



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 19, 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
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, City Engineer
Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Director of Finance
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Chief William Pierce, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Robert Cox, Interim Director of Planning and Community Development
Mrs. Ieshia Tucker, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent
Mr. Scott Whittier, Utilities & Public Works Director

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 Obeng introduced Rev. Winston T. Jones from Arnett AME Church to render the invocation and Staff Sergeant Anthony W. Wragg to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Wesley Gibson. Mr. Gibson spoke about the Round-Up Program Ordinance. He said it is a good program but Council needs to do a study to come up with a good program that can help many people. He stated the program that is on the agenda is like putting a band aid on a gunshot wound.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mrs. Vermeland introduced Ms. [Da'jua Mitchell for the Finance Department](#).

6. PRESENTATION

A. Presentation of the FY22 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) by Greene Finney, LLP

Mrs. Emily Sobczak from Green Finney, LLP presented the FY2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Mrs. Sobczak reviewed the responsibilities of the City and their firm during the audit. She reviewed the General Fund balance and pointed out the unassigned fund balance of \$3.2M is a healthy balance for the City. Mrs. Sobczak reviewed the General Fund revenues and expenditures from previous years. She gave an overview of the Total Governmental Funds and Enterprise Funds. She stated the total capital assets were \$70.4M as of June 30, 2022. She stated the total long-term obligations outstanding was \$16.4M as of June 30, 2022. Discussions followed.

B. Designated Marketing Organization Presentation

Andrew from Three Ring Focus presented the marketing activities that they have been working with the GBA on over the past year. He explained the new website and slogan "where southern time meets maritime" to attract tourism. He said they also created a TV commercial that is currently playing. He reviewed the different marketing tools used to promote the City of Georgetown. Discussions followed.

7. FINANCE

A. Motion to approve second reading of an ordinance to create the Residential Utility Round-Up Program and the Residential Utilities Round-Up Assistance Fund.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 3]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe
NAYS:	Obeng, Milton, Smalls

8. POLICE

- A. The Police Department plans to change the graphic design of their marked patrol cars.**

Chief Pierce presented the new graphic design for marked patrol cars.

9. PUBLIC WORKS

- A. Motion to approve purchase and payment to Dobbs Equipment for a John Deere 244L four wheel drive loader with tink claw bucket in the amount of \$125,609.53.**

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

10. ENGINEERING

- A. Motion to approve a contract in the amount of \$1,013,380 for the West End Water Upgrades construction project and award contract to Associates Roofing and Construction, Inc.**

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

- B. Motion to approve purchase of a pre-fabricated bathroom unit (Ozark I) for \$79,560.79 for Baruch Park with FY 23 funds.**

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

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

11. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to approve a resolution to adopt the City of Georgetown's strategic priority goals for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tamika Williams Obeng, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

B. Motion to approve First Semi-Annual payment to SCMIRF in the amount of \$461,712.50 for Property Liability and Vehicle Insurance and First Quarterly payment to SCMIT in the amount of \$114,952.00 for Worker's Compensation Insurance.

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

12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice stated the Department of Commerce increased the grant by \$296,708 for the West End water improvement projects. She said there was a meeting with the School Board to discuss a park at Howard School and they agreed to split the costs 50% with the City. The request for funds to repair two city maintained roads has been delayed. The new planters are being placed on Front Street. The "Bring Harriet Home" statue press conference will be on Monday January 23 at 1:00pm at Rainey Park.

13. MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of December 15, 2022 Council meetings.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore

SECONDER: Jimmy Morris, Council Member

AYES: Angner, Clements, Morris, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

14. OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements reviewed a list of issues reported at the West End Community Meeting with responsive updates and requested it be posted on the City website.

Council Member Milton asked for an update on considering putting the general Public Comments section back to the front of the agenda. Mayor Jayroe stated in March it will have been twelve months since it was changed and it will be reconsidered at that time.

15. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Angner stated he has had people ask him about transparency of travel expenses from City Council members. Mayor Jayroe stated she requested this information from staff for the last five years be put on the city website.

16. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

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

- A. Electric Department Monthly Report December 2022**
- B. Engineering Monthly Report-December 2022**
- C. December 2022 Fire Report**
- D. December 2022 Fleet Service Report**
- E. GPD - Monthly Report December**
- F. Monthly Report December 2022**
- G. December 2022 Municipal Court Report**
- H. Planning & Community Development 2022**
- I. December 2022 Public Works Department Report**
- J. December 2022 Water Utilities Report**
- K. December 2022 Finance and IT Monthly Report**

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1)(2) and (5) for discussions incident to prospective contractual negotiations regarding city hall and zoning, and to receive related legal advice; and to discuss and receive legal advice related to potential or threatened litigation – Water Utilities, Planning, and Finance; and to receive quarterly legal update from the city attorney on pending cases and cases adjudicated since last update; and to discuss appointments/reappointments and releases for the City's Boards and Commissions.

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 7:05pm.

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 8:05pm.

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 to proceed with remediation of the Public Works laydown yard area soil borings and site survey in preparation for the new city hall building and request SCDOT to abandon and relinquish Kaminski Street from Front Street to the dead end and for the City to procure the services of a project management firm to manage the city hall project as a design turnkey project and release a portion of to be determined of the \$3.5M earmarked funds for city hall to cover the initial cost of this project.

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

18. APPOINTMENTS

Motion to fill one vacancy on the BZA Board with one of the following applicants: Jennifer Renee Sargent.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Jayroe stated under the policy adopted in December, the appointment will be made by vote on paper ballot. She requested the Clerk to distribute the paper ballots.

The Clerk stated for the Board of Zoning Appeals appointment, Jo Michelle Overton received 4 votes; Jennifer Renee Sargent received 3 votes; and David Collins received 0 votes.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [3 TO 4]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Obeng, Milton, Smalls
NAYS:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe

Motion to fill one vacancy on the BZA Board with one of the following applicants: Jo Michelle Overton.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Jayroe stated under the policy adopted in December, the appointment will be made by vote on paper ballot. She requested the Clerk to distribute the paper ballots.

The Clerk stated for the Board of Zoning Appeals appointment, Jo Michelle Overton received 4 votes; Jennifer Renee Sargent received 3 votes; and David Collins received 0 votes.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 3]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Jayroe
NAYS:	Obeng, Milton, Smalls

Motion to fill one vacancy on the BZA Board with one of the following applicants: David Collins.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Jayroe stated under the policy adopted in December, the appointment will be made by vote on paper ballot. She requested the Clerk to distribute the paper ballots.

The Clerk stated for the Board of Zoning Appeals appointment, Jo Michelle Overton received 4 votes; Jennifer Renee Sargent received 3 votes; and David Collins received 0 votes.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [1 TO 6]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Angner
NAYS:	Clements, Morris, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton, Smalls

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

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Wesley Gibson. Mr. Gibson stated the general public comments section should be moved to the front of the meeting. He said senior citizens are not able to stay until the end of the meeting to speak about their concerns because it is too late in the evening. He stated Council does not want to help solve problems for residents. Mr. Gibson said it is time to change and do things right.

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Deontae Winchester. Mr. Winchester stated he is the new President for NAACP Georgetown. He said he is concerned because the room is empty and he is requesting that the general public comments section be moved back to the front of Council meetings.

Mayor Jayroe recognized Mr. Marlin Brown. Mr. Brown stated the city has an easement on his property and he filed a claim in 2021 with the City. He said he has flooding issues on his property for years. He referenced letters he has received in the past from the City. Mayor Jayroe requested staff to follow up with Mr. Brown. Council Member Milton said he would follow up with staff.

20. 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 8:30pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 02/16/23