



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 18, 2018 – 5:30 PM
HOWARD AUDITORIUM
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
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 so as to not interrupt the meeting.

3. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barber recognized Reverend Dr. Dora Gafford, Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church; Representative and Reverend Dr. Carl Anderson, St. Stephen AME Church; Dr. Ted Sherrill, First Baptist Church and Bishop John Smith, Jr., Greater Bibleway Church. An invocation was rendered by each member of the Clergy. Students from the Optimism Prevention Services led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. OATHS OF OFFICE

Mrs. Elise Crosby administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Carol R. Jayroe. Miss Alma White administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Rudolph A. Bradley. Mr. James Sanderson administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Tupelo Humes. Representative Carl Anderson administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Brendon M. Barber, Sr.

Mayor Barber thanked all those in attendance and recognized former mayors Honorable Jack Scoville, Honorable Tom Rubillo and Honorable Doug Hinds. He thanked them for their past leadership and said he would be calling on them for their wisdom and understanding. He also recognized School District representatives Dr. Randy Dozier, Dr. Celeste Pringle and board members Johnnie Wilson and Randy Walker; County Administrator Mr. Sel Hemingway and County Council Member Lilly Jean Johnson; and Bishop Watkins.

5. NOMINATIONS AND VOTE FOR MAYOR PRO TEMPORE TO SERVE A TWO YEAR PERIOD

Mayor Barber opened the floor for nominations.

Council Member Butts nominated Council Member Rudolph A. Bradley to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. Mayor Barber asked for other nominations. Council Member Bradley accepted the nomination. Mayor Barber announced there were no other nominations. Council Member Bradley moved the nominations be closed, seconded by Council Member Butts.

Mayor Barber called for a show of hands in favor of Mr. Bradley. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Barber congratulated Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Barber open the Public Comments portion of the meeting and recognized Ms. Shauna Simmons. Ms. Simmons addressed City Council on the West End Redevelopment. (Inaudible from speaker's microphone.)

Before proceeding with the meeting, Mayor Barber thanked God first and then his family for their support before, during and after the elections. He said a strong belief with the Council is that God is first and then family. When you think about that family, we have to also think about Georgetown, because as we love our family we love you. He stated Mayor and Council will do what is fair and do the best to serve all the citizens of the City.

Mayor Barber announced after the meeting refreshments will be served and the citizens will have an opportunity to meet and greet the elected officials.

7. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mr. Alan Loveless introduced Mr. Leslie Lyles and Mr. Lonnie Pope, both hired as Line Technicians Class C.

8. POLICE

A. Motion to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement between Georgetown County Sheriff's Office and Georgetown Police Department to assist both agencies with manpower or resources during critical incidents.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Police Chief Kelvin Waites presented the agreement and requested Council approval. (Inaudible from speaker's microphone.)

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

9. ENGINEERING

A. Motion to approve bid and make payment to Ben Cox, LLC for the construction of a new 6-foot wide un-paved recreational walking trail around East Bay Park for a not to exceed amount of \$138,700.00.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Butts. Mr. Orlando Arteaga presented the item and requested Council approval. (Inaudible from speaker's microphone.)

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

B. Motion to approve bid and make payment to Cade Construction, LLC for a not to exceed amount of \$43,785.00 for the restoration work of the Screven Street Restrooms.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Mr. Orlando Arteaga presented the item and requested Council approval. (Inaudible from speaker's microphone.)

Mayor Barber called for the question.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Al Joseph, Council Member

SECONDER: Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member

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

10. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Motion to approve first semi-annual payment to SCMIRF in the amount of \$315,852.00 for Property, Liability and Vehicle Insurance and two quarterly payments to SCMIT in the amount of \$185,494.00 for Workers Compensation Insurance.**

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley. Mrs. Suzanne Anderson presented the item and requested Council approval. (Inaudible from speaker's microphone.)

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Clarence C. Smalls, 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 the East Bay Park boat trailer parking is 95 percent complete. The East Bay Park restrooms are nearing completion. He thanked the community for attending the ground breaking that was held for the CDBG project at the railroad tracks on Congdon Street. This area will be closed to traffic for 30 days. Ground breaking will soon be scheduled for the north water tank project. He thanked the representatives from the School District for the property near the Middle School where the tank will be located. Mayor Barber asked about the bulldog on the water tank. Mr. Gardner yielded to Dr. Dozier. The Mayor said we can take care of that.

12. OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Butts stated the West End Sub-committee discussed the halogen lighting on the West End. He received positive feedback from residents on Merriman Road and Front Street and asked if the permanent lighting would be the lighter or dimmer of the sample lights that were placed through the West End. Mr. Gardner said the response from the survey was somewhat limited. Mr. Loveless said the low wattage lights will be used in residential areas and the high wattage lights will be along the main arteries for safety. Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley asked that Mr. Loveless meet with Chief Waites to determine strategic locations for the high wattage lights.

Council Member Butts said residents had requested Christmas lights be extended from Gilbert Street to the end of Merriman Road. He noted within two days of the request, the City extended the lights and he appreciates their cooperation.

Council Member Smalls asked if real bright lights were placed on Emanuel Street. Mr. Loveless said the sample lights were along Merriman Road. He said there was one bright light at the intersection of Emanuel and Merriman. Mr. Smalls questioned Mr. Will Cook about the trucks working on the manholes. Mr. Cook said this is the first phase of the West End Sewer Rehabilitation project.

13. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

14. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. December 2017 GPD Report**
- B. December 2017 Municipal Court Report**
- C. December 2017 Fire Report**
- D. December 2017 Public Works Department Report**
- E. December 2017 Fleet Services Report**
- F. December 2017 Electric Utility Department Report**
- G. December 2017 Water Utilities Report**
- H. December 2017 Monthly Report**
- I. December 2017 Housing & Community Development Report**
- J. December 2017 Economic Development Report**
- K. December 2017 Finance and IT Departments Report**

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council

Council Member Butts moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

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

The Regular Meeting of Georgetown City Council was adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 05/17/18