everyone to vote.~The residents on Broad Street will be surveyed concerning the lighting project.~A West End Redevelopment meeting was held Saturday. He said this was a positive meeting and thanked two of the Council Members for participating.~The sidewalk replacement project is underway.~The City has a new recycling trailer. The old trailer has been repurposed into an e-waste trailer.~The Harborwalk fire protection equipment has been tested and exceeded expectations.~Staff is working on easements at the newest water tank site.~The Georgetown Police Department body cameras are fully deployed.~FEMA on-site assessments for damages incurred by Hurricane Matthew

are ongoing.~There will be no workshop Thursday.~A draft of the agenda for the Retreat is provided.~A needs assessment public hearing for CDBG funding will be held at 6:00 pm on February 22, 2017 at Waccamaw Regional.~The ARB guidelines committee will be in town receiving public comments on February 28 and March 1.

11. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of City Council meetings dated December 15, 2016 and January 19, 2017.

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
ABSENT:	Smalls

12. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

13. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Butts has received comments from residents concerning the 18-wheel truck traffic on Merriman Road during school hours. Specifically at the corner of Gilbert and Merriman Road kids are literally on the curb, two feet away from the trucks. He said this is a grave safety concern. Mr. Gardner stated with the latest traffic adjustment, the Police Chief has approached SCDOT concerning the truck detour being vacated on Merriam Road. Trucks traveling east on Highmarket Street do not have enough turning radius onto Highway 17; therefore Merriman Road is still an authorized detour. During the next phase of construction this pattern will change. The Chief will address this concern with more police activity to insure safety. Mayor Pro Tempore Barber reiterated the residents concern about the truck traffic. However, he along with several adults in the neighborhood continually warn the children to go back within the lot away from the corner but they won't listen. At one point the kids were being placed on the screen porches. In front of Mr. Ford's yard they tore his fence down. Discussions continued. Council Member Jayroe said the school district should address this as well. Council Member Butts asked if the City could contact the school district. Mr. Gardner said we will do everything we can to make it safe.

14. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. January 2017 GPD Monthly Report**
- B. January 2017 Fire Report**
- C. January 2017 Public Works Department Report**

- D. January 2017 Electric Utility Department Report
- E. January 2017 Water Utilities Report
- F. January 2017 Engineering Report
- G. January 2017 Housing & Community Development Report
- H. January 2017 Municipal Court Report
- I. January 2017 Finance and IT Departments Report

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Sections 30-4-70(a)(2) to receive legal advice and update related to 2009-CP-22-1045 (re. motion for summary judgment); to receive legal advice and update related to 2014-CP-22-863 (re. mandatory mediation); to discuss property negotiations and receive related legal advice; and Section 30-4-70(a)(5) to discuss matters related to business location and provision of services for economic development at the former steel mill site.

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
ABSENT:	Smalls

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and return to Regular Session.

Council Member Kimbrough moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

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

Executive Session was adjourned and the Regular Meeting was reconvened at 6:51 PM.

Mayor Pro Tempore Barber left the Meeting.

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

16. CITY COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council

Council Member Kimbrough moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Scoville called for the question.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Edward S Kimbrough, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Scoville Jr., Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Kimbrough
ABSENT:	Smalls
AWAY:	Barber Sr.

The Regular Meeting of City Council was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 04/20/17