



**SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 – 9:00 AM
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 Carol R. Jayroe
Council Member Al Joseph
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

MEMBERS ABSENT

Council Member Sheldon A. Butts
Council Member Tupelo Humes

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Carey F. Smith, Interim 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
Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department

ABSENT

Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

MEDIA

GAB News - Mr. Scott Harper

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Brendon M. Barber, Sr. called the Emergency Meeting of City Council to order at 9:00 AM 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. STAFF BRIEFING ON EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR HURRICANE FLORENCE.

Mayor Barber announced the State is providing 10 motor coaches and drivers to transport citizens to Pleasant Hill Elementary School and Andrews Elementary Schools, the two shelters for Georgetown County. Pick up locations are Tractor Supply, Food Lion in Maryville and Saint Cyprian's Church.

Mr. Carey Smith reported a staff meeting was held yesterday and he is confident with the preparations. The projected landfall is north of Wilmington; however, a slight jog could make a huge difference. The Georgetown EOC is the lead in all emergency activities. The City is cooperating fully with them and is working diligently with partners in other branches of government. Meals will be available for all emergency workers and others. Our public safety departments are up-staffed. Sandbags are available at the old City Hall parking lot and the Eagle Electric site in Maryville. Three construction projects are currently ongoing. Staff has contacted those companies to insure their equipment is secured or removed. City Hall is closed and nonessential employees are not required to report to work. Fleet Service employees have been working to make sure all equipment and vehicles are ready. Notices have been posted about the sandbags. Mayor Barber, the Fire Chief and Police Chief conducted a live website video disseminating information. Three teams are organized and will go out once the storm has passed and initiate damage assessment. The City piggybacks on the County's contract for debris removal. Public Works will pick up trash today. Mrs. Debra Bivens has provided FEMA forms to the departments. Will Cook and his employees are working to insure the treatment plants remain operable. The City's technology and services are in safe places. Mr. Smith stated staff has been working on preparations and we are ready for the storm. When asked about a curfew, Mayor Barber stated the Proclamation of Emergency he signed on September 10th, gives law enforcement authority to impose a curfew. He will also sign a curfew document that will reinforce the emergency declaration. Once law enforcement and administration make a determination a curfew should be imposed, they have that authority. Included in the declamation, City Council has the right to conference call if needed.

Mayor Barber asked for a moment of silence to remember the lives lost on 9/11.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Emergency Meeting of City Council.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

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

The Emergency Meeting of City Council adjourned at 9:18 am.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 12/20/18