



**SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 – 5:00 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
2222 HIGHMARKET STREET
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA
AND LIVESTREAM:**

<https://www.facebook.com/cityofgtown/>

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

Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator
Mrs. Cindy Thompson, Public Information Officer
Mr. Nick Ard, IT Technician
Ms. Amy Skidmore, Georgetown Fire Department Office Manager
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Chief William Pierce, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Scott Whittier, Deputy City Administrator
Mr. Chris Mullis, Water Utilities Manager

MEDIA

Mr. Scott Harper, GAB News

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Carol Jayroe called the Special Meeting of City Council to order at 5:00pm 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. PRESENTATION

A. Equalized Monthly Utility Payment (Budget Billing) Program.

Dr. Yúdice stated budget billing removes the variance in monthly utility bills throughout the year and during high consumption periods. She said accounts would need to be audited at the end of the year to see if they owe a balance or would have a credit on their account. She reviewed an example of an account that would have a balance owed to the city and an example of an account that would have a credit due from the city. Dr. Yúdice reviewed the eligibility requirements for the program. She said council would need to adopt an ordinance for the program. She stated tenants would not be eligible because it would cause financial challenges to track accounts. She said staff recommends the program only be offered to owner occupied properties. She reviewed a list of assistance programs for individuals to pay their utility bills and the pay . Council Member Obeng requested for community public workshops to be held for the pay as you go program to educate residents. Dr. Yúdice confirmed the pay as you go program will be implemented within 18 months of updating to the new ERP system. Discussions followed.

B. Juneteenth Parade Presentation

Dr. Yúdice stated a Resolution was adopted by City Council in August 2020 to declare Juneteenth as a city holiday starting in 2021. She said Juneteenth also became a national holiday in 2021. She said the first Juneteenth parade in the city was in 2021. She said the parade route is from the Beck Center to the Westend Heritage Center. She stated the parade route currently crosses Highmarket Street and is a very busy state road. Dr. Yúdice stated SCDOT issued a directive in 2009 that requires a procedure be taken to temporarily close state roads. She explained the operating procedures the police department has in place to assist with city parades. She explained the staff recommends re-routing the parade route to lower the law enforcement costs to the organizer. She said staff also recommends the organizer request H-tax funds to help with the cost or plan a festival and request support from sponsors. Discussions followed.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Special Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) discuss employment for the City Administrator position.

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

The Special Meeting adjourned at 5:32pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Special Meeting.

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

Executive Session adjourned and Special Meeting reconvened at 5:45pm.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

Motion to approve appointing Scott Whittier as City Administrator for the City of Georgetown, South Carolina effective November 1, 2023.

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT: APPROVED [6 TO 1]

MOVER: Jonathan Angner, Council Member

SECONDER: Jimmy Morris, Council Member

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

NAYS: Smalls

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Special 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 Special Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 10/19/23