



**SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF CITY COUNCIL
JULY 26, 2018 – 4:00 PM
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 Al Joseph
Council Member Clarence C. Smalls

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Council Member Sheldon A. Butts
Council Member Tupelo Humes
Council Member Carol R. Jayroe

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
Assistant Chief Brent McClellan, Georgetown Fire Department
Mr. Alan Loveless, Director of Electric Utilities
Mr. Rick Martin, Building Official/Zoning Administrator
Chief Kelvin Waites, Georgetown Police Department
Mr. Isaac Williams, Fleet Superintendent

ABSENT

Chief Charlie Cribb, Georgetown Fire Department

MEDIA

Georgetown Times - Mr. David Purtell
GAB News - Mr. Scott Harper

2. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Brendon M. Barber, Sr. called the Special Meeting/Workshop of City Council

to order at 4:00 PM and requested all cell phones or electronic devices be turned off or placed on mute so as to not interrupt the meeting.

3. WINYAH AUDITORIUM BOARD PRESENTATION

Mr. Pat Nooft, a member of the Winyah Auditorium Board, presented four changes to their Bylaws the Board is requesting. 1) Increase the maximum number of positions on the Board of Directors from 7 to 9. 2) Increase the percentage of meetings that Board members are expected to attend from 50% to 75%. 3) The Board has created approximately 9 committees. Item 3.15 states each committee shall be composed of at least 2 directors. They are requesting this be removed. It would be more appropriate to have a member of the Board of Directors serve as the liaison between the committee and the Executive Director and Board. 4) Change the fiscal year to end on December 31 rather than June 30. Mayor Barber suggested the requests be given to City Administrator and staff for their review. These would have to be approved by City Council.

4. ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

A. Motion to approve purchase of 2019 Ford Explorer from Vic Bailey Ford in the amount of \$28,300.00

Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. Mr. Carey Smith stated there is no need for this vehicle to have all-wheel drive; therefore, the purchase amount would be \$25,500.00.

Council Member Joseph **moved to amend the motion to change the price from \$28,300.00 to \$25,500.00**, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley. Council Member Smalls questioned purchasing the vehicle so early in the new year. Mr. Smith stated this vehicle is for the new position of Building Inspector.

Mayor Barber called for the vote to amend.

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

Motion to approve purchase of 2019 For Explorer from Vic Bailey For in the amount of \$25,500.00.

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

Mayor Barber called for the vote on the main motion.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rudolph A. Bradley, Mayor Pro Tempore
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Joseph, Smalls
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B. Motion to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between City of Georgetown and Georgetown County for the purpose of establishing a joint county industrial and business park.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph. Mr. Smith stated this represents a collaborative agreement between the City and Georgetown County. When Liberty Steel was in discussions with the County and others considering the sale of the steel mill, they approached the County about incentives. This agreement is the County's response to the request for a Joint County Industrial and Business Park. The company's property is normally assessed at 10%, this agreement allows the taxes to be adjusted to 6%. Pursuant to the Park Act, the City must give consent to the inclusion of the property in the Park. Mr. Smith said this does not result in any reduction in funds for the City. Georgetown County is requesting the City consent to the agreement, as it will allow them to do what they have committed. This originated with Liberty Steel and not the County. Discussions followed.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Joseph, Smalls
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C. Discuss downtown parking practices.

Mr. Smith provided Council a copy of a Parking Study performed by Tim Haahs in the summer of 2016. One of the more important reasons for the study was to identify if there is adequate on-street parking to serve the retail and restaurant businesses downtown. Also understanding the impact of replacing the parking needed in the 700 block of Front Street. The City desires to promote development such as the hotel site and other potential projects. We need to ask does our parking promote or hinder or hold back development going forward. Employees continue to park their vehicles on Front Street all day every day and into the night. Mr. Smith suggested Council consider developing some strategies to enhance the experience of downtown Georgetown by encouraging parking turnover. Discussions followed. Mayor Barber directed Mr. Smith and staff to research paid parking on Front Street.

D. Presentation of updated Special Event Application.

Mrs. Suzanne Anderson reviewed the updated application form. She met several times with the Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works to review other municipalities' applications. After discussions and conferring with the City Attorney, the group decided to mirror the City of Charleston's application. It is easy to follow and encompasses all the information departments need in order to approve an event. Two changes were made: 1) Insurance Requirements - A small event that has an impact on any street, right-of-way, and/or a City owned or managed park or facility must have \$1,000,000 liability insurance to eliminate the City being held liable for any accident that may happen during the event. 2) Emergency Medical Services - For events that would like to have dedicated EMTs at their event, they can be hired through the City or contract through another private entity, at a rate of \$30 an hour for a minimum of two hours. Discussions followed.

Mayor Barber, Mayor Pro Tempore Bradley and Council Member Smalls attend the Municipal Association Annual Meeting last week. While there, Mayor Tecklenburg from Charleston told Mayor Barber a Dutch group is being brought in to deal with the Stormwater issues in his City and he invited the City of Georgetown to come and hear what they recommend as a solution. Also, Mayor Bethune from Myrtle Beach and Mayor Bellamy from Conway have agreed to meet with Mayor Barber once a month to determine how the three cities can best serve one another.

Council Member Smalls asked why the four-way stop at the corner of Prince and Screven Streets was not brought before City Council. Chief Kevin Waites said there was much concern from the community with the preschool at the location. They voiced their concerns to DOT and a study was performed which warranted the four-way stop.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting/Workshop of City Council.

Council Member Smalls moved, seconded by Council Member Joseph.

Mayor Barber called for the vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Clarence C. Smalls, Council Member
SECONDER:	Al Joseph, Council Member
AYES:	Barber Sr., Bradley, Joseph, Smalls
ABSENT:	Butts, Jayroe, Humes

The Special Meeting/Workshop of City Council adjourned at 4:59 pm.

Ann U. Mercer
City Clerk

Date Approved: 10/18/18