



**SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 – 4:00 PM
MUNICIPAL COURTROOM
2222 HIGHMARKET STREET
GEORGETOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA
LIVESTREAM:**

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

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.
Council Member Jonathan Angner
Council Member Tupelo Humes
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Hobson H. Milton
Mayor Pro Tempore Clarence C. Smalls

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator
Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Mr. Nick Ard, IT Technician
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mr. Orlando Arteaga, Engineer
Mr. John Barfield, Director of Finance
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Will Gunter, Water Utilities Director
Mr. Christopher Inglese, Planning and Community Development Director
Mrs. Gladys Rutledge-Livingston, Human Resources Director
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Ms. Natrona Simmons, Public Works Manager
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

ABSENT

Interim Chief William Pierce, Georgetown Police Department

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. PRESENTATION

A. Main Street Program Presentation (Virtual) - Ms. Jenny Boulware, Municipal Association of South Carolina.

Dr. Yúdice introduced Ms. Jenny Boulware from the Municipal Association of South Carolina. Ms. Boulware presented virtually on the Main Street Program. Ms. Boulware gave an overview of what the Main Street Program entails and explained that it is a state and nationwide program. She reviewed the Main Street 4-Point Approach that includes economic vitality, design, promotion, organization, and community transformation. Ms. Boulware explained the different levels of participation in the Main Street Program. These different levels are Friends, Aspiring, Classic, and Accredited. Ms. Boulware stated Aiken, Florence, Greenwood, Hartsville, and Laurens are all South Carolina Accredited communities. Ms. Boulware reviewed the expectations and steps needed to take to get involved with the Main Street Program. She reviewed an implementation plan that includes economic development and implementation strategies. Discussions followed. Dr. Yúdice stated the city was involved in this program but due to the financial impact from the pandemic, the county had to assist the city to pay the participation fee. Dr. Yúdice said they would like to participate again in next year's budget.

B. ARPA Funds Presentation

Dr. Yúdice stated the city will receive \$4,352,151.90 from the state of South Carolina for the American Rescue Plan Act 2021. She said this amount will be disbursed in two payments of \$2,176,075.95 in FY 2022 and FY 2023. Dr. Yúdice stated the funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026. She reviewed the list of eligible uses of these funds which include public health and economic impacts, premium pay, revenue loss, and investment in infrastructure. She stated if any unused funds must be returned to the United States Treasury. Dr. Yúdice presented the proposed spending plan budget based on the feedback they received from the public meeting held earlier in the week. Dr. Yúdice stated Council has the authority to modify the proposed plan as long as the spending complies with the requirements of the ARPA 2021. Discussions followed. Mayor Barber said the City Administrator and Finance Director will schedule individual meetings with each Council Member to discuss before the next meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of City Council.

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: Angner, Barber Sr., Jayroe, Joseph, Humes, Milton, Smalls

The Special Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 10/21/21