



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 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 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

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. Paul A. Gardner, 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
Mrs. Gloria Bromell-Tinubu, Economic Development Director
Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

ABSENT

Mr. Rick Martin, Building Official/Zoning Administrator

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 so as to not interrupt the meeting.

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Fire Chief Charlie Cribb rendered the invocation. Mayor Barber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PRESENTATION OF 2017 SILVER PALMETTO AWARD

Mrs. Elizabeth Krauss, Executive Director of the Georgetown County Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, announced the City of Georgetown was nominated by GCDDSN to the State Department of DSN to show appreciation for all the City does for citizens with disabilities. This includes work provided to the recycling crew since 1990. In addition, the Police and Fire Departments have been integral parts of the GCDDSN operation. Every Christmas they attend drop-ins at the residential homes in the City and meet the individuals. The 2017 Silver Palmetto Award was presented to the City in Columbia last week at the Municipal Association meeting. Ms. Stacey Randolph extended appreciation to the City for the support provided to the residential program. Mr. Jerry Gardner expressed his appreciation for the respect and support given to the recycling crew by the Public Works employees. Mayor Barber expressed appreciation to the Agency for the professionalism and responsibility exhibited to maintain the City.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Barber opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting and recognized Ms. Stephanie McGuire, Chief Community Relations Officer for SC Thrive. Ms. McGuire said they are a state wide non-profit organization that focuses on providing quality of life resources to all South Carolinians. She is present today on behalf of the Coastal Veterans Coalition led in part by the Saint James/Santee Health Care Center, a Veterans choice provider. Collaboratively the two organizations believe they can work together and smarter to help Veterans transitioning to civilian life, and they are looking for funding to provide resources.

Mayor Barber recognized Brother Willie (Singleton) who addressed City Council concerning West End improvement. He stated a manufactured home is not the same as a trailer; it is a stick build house. He questioned why the City would require a stick built home in the West End and not allow a manufactured home.

Mayor Barber recognized Ms. Lucy Woodhouse who addressed City Council on West End redevelopment and affordable housing. She said a Housing Action Council consisting of partners from the non-profit community, the governments, the business community, and for profit and non-profit developers have been meeting to explore different options available. They want to move forward in the way that is best for Georgetown. Ms. Woodhouse invited members of City Council to join the Housing Action Council; two City staff members have been attending. The group wants to share what they are learning and be a part of decisions being made moving forward.

Mayor Barber recognized Mr. Tim Harris. Mr. Harris stated he is with ASI Engineers, representing the applicant for Agenda Item 9A and is available to answer any questions.

Mayor Barber recognized Mr. Scott Hutto. Mr. Hutto stated he is a lifelong resident of Georgetown, other than college, law school and four years of active duty. His family has lived here since 1935 and operated businesses in the City. He has seen a number of City Administrators and personally he believes Paul Gardner is one of the best.

6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Chief Kelvin Waites introduced Officer Audrey Bromell.

7. RESOLUTION

A. Motion to approve a Resolution in Support of Santee Cooper.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved to amend the motion to remove the phrase 'at this time' from the Resolution, seconded by Council Member Butts. Mayor Barber read the Resolution.

Mayor Barber called for the vote on the amended motion.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote on the main motion.

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

Mayor Barber asked the Clerk to forward a copy of the amended Resolution to our State Representative and State Senator.

8. MRS. JOANNE FREEMAN HASELDEN

Ms. Joanne Freeman Haselden, of 201 Bolick Street in Georgetown, handed out information and addressed City Council concerning FEMA Grant Award #4241-S256. She read from a prepared statement that was provided in the hand out describing her situation and requested the project move forward.

During the January 25th City Council workshop staff presented information on the FEMA Mitigation Grant involving this residence. After explaining the process, staff

said an agreement could be proposed which would protect the City financially and allow Ms. Haselden to repair her house. In order for Council to make an informed decision, staff was directed to prepare answers to their questions and concerns which will be presented at a future meeting.

9. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve first reading of an ordinance to rezone approximately 5.66 acres, owned by Richmond Realty, LLC, located off Anthuan Maybank Drive, from General Commercial (GC) to Residential (R4).

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Humes. Mr. Matt Millwood presented the request. Bradley Housing Development, LLC. plans to purchase the property and construct a 43-unit senior living apartment complex. This property is located in an Overlay District behind Sears and Badcock Furniture and requires a stormwater plan and landscaping plan. In order for the project to move forward, the property must be rezoned from General Commercial to Residential R4. A variance to the parking and height requirements will be addressed at the next Board of Zoning Appeals meeting prior to second reading.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 2/22/2018 4:00 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member	
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls	

10. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

A. Motion to approve Purchase Order and payment for the purchase of LED street light fixtures in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. Mr. Alan Loveless stated bids were opened Tuesday, February 13th. The budgeted amount is \$500,000. Westco Distribution in West Columbia was the low bidder. The total amount of the initial purchase is \$212,782.50. He noted LED street lights are much more efficient than the existing assortment of lights on our system at this time. Once all street lights are replaced, we should recognized energy savings of approximately \$43,000 per year as well as lower maintenance costs. After evaluating several different manufacturers of street lights, Cree was selected. There will be small and large lights depending on the location. The Police Department will provided input on areas requiring the high wattage lights. Bids were for 350 of each size, approximately one third of the total lights needed. Installation will begin on the West End.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

B. Motion to approve a Purchase Order with Sumter Utilities and payment not to exceed \$110,000 for line work associated with the Peak Shaving Project.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley. Mr. Loveless stated the bulk of this work is necessary so the peak shaving plant can also be used to provide automatic backup power for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This is included in the budgeted amount for the peak shaving project.

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

11. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Paul Gardner reported staff is working diligently on the checklist for unfit dwellings. A hearing was held this week on a complaint petition under the unfit dwellings ordinance for two dwellings which was presented to Council at the January 22nd Special Meeting. The landlord was directed to obtain the necessary building permits to complete the work. ~ The pile driver is working on the new water tower located behind Georgetown Middle School. ~ The CDBG drainage project is moving forward. ~ A ribbon cutting is planned for February 24th at East Bay Park. Over \$800,000 has been spent between the boat parking and bathrooms. ~ Fire Station 2 should be complete by mid March. ~ The Screven Street bathroom renovation project will begin in a couple of weeks. A high quality trailer toilet will be placed in the bus turn around area at the corner of Screven and Front Streets. ~ The Peak Shaving project is nearing completion. ~ East Bay Park walking trail project will begin soon. ~ Department Head budget reviews will begin tomorrow.

12. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of December 21, 2017 City Council Meeting.

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

13. OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Butts asked if the sound system in the court room could be modified in order for the proceedings to be heard throughout the room. Also, he has been approached by residents requesting bathroom facilities at Bayview Park and asked staff to look into the matter.

14. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

15. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

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

- A. January 2018 Georgetown Police Department Report**
- B. January 2018 Municipal Court Report**
- C. January 2018 Fire Report**
- D. January 2018 Public Works Department Report**
- E. January 2018 Fleet Services Report**
- F. January 2018 Electric Utility Department Report**
- G. January 2018 Water Utilities Report**
- H. January 2018 Engineering Report**
- I. January 2018 Housing & Community Development Report**
- J. January 2018 Economic Development Report**
- K. January 2018 Finance and IT Departments Report**

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss board appointments and Sec. 30-4-70(a)(5) to discuss economic development matters related to Project Vista.

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Butts.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved to amend the main motion to add discussion of a personnel matter in the Administration Department, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote on the amended motion.

RESULT:	APPROVED 4-3
MOVER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Butts, Humes
NAYS:	Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls

Mayor Barber called for the vote on main motion.

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

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Meeting.

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

Executive Session was adjourned and Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:40 pm.

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

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

18. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint Sandy Bradford Tomlinson as a Member At Large to the Keep Georgetown Beautiful Board.

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

Motion to reappoint Richard Smith to the Georgetown Housing Authority Board.

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

Mayor Barber instructed Mrs. Suzanne Anderson to advise the City's labor attorney to prepare a document of separation from the City for Mr. Gardner along with the due diligence.

Council Member Butts asked Chief Waites to comment with regard to the violence that has recently occurred in the United States and within our community and surrounding areas. Chief Waites said he met with the Georgetown County Sheriff's office to discuss what is happening in our community. The GPD is being proactive by using our intelligence based investigations and sharing information with the Sheriff's office. Officers have been more visible at the schools and doing everything they can to stay on top of things. Chief Waites said we also need the community's help...if you see something, say something.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 05/17/18