



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 16, 2020 – 5:30 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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 Brendon M. Barber, Sr.
Mayor Pro Tempore Rudolph A. Bradley
Council Member Tupelo Humes
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Hobson H. Milton
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Mrs. Debra Bivens, Director of Finance
Mr. Will Gunter, Water Utilities Director
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Ms. Angela Rambeau, Director of Planning and Community Development
Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Mr. Richard Caines
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 5:30p.m. 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

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley rendered the invocation. Council Member Joseph led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. OATHS OF OFFICE

Ms. Stephanie Buccione administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Al Joseph. Mayor Barber stated that Council Member Smalls and Council Member Milton had already been sworn in.

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

Mayor Barber opened the floor for nominations. Council Member Smalls nominated Council Member Bradley to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. Mayor Barber asked for other nominations. Council Member Bradley accepted the nomination. Mayor Barber stated there were no other nominations.

A. Motion to approve Council Member Rudolph A. Bradley as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 2]
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Humes, Smalls
NAYS:	Jayroe, Joseph

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Barber opened the public comments portion of the meeting and recognized Minister Willie. Minister Willie addressed City Council regarding the West End. Minister Willie said there is concern with the way the City is allocating taxpayer funds and the lack of resources going towards the West End Redevelopment Plan. He requested the West End Redevelopment Committee be restructured because it is imbalanced and stated residents of the West End do not want trailers to be put on lots.

7. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

No New Employees.

8. PRESENTATION

A. Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019 by the Audit Firm of Greene Finney LLP.

Mrs. Debra Bivens introduced Ms. Emily Sobczak from Greene Finney, LLP. Ms. Sobczak explained how they got to the numbers during their audit review of the City. She stated it is important to have good policies and procedures in place to have good internal controls to ensure that the financial information is reliable. Ms. Sobczak stated the total fund balance increased \$1.2 million from \$6.8 million to \$8.1 million as of June 30, 2019. Ms. Sobczak said the non-spendable fund balance is \$89,000, the committed fund balance for disaster recovery is \$1, 1 million, and the assigned fund balance for the new City Hall is \$4 million and \$69,000 for the FY20 budget which leaves an unassigned fund balance of \$2.8 million or 29% of budgeted 2020 expenditures which is a good healthy level. Ms. Sobczak reviewed the General Fund expenditures for 2019 and noted the City came in less than 1% of budget. Ms.

Sobczak reviewed the significant enterprise funds. Ms. Sobczak stated the total long term obligations increased \$1.4 million from 2018 to 2019. Ms. Sobczak reviewed pension accounting and postemployment benefits accounting both of which do not have an impact on the City's governmental funds. Ms. Sobczak pointed out upcoming accounting changes for 2020 and 2021. Ms. Sobczak said they recommend the City to improve meter reading and billing processes for enterprise funds to minimize future billing adjustments. She stated to expect continued increases in health and retirement costs and to continue making good strategic decisions to manage costs.

B. Quarterly Update from Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Mark Stevens and Mr. Clayton Stairs from Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce presented an update to City Council on new items the Chamber has done since last November. Mr. Stevens shared a new brochure that focuses on an African-American Heritage tour. The tour is a self-guided walking tour throughout the City with twelve stops throughout the tour. Mr. Stevens stated the brochures will be distributed to every Welcome Center in South Carolina and every Visitor Center from Georgetown to the Myrtle Beach area. Mr. Stevens stated there will be new billboards going up in Charleston, Greenville, Columbia, and Myrtle Beach, SC; Savannah, GA; and Charlotte, NC. Mr. Stevens said a new You Tube video is being done. Mr. Stevens said they continue to have coverage in magazines and update the website and social media to boost tourism in the City.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70 (a)(1)(2)(5) to discuss appointments to Construction Board of Appeals and KGB; to discuss employment and compensation for the open position in the Administration Department for Human Resources and Risk Management; to receive quarterly legal update from the City Attorney on pending and adjudicated cases and Opioid litigation update; and to discuss matters relating to the proposed location of and provision of services to the Hotel George project in the City.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:03pm.

B. Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

Executive Session adjourned and the Regular Meeting was reconvened at 7:08pm.

C. NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

10. APPOINTMENTS

A. Motion to appoint Mr. Jerry Pope to Mechanical & Plumbing Engineer for the Construction Board of Appeals.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

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

B. Motion to appoint Ms. Carol Addy and reappoint Mr. Ron Charlton, Ms. Sandy Tomlinson, Ms. Destiny Hetz, Mr. Paul Smith, Jr., Ms. Maxine Johnson, and Ms. Melanie Daniels to Keep Georgetown Beautiful.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

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

11. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Motion to approve an ordinance rezoning 6.01 acres of land, owned by Hickory Knoll, LP, from Residential (R3) to Residential (R4).

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls
NAYS:	Milton

B. Motion to approve an ordinance amending the City of Georgetown Zoning Ordinance, Article XXI (Redevelopment District).

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley. Ms. Angela Rambeau stated specific time measurements were added to the ordinance that were requested from the first reading last month.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Humes, Smalls
NAYS:	Jayroe, Joseph

C. Motion to approve an Ordinance authorizing an Incentive Agreement between Beverly Homes and the City of Georgetown relating to the Development of Harbor Club Planned Development

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Smalls
NAYS:	Humes

D. Motion to approve an Ordinance authorizing an Incentive Agreement between Bowtie, LLC and the City of Georgetown relating to the Development of the Richmond Place Planned Development

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

- E. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Annexing 3.7 Acres of Land, Owned by Lands End III, LLC, into the Corporate Limits of the City of Georgetown, South Carolina.**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 2/20/2020 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

- F. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Rezoning 3.7 Acres of Land, Owned by Lands End III, LLC, from Residential (R1) to General Commercial (GC).**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Jayroe. Council Member Milton asked for clarification on the location of the 3.7 acres of land.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 2/20/2020 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol R. Jayroe, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

- G. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Rezoning 1.2 Acres of Land, Owned by Pobuckra Properties, LLC, from General Commercial (GC) to Residential (R3).**

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Humes. Council Member Smalls asked for clarification on the location of the 1.2 acres of land. Council Member Humes said that this would benefit the City tremendously.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 2/20/2020 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tupelo Humes, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

12. FINANCE

- A. Motion to Approve Budget Preparation Calendar for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.**

Mrs. Debra Bivens reviewed the budget calendar.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

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

13. PUBLIC WORKS

A. Motion to Approve Purchase and Payment to Lee Transport Equipment for a Freightliner Dump Truck in the Amount of \$116,344.00.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Al Joseph, Council Member

SECONDER: Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member

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

B. Motion to approve purchase and payment of a 2019 F150 Crew Cab pick up truck to Vick Bailey Ford in the amount of \$30,904.00 for Public Works.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT: APPROVED [6 TO 1]

MOVER: Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member

SECONDER: Tupelo Humes, Council Member

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

NAYS: Milton

C. Motion to approve purchase and payment of a 2019 F150 Crew Cab pick up truck to Vick Bailey Ford in the amount of \$30,904.00 for Waste Management.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Humes. Council Member Smalls asked if this was a budgeted item. Dr. Sandra Yúdice confirmed that it is a budgeted item.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT: APPROVED [6 TO 1]

MOVER: Al Joseph, Council Member

SECONDER: Tupelo Humes, Council Member

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

NAYS: Milton

14. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

A. Motion to Approve New Pole Attachment Agreement with HTC

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

B. Motion to Approve Purchase Order and Payment to Sumter Utilities in the Amount of \$250,000.00 for Miscellaneous Capital Upgrade Projects

Council Member Jayroe moved, seconded by Council Member Smalls.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

15. ADMINISTRATION

A. Motion to approve a Resolution authorizing acknowledgement and consent to lease assignment to SBA TOWERS X, LLC.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

16. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Dr. Yúdice stated the property owner north of the Orange Street parking lot proposed to rebuild the deteriorating wall if the City agreed to demolish it. The construction costs is \$2850. The City agreed to demolish the wall. The work will begin on January 20 and it will take 15-30 days to complete. A portion of the parking lot will be closed during this time. The reimbursement costs of \$123, 591.68 from Hurricane Dorian was submitted to FEMA.

17. MINUTES

A. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2019 AND DECEMBER 19, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Humes.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

18. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

19. NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Jayroe requested a Public Comment section be added to the agenda for the City Council Special Meeting/Workshop on Thursday, January 23, 2020. Mayor Barber and Dr. Yúdice agreed to put it on the agenda.

20. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

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

- A. December 2019 Electric Utility Department Report**
- B. Engineering Monthly Report**
- C. December 2019 Fire Report**
- D. December 2019 Fleet service Report**
- E. December 2019 Report**
- F. December 2019 Municipal Court Report**
- G. December 2019 Planning & Community Development Report**
- H. December 2019 Public Works Department Report**
- I. December 2019 Water Utilities Report**
- J. December 2019 Finance and IT Departments Report**

21. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Joseph moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
AYES:	Milton, Barber Sr., Bradley, Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Smalls

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 02/20/20