



**SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 – 4:00 PM
TELECONFERENCE**

LIVE STREAM:

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1. CALL TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tempore Rudolph A. Bradley

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, Interim Director of Finance
Mr. Tim Chatman, Streets and Sanitation Manager
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Will Gunter, Water Utilities Director
Mrs. Gladys Rutledge-Livingston, Human Resources/Risk Manager
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

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Brendon M. Barber, Sr. called the Special Meeting of City Council to order at 4:00pm 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. ROLL CALL

4. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Discussion On The Dilapidated Structures Process For The City Of Georgetown. (Update)

Ms. Rambeau said they reviewed the options that was previously presented to Council to decide if they should continue to contract out tearing down dilapidated houses or go back to demolishing them in house. She said these options were thoroughly reviewed by Mr. Chatman, Mr. Arteaga, and Mrs. Livingston. Dr. Yúdice said the original recommendation that was presented to Council at the previous workshop was for the City to contract out demolitions. She said after thorough review from staff, the City still recommends that the demolition process is contracted out. She said if the City demolishes twelve structures a year, it will be an estimated cost of \$42,000-\$78,000. She said this is the lowest cost option. Dr. Yúdice said if the City would bring the demolitions in house it will cost a little more than \$500,000 to demolish twelve structures a year. She said the City would send out a solicitation to contractors for demolition services and compile a list of qualified contractors to use for demolitions. Council Member Humes expressed concern with demolition costs exceeding the property value that was mentioned at the previous workshop. Mayor Barber pointed out the properties that were previously discussed was on Alex Alford Drive and West Front Street and had onsite evaluations by staff. Council Member Milton asked for clarification on the numbers. Mayor Barber asked for staff to go back and review the numbers presented and provide more clarification to Council. Dr. Yúdice asked for clarification on the numbers to be reviewed. Mayor Barber stated the costs of demolitions versus the property values needs to be reviewed. He said the demolition costs for the properties on Alex Alford Drive and West Front Street was \$12,000 but the property values were \$3,500-\$5000.

5. ELECTRIC UTILITIES

A. Discussion of Settlement Proposal Related to Wholesale Power Supplier.

Dr. Yúdice said the City has been notified that a \$520 million settlement has been reached with Santee Cooper for a class action lawsuit concerning rates collected for the cancelled VC Summer Nuclear Station Project. (The Live Stream lost internet connection) Mr. Loveless asked Mayor and Council for thoughts on how the City should move forward with the settlement. Council Member Milton asked if the City needs to pay residents back with the settlement funds. Mr. Loveless said it would up to City Council in regards to how the settlement funds are used. Dr. Yúdice confirmed it would be Council's decision on allocations for the settlement funds that will be received by the City. Discussions followed. Council Member Humes asked for clarification if the citizens overpaid Santee Cooper. Dr. Yúdice said the settlement funds are from overpayments made by Santee Cooper customers. She explained the City buys power from Santee Cooper and sells it to City residents so both the City and residents are Santee Cooper customers. The consensus from Council is to wait on a settlement.

6. ADMINISTRATION

A. Clean Sweep Program

Dr. Yúdice said this would be a City wide program and would be done quarterly. She said the program would allow citizens to dispose of unwanted items and keep their properties free of debris and trash. She reviewed a list of items that residents could dispose of that included: yard debris, appliances, tires, mattresses, electronics, household wastes, and expired medication. She said Chief Waites suggested including a gun buyback program. Dr. Yúdice said the program would not include disposing of hazardous waste or recyclable items. She said items will be taken to the curb and put in separate piles by residents for the City to collect. She said the County will be donating containers to be placed at the Public Works office, transporting the filled dumpsters to the landfill, and waiving the tipping fees during the Clean Sweep program. She said residents will be required to separate their piles taken to the curb based on the types of allowed items. She said trash will be required to be bagged. Dr. Yúdice reviewed the responsibilities of the City Departments. She said the City will be divided into four areas and every quarter it will be at one of the designated areas. She proposed the first area to be in the West End and that it take place on Fridays and Saturdays during November and December. She said she envisions an Adopt-A-Street Program in the future that will be managed by the Keep Georgetown Beautiful Board. Council Member Milton, Council Member Joseph, and Mayor Barber thanked Dr. Yúdice and staff for bringing this project to the City.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Humes moved, seconded by Council Member Milton.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Special Meeting adjourned at 4:39pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 10/15/20