



**SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF CITY COUNCIL
JULY 28, 2022 – 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

Council Member Jim Clements
Mayor Pro Tempore Al Joseph
Council Member Hobson H. Milton
Council Member Jimmy Morris
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Carol Jayroe
Council Member Jonathan Angner

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. Will Gunter, Water Utilities Manager
Assistant Chief Brent McClellan, Georgetown Fire Department
Mrs. Gladys Rutledge-Livingston, Interim Human Resources Director
Chief William Pierce, Georgetown Police Department
Mrs. Kathy Vermeland, Director of Finance
Mr. Scott Whittier, Utilities & Public Works Director
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Pro Tempore Joseph 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. City-Owned Street Condition Assessment Presentation

Dr. Yúdice stated last year an evaluation of the condition of city-owned streets was done and the consultant is here to present the findings of this project. Mr. Arteaga introduced Ms. Wendy Parsons and Mr. Dylan Tanner from Terracon of Myrtle Beach. Ms. Parsons reviewed said the roadways were visually inspected and assigned a PCI (Pavement Condition Index). She said data was analyzed and street ratings were reviewed to prioritize maintenance projects for the city to work in upcoming budgets. Ms. Parsons reviewed the findings and estimated future budget needs to complete projects. Ms. Parsons concluded the presentation with overall the city-owned streets are in fair to satisfactory condition. She stated the city's strategy is to address the worst streets first. Mayor Pro Tempore Joseph asked Mr. Arteaga for a full report including street names be sent to City Council.

B. Water, Sewer, and Electric Utility Rate Study Presentation

Dr. Yúdice stated a utility rate study was done in the spring and Raftelis will present the findings. Ms. Mihaela Coopersmith stated Raftelis is a utility management consultant and is based out of Charlotte, North Carolina but she is based out of Charleston, South Carolina. Ms. Coopersmith stated they completed a water, sewer, and electric financial plan for the city. Ms. Coopersmith stated they evaluated our rates and explained the importance of setting up a rate structure. Ms. Coopersmith reviewed the electric rate study results and their recommendations.

4. FINANCE

A. Motion to Amend FY 2023 Budget Ordinance to correct a scrivener's error pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Section 12-39-170, Rate of taxation shall be a decimal fraction, and not less than one tenth of a mill.

Council Member Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.

Mayor Pro Tempore Joseph called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]	Next: 8/25/2022 5:00 PM
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Council Member	
SECONDER:	Jimmy Morris, Council Member	
AYES:	Clements, Morris, Joseph, Smalls	
NAYS:	Milton	
ABSENT:	Angner, Jayroe	

Motion to approve written order of City Council on business license appeal by Broadstep, Inc.

Council Member Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.

Mayor Pro Tempore Joseph called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jimmy Morris, Council Member
AYES:	Clements, Morris, Joseph, Smalls
NAYS:	Milton
ABSENT:	Angner, Jayroe

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn Special Meeting and enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss potential, proposed purchase of property for the Electric Department.

Council Member Milton moved, seconded by Council Member Clements.

Mayor Pro Tempore Joseph called for the vote.

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

The Special Meeting adjourned at 5:44pm.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Special Meeting.

Council Member Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.

Mayor Pro Tempore Joseph called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jimmy Morris, Council Member
AYES:	Clements, Morris, Joseph, Smalls
ABSENT:	Angner, Jayroe
AWAY:	Milton

Executive Session adjourned and Special Meeting reconvened at 6:08pm

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council may take action on items discussed in Executive Session

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of City Council.

Council Member Clements moved, seconded by Council Member Morris.

Mayor Pro Tempore Joseph called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jim Clements, Council Member
SECONDER:	Jimmy Morris, Council Member
AYES:	Clements, Morris, Joseph, Smalls
ABSENT:	Angner, Jayroe
AWAY:	Milton

The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Stephanie Buccione
City Clerk

Date Approved: 08/18/22