



**SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 24, 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

ABSENT

Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Elise Crosby, City Attorney
Dr. Sandra E. Yúdice, City Administrator
Ms. Stephanie Buccione, City Clerk
Mrs. Cindy Thompson, Public Information Officer
Mr. Nick Ard, IT Technician
Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department
Mrs. Gladys Livingston-Rutledge, Interim Human Resources Manager
Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Director of Finance

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. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Motion to adjourn Special Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (2) to receive legal advice relating to a pending,**

threatened, or potential utilities claims, or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege.

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton
ABSENT:	Smalls

The Special meeting adjourned at 5:01pm.

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

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Clements, Morris, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton
ABSENT:	Smalls
AWAY:	Angner

Executive Session adjourned and Special Meeting reconvened at 5:50pm.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

4. PRESENTATION

A. Hurricane Preparedness Presentation

Chief Cribb introduced Brandon Ellis, Director of Georgetown County Emergency Services. Mr. Ellis gave a recap of the 2022 hurricane season. He said they are predicting five storms to be a category 3 or higher this year. He explained new tools that will help them prepare and plan evacuations sooner and more efficient. Mr. Ellis explained the office layout of the operations center during a storm event and stated some employees work remotely for safety. He explained the step by step process of how they manage their services before the hurricane impacts land and after land fall. He reviewed the evacuation process and stated returning after the storm is as important as preparing for the hurricane. He pointed out the zoning maps in our area for evacuation purposes. He shared a listed of trusted resources and said to not trust everything you read on social media.

5. ADMINISTRATION

A. Employee Handbook Revisions

Mrs. Livingston gave handouts to Mayor Jayroe and Council members. She reviewed proposed changes to the employee handbook including nepotism. She said the telework policy needs to be added back into the handbook. Council Member Milton stated for the record "When this was removed after COVID, I was against it and now here we are again needing to add it back." Mrs. Livingston explained the changes they would like to make to the compensation policy by giving salary adjustments to employees with merit and COLA (cost of living adjustment) increases at the beginning of the fiscal year based on the funds available.

6. FIRE

A. Motion to approve purchase and payment in the amount of \$84,333.60 to Rhinehart Fire Service for Scott Air Pack replacement.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jimmy Morris, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton
ABSENT:	Smalls

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Motion to adjourn Special Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (2) to receive legal advice relating to a pending, threatened, or potential utilities claims, or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege.

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

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hobson H. Milton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton
ABSENT:	Smalls

The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Angner.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Mayor Pro Tempore
SECONDER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton
ABSENT:	Smalls

Executive Session adjourned and the Special Meeting reconvened at 7:40pm.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

- C. Motion to direct staff to true up the budget billing program for those current customers that are in good standing and to place the budget billing program on a workshop to enhance and publicize the program.**

Council Member Angner moved, seconded by Council Member Obeng.

Mayor Jayroe called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathan Angner, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tamika Williams Obeng, Council Member
AYES:	Angner, Clements, Morris, Obeng, Jayroe, Milton
ABSENT:	Smalls

8. 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
ABSENT:	Smalls

The Special Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 09/21/23